

# Hawaii MARINE

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## Helo crews prepare for Iraq

### 1st Lt E.R. Neubert

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363

As the CH-53D Sea Stallion community prepares for squadron-sized rotations into Iraq, one priority is at the front of everyone's mind: training. Difficult and complex training, and more is better. The Marines of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Air Wing got just that on the evening of July 27. As usual, the Lucky Red Lions assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, were up to the task, despite some unexpected weather.

Two divisions of aircraft were launched sequentially to practice external load procedures, the mission of hauling a massive load suspended beneath the belly of the aircraft. Picking up a load requires detailed planning, deft piloting, exact direction from the crew chiefs and helicopter support team, and quick work from the Marines on the ground.

The pilot begins by going into a hover over the load. Once in place, the pilot can no longer see the load and must rely on directions from the crew chief who looks at the load through the "hell hole" in the floor of the helicopter. As 15 tons of helicopter descend to hover 10 feet off the ground, the HST approaches to hook up the load. One Marine touches the dangling cargo hook with an insulated grounding wire to discharge the surge of static electricity produced by the whirling mass of metal

above. Other Marines reach up and securely hook the sling onto the pendant, which connects the load to the helicopter. Two more Marines give visual signals, one standing just ahead of the chin bubble and another 50 feet further forward. Of course, a Navy hospital

corpsman is always on hand to render assistance, in case of an injury. The downwash from the helicopter blades can produce winds upwards of 100 mph, enough to knock over unprepared bystanders.

In a combat environment, the external load

might be food, mail, a Humvee, or anything else required by ground forces, weighing less than 10,000 pounds. On this evening, however, the Red Lions practiced with a 4,000-pound concrete training block.

During this training sortie, the aircrew dropped off the HST at a landing zone in the mountains near Schofield Barracks and warmed up at another landing zone while the team put slings on the block. At about 6 p.m., the helicopters began taking turns "externaling" the load.

As night closed in, the weather closed in as well. With no moon, conditions were difficult, even without the poor weather. Starlight is too faint to give a full range of contrast to the picture provided by the night vision goggles. This makes life harder for pilots and crew chiefs alike. The deteriorating weather conditions eventually forced the Lucky Red Lions to move their operations out of the landing zone and back to the West Field training area north of the runway at Kaneohe Bay.

In the upcoming weeks, the Red Lions will hone their skills by practicing defensive measures against various aggressors: other CH-53s and Army Kiowa helicopters, Air Force F-15 jetfighters, and ground-based threats. Through their rigorous training and maintenance, the Marines and Sailors of the Lucky Red Lions continue to maintain the excellent reputation of Marine Corps Sea Stallion squadrons.



Photo Courtesy of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363

The Lucky Red Lions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, along with Navy hospital corpsmen, train using CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters, July 27, in preparation for upcoming deployments to Iraq.

## Corpsman saves Marine's life

### Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Combat Correspondent

"I wasn't even supposed to be at work that day," said the Mount Pleasant, Texas native. "It's really ironic how everything ended up working out, it almost seems like I was meant to be there."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Allen M. Elliott, a Navy hospital corpsman assigned to Waterfront Operations on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, said he had

always wanted to work in the medical field but had never thought he'd see a man's life fading away before him, allowing him only moments to save him. This exact occurrence happened to him July 31.

"I was taking duty for a friend, so I was at the office that day, otherwise I wouldn't have been there," said the 22-year-old. "I suddenly heard BM3 Yenor shout for me and say that a man had collapsed."

Sgt. Aurevoir R. Carbonell, garrison property control supply chief assigned to the

Consolidated Material Support Center, Consolidated Logistic Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., was in Hawaii visiting in-laws with his family when he collapsed on base, said Master Sgt. Thomas E. Burke, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, CMSC.

According to Burke, Carbonell was playing with his children when

he suddenly passed out and went into cardiac arrest.

Elliott said that he ran out to where the incident happened, while Petty Officer 2nd Class Drake grabbed the medical kit in order to get it to Elliott as quickly as possible.

When Elliott reached the flagpole behind Waterfront Operations, he saw the man who had collapsed and noticed immediately that the man's condition was life-threatening.

"I could see that, at first, he was giving agonal breaths, which means he would take a deep breath but since his heart wasn't beating, it wasn't doing anything," said Elliott. "That was my first sign that he was going into cardiac arrest."

Elliott said he immediately tried to feel for a pulse, but could find nothing. A woman on the scene was trying to perform CPR, but was not applying enough pressure during compressions to be successful, he explained.

"I could see that the compressions weren't as deep as they should have been, so I took over," said Elliott. "My medical kit wasn't in reaching distance for me, so I was forced to perform mouth-to-mouth without the CPR mask."

Elliott continued CPR for approximately six minutes before the ambulance arrived. Another man on the scene aided Elliott with

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## Bronze Star awarded to fallen Marine

### Gunnery Sgt. Rusty Baker

4th Marine Aircraft Wing

**DALLAS** — The wife of fallen Marine 1st Lt. Dustin M. Shumney was presented the Bronze Star (posthumously) with the Combat 'V' device, Aug. 4, as a result of his heroic actions in Fallujah, Iraq, while serving as the commander of 2nd Platoon, Charlie Company, Battalion Landing Team for Hawaii-based 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Members of the Fort Worth based 14th Marine Regiment as well as dozens of local supporters, active duty Marine Corps units, Marine auxiliary units and Marine Corps support organizations were on hand at the Dallas restaurant, Paul's Porterhouse, where 14th Marines' Regimental Inspector/Instructor, Lt. Col. Wayne Harrison, presented the award to Julie Shumney and her children Jordan, 12; Mallory, 8; and Conner, 3.

The Dallas/Fort Worth based Marine Corps support organization Metroplex Marine Coordinating Council, which has been meeting regularly at Former Marine Paul Sermas' Porterhouse since 1992, helped organize the ceremony after their involvement with Shumney's funeral in February, according to Metroplex Marines' president Mike McCollum. Several former Marines and other military members were on hand to witness the event, including Medal of Honor recipients Cmdr. Tom Norris, MOH-Navy; Sgt. Robert O'Malley, MOH-Marines; Col. Bob Howard, MOH-Army; and Col. Jim Fleming, MOH-Air Force.

Harrison said, "I am thankful for living in the Dallas/Fort Worth area where such a strong group of Marine Corps supporters, like the Metroplex Marines, can come together in such a time of need. The Metroplex Marines are as powerful a support group that any I've seen. We say, 'Once a Marine, always a Marine.' They take it to the next level and go out of their way to support."

Metroplex Marines' support was already well underway by the time it was learned that Mrs. Shumney really didn't know many people in the Dallas area, but choose to stay because she was living with her sister here when her husband died, said McCollum.

"I am forever grateful that, not only do the Marines not leave each other behind, but they also do not

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Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Petty Officer 3rd Class Allen M. Elliott, a Navy hospital corpsman assigned to Waterfront Operations, sits on the spot where he performed CPR on Sgt. Aurevoir R. Carbonell, July 31.

## Sniper school



Adm. William J. Fallon, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, receives an explanation of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Scout Sniper Program from Gunnery Sgt. John E. Trotta, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Scout Sniper School, 3rd Marine Regiment. Base Commander Col. Michael C. O'Neal escorted Adm. Fallon during his visit to various units around K-Bay, Monday.

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Manana Housing Traffic Slow-Down During August 2005

Traffic on Acacia Road, in and out of the Manana Housing Area in Pearl City, will be reduced to one lane until Aug. 31, due to construction work near the Manana Housing Area gate. Residents should expect traffic delays through this area during morning and evening peak traffic hours.

### Increased Training and Aircraft Activities

Marine Corps Air Facility will conduct 24-hour flight operations to support Exercise Silent Fury, from Friday to Aug. 30; and again from Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 in support of Patrol Squadron 47's Operational Readiness Evaluation. Local residents should expect increased and after-hours aircraft activity during these periods.

### The American Legion to Co-Host National Job Fair

The American Legion Job Fair, co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor in support of Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program will take place at the Hawaii Convention Center, Hall III, 1801 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu. All active duty service members, reserve members, National Guard members, military spouses, and America's veterans are welcomed. The following is the schedule for the job fair:

- Today: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Monday: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Hawaii Military COLA Survey

All military, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration uniform service personnel stationed in the state of Hawaii are encouraged to complete a military Cost of Living Allowance survey sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command until the end of September 2005.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense requires Headquarters Pacific Command to conduct the survey once every three years to adjust COLA rates for Hawaii uniform service personnel. Service members will have the opportunity to complete the survey over the Internet. Accuracy in completing the survey is critical to the COLA determination process. The Living Pattern survey is available online through September at [www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/hawaii](http://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/lps/hawaii).

Point of contact at HQ USPACOM is Eddie Fowler at 477-1396 or e-mail [eddie.fowler@pacom.mil](mailto:eddie.fowler@pacom.mil).

### Service Member's Group Life Insurance to Increase to \$400,000

Effective Sept. 1 all members eligible for SGLI will become insured for the maximum coverage of \$400,000. Due to the increased coverage, maximum monthly premiums will then be \$26.

- SGLI will be available in increments of \$50,000 vs. the current \$10,000.
- The SGLI increase does not affect Family SGLI.
- If a married member designates a primary beneficiary for their SGLI coverage other than their current lawful spouse, the member's spouse will be informed that the member has made such a designation.

Members who submit a new SGLV 8286 declining or reducing their SGLI coverage by Sept. 30 will not be required to pay the full \$26 premium for September 2005. Election changes made after Sept. 30 will result in a pay deduction of \$26 for September coverage.

Contact your CSS for additional information.

### Important Phone Numbers

On-Base Emergencies	911
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Business Management Hotline	257-3188
Pothole & Streetlight Repair	257-2380
Base Information	449-7110

# Drivers urged to exercise caution near crosswalks

**Pfc. Edward C. deBree**  
Combat Correspondent

With the new school season soon to begin aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Safety officials are urging drivers to be cautious of pedestrians — especially children — who are crossing streets.

Hawaii recently passed a new crosswalk law that states that drivers must stop when

ever a pedestrian is in the half of the crosswalk nearest to the driver's car or if a pedestrian is too close for a vehicle to safely drive through a crosswalk. This is a change to the old law, which allowed drivers the discretion to yield or slow down at crosswalks and stop only when necessary.

"Our main concern are the children," said Mario Diprete, 45, a traffic safety specialist assigned to the Base Safety Office.

"With school starting August twenty-fourth, we want drivers to take more caution in watching out for children — especially around Mokapu Elementary School."

Drivers should pay attention to the road, and if they do come upon a pedestrian crossing the street, they should slow down or stop and wait for them to cross, according to Diprete. But the drivers aren't the only ones who need to be careful. Pedestrians can also cause an accident if they don't use the crosswalk or look both ways before crossing a street.

"It all goes back to when we were kids," said Diprete. "Our parents taught us to look left, then right, then left again. Those crosswalks aren't defensive walls. All they are is paint on the ground to show drivers where people might cross."

Most pedestrians don't have that much to worry about because the traffic on K-Bay is very regulated which makes it one of the safest places on Oahu, said Diprete.

Between the years 1996 and 2003, there were 165 pedestrian fatalities on Oahu; eight were in Waikiki, six in Kailua, and three in Kaneohe.

In hopes of preventing unnecessary pedestrian fatalities, police have been aggressive in the enforcement of the new crosswalk law. According to Diprete, driving instructors are now starting to reinforce the importance of obeying law, and police are being trained on how to enforce it.



Ricardo Villanueva (left), 13; Zac Cox (center), 11; and Matt Johnson, 14, cross Mokapu Road aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, to get to the skate park, Monday, to enjoy their last days of summer vacation. As school starts, drivers should pay close attention to pedestrians.

Pfc. Edward C. deBree

# Veterans dispose of unserviceable flags properly

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
Press Chief

American flags are displayed in many various ways throughout the United States and the world. The national ensign, as it is also referred to, can be seen flying from vehicles; flagpoles at privately owned homes, corporate and government office buildings; and from flagpoles aboard military bases, daily.

Although Americans display their patriotism by flying "Old Glory," according to members of local Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, many are unaware of the correct way to dispose of the flag once it has become tattered, faded or deemed unserviceable.

On Oahu, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars posts serve as a convenient solution to properly retiring the American flag. Nearly every month, members of local posts hold a ceremonial flag burning of "the colors" that have been donated by members of the community who deemed their flags undisplayable.

The American flag is not the only flag that can be donated to the posts for proper destruction. State flags, Prisoner of War flags, and nearly any other flag that is flown

in honor of their country or state can be justifiably burned in the honorable fashion.

There are more than two-dozen VFW posts on the island of Oahu alone. The closest to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, are the Christensen-Whiteman Post 3824 and Windward Post 10154, both of which are located in Kaneohe.

The proper means of retiring the flag is a ceremonial burning during which the flag is displayed, the Pledge of Allegiance is recited, the flag is burned in a dignified manner and its ashes are then buried.

According to Gil Alejo, a veteran of the Korean War and member of VFW Post 1572, in Waipahu, the post members perform the ceremony every three months — when enough flags have been gathered from the local community.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

A member of a local Veterans of Foreign Wars post retires a Hawaiian flag by ceremoniously burning it.

"Not enough people know we perform the ceremony," said Alejo. "But we do get a lot of flags each month, so we burn them honorably, out of respect for what our nation stands for."



## With honors

Maj. Albert S. Calamug (left), staff secretary to the commanding general, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and 1st Lt. Matthew B. Clinger, aide-de-camp, display their citations presented to them by Col. Michael C. O'Neal, base commander, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Calamug received a Meritorious Service Medal and Clinger received a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for exceptional service to the commanding general, Friday.

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

## Weekend weather outlook

### Today



**Day** — Mostly cloudy with scattered showers; easterly winds, 15 to 20 mph; 50 percent chance of rain

**Night** — Mostly cloudy with scattered showers; easterly winds, 10 to 15 mph; 50 percent chance of rain

**High — 83**  
**Low — 76**

### Saturday



**Day** — Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy with scattered showers; easterly winds, 10 to 15 mph; 50 percent chance of rain

**Night** — Mostly cloudy with scattered showers; easterly winds, around 10 mph; 50 percent chance of rain

**High — 83** **Low — 76**

### Sunday



**Day** — Partly cloudy with scattered showers in the morning, then isolated showers in the afternoon; easterly winds, around 10 mph; 40 percent chance of rain

**Night** — Partly cloudy with scattered showers; easterly winds, around 10 mph; 40 percent chance of rain

**High — 83** **Low — 75**

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Marines with Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, conduct a three-point turn during a training exercise Tuesday.

# Leave 'em in the dust

## Weapons Company, 1/3 performs force on force training

Story and Photos By Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Press Chief

Below — 1st Lt. Ziad Fakhoury, platoon commander, Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, conducts an after-action report with his Marines following a training evolution, Tuesday, at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.

**MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS, Hawaii** — Slowly they make their way up the dusty street in a staggered column, maneuvering with radio communications as well as hand and arm signals, on the lookout for

ly. For the Marines in the vehicles, that was the focus of the training this week.

“We learn a lot from the more experienced Marines when it comes to techniques and the best way to do things,” said Pfc. Benjamin D. Birch, machinegunner, CAAT Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “It isn’t hard to take it all in, since we have good, solid leadership that lets us know what to do in different situations.”

According to Birch, a Pensacola, Fla. native, since arriving to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and becoming a part of CAAT platoon, he has understood that everything he is doing is preparing him for his unit’s upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

Once the vehicles had practiced moving into the various fighting positions, while on the move, they circled up their vehicles and waited for further word while their section leaders received orders to perform force on force missions through the narrow dirt roads in the training area.

The Marines of CAAT Platoon were split into two sections in order to perform the force on force training. Once the mission ordered by Lt. Ziad Fakhoury, platoon commander, CAAT Platoon, Weapons Company, 1/3, the action began and CAAT 2 began to patrol through the training area.

Contact was made twice, and the ambushes were successful, which meant it was now CAAT 1’s turn to patrol and CAAT 2 to set up an ambush and wait.

The biggest setbacks during the training evolution were through failing communications, which was evident once the missions were completed and the critiques began.

After the entire cycle was complete, the Marines received an after-action report and the strategies that they had used throughout the day were evaluated. This provided them with feedback -- both positive and negative — about the performance of both sections.

“This training is really important right now,” explained Cpl. Leroy Diaz, machinegunner, CAAT Platoon, Weapons Company, 1/3. “Although the roads in Afghanistan will be very narrow and harder to maneuver in, the techniques we are becoming familiar with now will help us out in the long run.”

Diaz, a veteran of Iraq, said the training being performed now is to familiarize the newer Marines with the way the Company conducts operations as well as familiarizing them with the vehicles and methods they will be using during deployment.

“We still have cold- and hot-weather training in California coming up, to prepare us for Afghanistan,” explained the Hemphill, Texas native. “Each upcoming week will become more and more intense in order to get us ready to go.”

Although many of the Marines in CAAT Platoon are new to the unit, many of them understand the importance of what is ahead of them, and they are preparing themselves for what the more experienced Marines have already been through.

“I know Afghanistan is different from Iraq,” said Birch, “But I know the more experienced Marines are doing all they can to get us ready to go, and I listen to everything they correct me on. I’m excited about going to Afghanistan, because I feel confident in our platoon — and this is what I signed up to do.”



Marines communicate using hand and arm signals, as well as through radio signals, while conducting training maneuvers.



the ambush they anticipate ahead.

Once contact is made, the columns quickly moved into a sweep with hammerhead fighting position in order to lay down fire and subdue the enemy.

The Marines of Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, trained at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Tuesday, in the scenario described above.

The differences between CAAT Platoons and other infantry units that perform patrols through dangerous streets, is every move they make is in a CAAT vehicle rather than on foot.

The Marines inside the Humvee must coordinate and be ready to make sudden moves at a second’s notice. These maneuvers take organization and concentration in order to work proper-



Above — Lance Cpl. Ben Herring, radio operator, Combined Anti-Armor Team Platoon, Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and West Pittston, Pa. native, listens to his radio to pick up information on what his section’s next move will be.

Right — Marines riding in turrets are responsible for not only keeping an eye out for enemy ambushes, but also serving as the first line of defense, in case of an attack.



# French citizen becomes U.S. Marine

**Sgt. Robert M. Storm**

*Combat Correspondent*

**JALALABAD, Afghanistan** — As Cpl. Matthieu T. Brule sits on his "rack," he knows that his experiences in Afghanistan will live with him forever. He doesn't complain or try to make himself into a hero, he merely takes the knowledge that he is there to do a job and accepts it. Brule said he joined the Marine Corps because he thought Marines were tough and because the Corps offered him a meaningful job.

"I love the Marine Corps because when I wake up in the morning, I have a sense of purpose. Other jobs don't give you that, they are just the same boring routine everyday," said Brule. "Sometimes this job is miserable, but it's never boring, and as Marines, we simply do what needs to be done."

Brule is a machinegunner with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment,

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Like many others, Brule said he wanted to do his part in the War on Terrorism, so after earning a degree in communications from Notre Dame, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. When he joined the Corps, he knew there would be the possibility that he would deploy to a combat zone, and, too, there were other priorities in his life.

"I wanted to become a United States citizen before I left on deployment," said Brule. "It was real important to me. I begged them to swear me in before I left."

Brule's parents brought him to live in the states from France when he was 10. His parents have been living in the U.S. for 20 years, so he considers America his home.

Because he grew up in a different country, Brule said he believes he is

more open-minded about different cultures and experiences. He said that this has helped him whenever Marines have to take on a more passive role, such as providing security for meetings with local officials and working with the Afghanistan National Army.

Brule said that even though he spent most of his life in America, his friends still tease him about being a foreigner.

"I get a lot of teasing from fellow Marines. Sometimes it gets old because I've been here so long, I consider myself American," said Brule. "But when you spend as much time together as we do, you get to be pretty close and now they don't give me as hard of a time."

Brule said he plans to stay with his wife, Rachelle, in the U.S. and become a police officer, after his enlistment is over. Brule said that the deployment to Afghanistan is easier because of the support he gets from his wife.



Cpl. Matthieu T. Brule, a machinegunner with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, from San Jose, Calif., and a native of France, stands in front of his unit's sign while on deployment to Afghanistan, Aug. 1. Brule has lived in the United States since age 10 and was sworn in as a U.S. citizen before leaving to do his part in the War on Terrorism.

Sgt. Robert M. Storm

## 'Golden Eagles' soar with battle efficiency

**Lt. j.g. Adam Pace**

*Patrol Squadron 9*

"By their truly impressive and distinctive duty, the men and women of Patrol Squadron 9 reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service," is how the citation for the Battle Efficiency Award read. The Navy's Battle "E" was presented to VP-9 for their contributions to operations in the 5th and 7th Fleet during 2004.

Vice Admiral James Zortman, Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific Fleet, presented the award to Commander Perry Yaw, the squadron's commanding officer.

The award also comments on the excellent performance of VP-9's combat aircrews throughout their inter-deployment readiness cycle and the entire squadron's rapid transition to deployed operations. With a 98 percent mission complete rate and meeting all unit combat readiness requirements, the "Golden Eagles" are paving the way for

future patrol squadron accomplishments.

"As you all are well aware, the Golden Eagles were selected as the 2004 Pacific Fleet Battle E award recipients. For those of you who are not familiar with the Battle E, it is awarded annually to one VP squadron on each coast who, over the past year, is recognized as being the best of the best. On July 8, Vice Admiral James Zortman, Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet, formally presented the award to the squadron. While I was honored to physically receive the award for the squadron, I know that it was the men and women of VP-9 who earned this prestigious award. I also know that the tremendous support that you all, on the home front, provided during last deployment was largely responsible for the squadron's success.

"Simply put, you all earned this award too. We could not have done it without you, and I am eternally grateful for the love and support you provided and continue to provide to the Sailors here at VP-9. Many Mahalos!"



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## Zodiac sign



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Derrick C. Goode

Service members assigned to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command bench press their Zodiac raft during training at Hickam Air Force Base, Friday. The Zodiac training is meant to increase the unit's readiness for possible water-recovery missions.

# Microchips make lost pets easier to find

**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

The month of August is upon us and service members are encouraged to take part in Microchip Madness Month, in an effort to ensure that if missing, family pets can be located and returned to their homes.

This month, the Hawaiian Humane Society has teamed up with veterinarians on the island to provide pet owners with lifetime microchip identification for \$5.

"The average price range for the microchips is twenty-five to thirty dollars," said Jacque Smith, director of community relations, Hawaiian Humane Society. "This is a terrific opportunity for people to get the microchips for their pets. It is a permanent ID, so the animals can be located if lost."

According to the Hawaiian Humane Society, nearly 5,500 lost animal reports were filed with

the society last year. Only 4,300 animals were actually reunited with their families, and most of the reunions were because the animals had microchip records on file with the society.

The microchips are roughly the size of a grain of rice and are injected under the skin between the animal's shoulder blades. The process is similar to a vaccination and should take no more than five minutes, according to Smith. Each microchip has an individual code that can be scanned with a hand-held scanner.

If a lost animal that has a microchip implant is found and brought to the humane society, the microchip is scanned for the code that is stored in the humane society's database. This information has information about the owner. Once identified, the pet is reunited with its owner. Pets that have microchips or other forms of ID are held at least nine days prior to being made eligible for adoption and pets without any form of ID can be put up for adoption after 48-hours.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

**Mikioi sits on the waiting table at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Veterinary Clinic. This month, the Hawaiian Humane Society has teamed up with veterinarians on the island to provide pet owners with lifetime microchip identification for \$5.**

Smith said that she wants to stress that people who do microchip their pets need to always keep the humane society updated on any address changes that may occur.

"Especially for the military, who I understand tends to move a lot," said Smith. "We need to keep updated addresses on record so if we find

the pet, we can easily find its home of residence."

For a list of participating veterinarians in the microchip implants, and for more information on pet identification or the Humane Society's lost and found services, call 946-2187, ext. 290, or visit [www.hawaiianhumane.org](http://www.hawaiianhumane.org).

# Research can make buying a home less stressful

**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

When coming to live in a state like Hawaii, people are often confused and frustrated by the major differences in location and prices of the homes that they have to choose from. Here on the island, there are realtors who are willing to help to make the transition from mainland living to island living less painful.

"I deal with more than fifty military families a year who are looking to either rent or buy a home here," said Judith Anderson, realtor. "The most important advice I can give is to ensure that the families do their homework and get as much information as they can about the areas and

prices before even arriving."

The Glendale, Calif. native suggested that families who have access to the Internet, log on to [www.dodreferral.com](http://www.dodreferral.com). This Web site is designed to serve members of all branches of the military who are moving to the Hawaiian Islands. The Web site offers a site in which property managers, owners, real estate agents, and people

who are looking to share their homes, can list properties or vacancies. Service members can find homes for sale, apartments for rent,

or even a roommate, all within a location that fits their needs.

"The site is so informative, but I don't even know if that many people know of its existence," said the Stanford University graduate.

According to Anderson, one of her biggest concerns is the person who purchases or rents from a Web site without actually going to see the property. She said a potential owner

should do their own investigation by actually seeing the place with their own eyes before making a purchase or signing a rental agreement.

"A lot of the times a big issue for



families is the local neighborhood and schools," said Anderson. "To really see what they're like, the buyer or renter needs to go to the areas themselves. Honestly, it seems insane for them to buy homes when they haven't even seen what the area is like."

Once a place interests the potential buyer or renter, that person should then check the place out online and also contact the realtor or person renting the property, suggested Anderson.

"Another reason that someone should go check out the properties themselves is because, a lot of times, realtors won't advertise rentals," said Anderson. "A realtor's main job is to sell homes, not rent them. So when-

ever possible, they're going to try and sell something to someone, so they may not always advertise available rentals."

Anderson also recommends that when going to see a realtor, that you have an up-to-date credit report. There are Web sites that offer this information free. Because the realtors who rent out homes are also responsible if the rent isn't paid on time, they require good credit scores to ensure the customer is able to make good on rent payments.

"A potential homeowner should have a good past credit rating when attempting to rent or purchase a home," said Anderson. "We call former landlords to ensure that they have always been reliable."

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“Above all things, never be afraid. The enemy who forces you to retreat is himself afraid of you at that very moment.”

— Andre Maurois

# Sailors clean, paint at Kaneohe school



Petty Officer 1st Class Bobbi Maxwell

Sailors from Patrol Squadron 47 pose with students and faculty from Kapunahala Elementary School after participating in a Partnership with Schools program event.

**Petty Officer 2nd Class Jennifer L. Bailey**  
Patrol Squadron 47

**KANEOHE, Hawaii** — The “Golden Swordsmen” from Patrol Squadron 47 volunteered their off-duty hours to participate in a “Partnership with Schools” project Aug. 6 at Kapunahala Elementary School.

Navy commands assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe

Bay, Adopt A School program adopt local schools to help with tutoring programs and beautification projects on their off-duty hours.

Two months ago, VP-47 Sailors cleaned and painted the library, and two weekends ago, 25 squadron members came back to the school to paint the cafeteria.

“The command master chief asked the 1st Class Association who wanted to head up this project, and I volunteered. So that was it,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Samantha Jimerson, an aviation ordnanceman.

“We share Kapunahala Elementary School with VP-9,” she said. “They get to be more hands on and help with tutoring, but we get to fix up the school.”

Karen Segawa,

the Kapunahala principal, said, “The children now have newly painted classrooms, improved campus lighting, and installed a drainage system between buildings in preparation for returning students this school year — thanks to the student’s families and volunteers.”

“The principal told us the kids loved what we did to the library,” said Jimerson. “They only needed the cafeteria painted this time, but if they needed anything else fixed then we would definitely do that.”

As with all good partnerships, both sides benefited from this project the students have a newly painted school cafeteria and the Sailors presented the Navy to the local community in a positive light.

“I like painting for a good purpose,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Sharon BrandyHill, a yeoman for the squadron. “Everybody was working and participating, which made it a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon.”



Petty Officer 1st Class Bobbi Maxwell

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jalonie Chapman, assigned to Patrol Squadron 47, paints the outside walls of the Kapunahala Elementary School cafeteria. Sailors from VP-47 volunteered to paint buildings at Kapunahala Elementary as part of the military’s Partnership with Schools program.



Petty Officer 1st Class Bobbi Maxwell

Petty Officer 2nd Class Noeli Harrison and Petty Officer 2nd Class John Salomon both assigned to Patrol Squadron 47 paint the inside walls of the Kapunahala Elementary School cafeteria.

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“Life’s most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

# Monk seal sightings becoming rare

**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**  
*Combat Correspondent*

When visiting the beaches of Oahu, people often see surfers, swimmers, and, on occasion, a shark. There is something else that they might also see. Although it is extremely rare, visitors and residents alike may spot a Hawaiian monk seal — just one of the animals on the endangered species list.

Of the three known species of monk seals,



*Pfc. Roger L. Nelson*

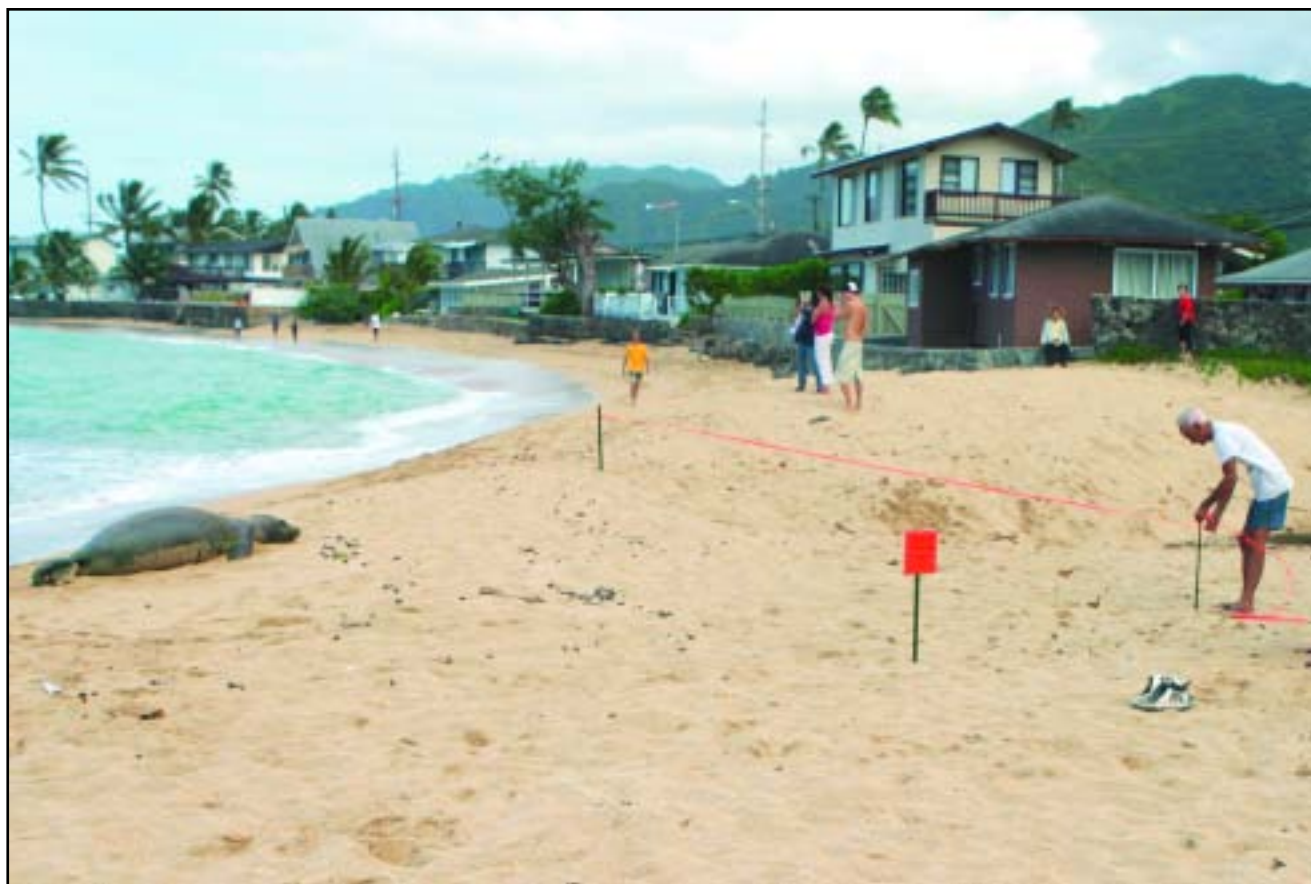
**A Hawaiian monk seal rests on a beach on Oahu's North Shore. Beach-goers are warned to stay away from monk seals since they are on the endangered species list and can be aggressive. Of the three known species of monk seals, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of two remaining. The last count puts their numbers at approximately 1,500, worldwide.**

only two still exist today. The first to become extinct was known as the Caribbean monk seal. The second type, which is critically endangered, is the Mediterranean monk seal. The third and last of the endangered species is the Hawaiian monk seal.

In the 1800s, hunters, whalers and fishermen slaughtered monk seals. Since the seals were placed on the endangered list, the slaughter has stopped. There are, however, new threats to the lives of the seals. Some of these include their incidental capture in fishing gear; ingestion of toxic substances from debris from fisheries, intentional kills and decreased availability of food. These threats, along with shark attacks, mobbing (females being injured and sometimes killed by the aggressive sexual behavior of some males) and a slow reproductive rate threaten what is left of the Hawaiian monk seal population.

These seals were listed as endangered in 1976 under the United States Endangered Species Act. They are also listed as endangered under the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources Red List of Threatened Species.

Between 1958 and 1996, the average beach reproductive populations of the seals had declined by 60 percent. The current population of the seals is estimated at approximately 1,500. The population continues to be on a downfall at an average of four percent per year.



*Pfc. Roger L. Nelson*

**Residents of Oahu's North Shore set up barriers around the Hawaiian monk seal resting on the beach. As an endangered species, monk seals are to be protected from harm and harassment.**

The monk seal leads a solitary existence, keeping to itself — unless it is a mother, and then she is usually in the company of her pup. According to those who have sighted these seals, they seem to be far more sensitive than other animals to human intrusion into their environment. This is especially true for a nursing mother who becomes so stressed by the presence of a human that she may neglect or not provide the proper care for her pup. This may cause an increase in the death rate among seal pups.

A Hawaiian monk seal can sometimes be

found resting on one of Oahu's shores. Chances are that a seal on the beach is either resting or digesting food. Whatever the reason, because of its aversion to humans, it should not be approached.

According to guidance from agencies that oversee endangered species programs, anyone who spots a monk seal in the water or on dry land, and has injuries such as a fishing hook lodged in its mouth or body, should call (888) 256-9840. Also, to report anyone disturbing, harassing, harming or feeding monk seals, call (800) 853-1964.

## **ELLIOTT, From A-1**

compressions while Elliott performed the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

When the ambulance arrived on scene, Elliott had been successful in gaining a pulse; however, Carbonell's pulse died so the ambulance workers were forced to shock him with an Automated External Defibrillator.

"I honestly couldn't believe that this all was happening for real," said Elliott. "It seemed unreal with everyone crowding around, I knew I just had to keep calm though and do my job."

Carbonell was again resuscitated, and is currently being treated in a local hospital. It is not yet determined when he will be released, said Burke.

Ironically, the following day, Elliott was scheduled to take a CPR instructor course, which would enable him to teach CPR courses.

"I don't look at it as anything special," said Elliott. "I just did what I've been trained to do. It's just a part of the job."

## Did You Know?

### **This month in Marine Corps History**

**Aug. 17, 1942:** Just prior to dawn, the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion under Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines Nautilus and Argonaut. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

**Aug. 21 1968:** Pfc. James Anderson Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

# SHUMNEY: Marine died a month after Bronze Star-awarding actions

## From A-1

leave their brothers' families behind when they have given the ultimate sacrifice," said Julie Shumney. "I feel so grateful that my husband picked the Marine Corps. The Corps was a decision we made as a family; a sacrifice as a family."

Of the many supporters who were on hand, the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation's Vice President, James D. MacPhail, presented the Shumney family three separate \$20,000 patriot bonds to be used for scholarships for each of the children. Since its 10 years of existence, the Denville, N.J., foundation's donors have generated more than \$24 million for the children of Marines and law enforcement personnel who have been killed.

"I am very proud and grateful that this organization looks out for us, and it just blows my mind how the organization made sure my children were provided for. I feel like I am not alone and that I have a lot of support from everyone," said Julie.

Shumney's Bronze Star covered a span from Nov. 8 to Dec. 9, 2004, during his platoon's involvement in the invasion of Fallujah, otherwise known as Operation Al Fajr. His death and the fate of his platoon would be a separate incident more than a month later.

According to the summary of award submission approved by I Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, from the onset of Operation Al Fajr, Shumney's confidence, proficiency and warfighting spirit made a positive impact on his platoon's ability to fight. While staged in the company attack position outside Fallujah, he calmly ensured his Marines vigilantly "dug in" while receiving sporadic mortar rounds and small-arms fire. As they moved toward the breach sight in armored tracked vehicles, he kept his platoon focused and ready to attack, while four seriously wounded Marines were medically evacuated amid the barrage of mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, machine-gun and small-arms fire that met the company as they moved toward the breach.

The summary goes on to report during the initial penetration into Fallujah, Shumney led his platoon through the breach site and into the city to gain a foothold for the battalion landing team. Designated as the second platoon to cross the breach site and gain the battalion's initial foothold inside Fallujah, Shumney and his Marines did not hesitate to attack into the city when the breach lane was not proofed or marked by engineers. He fearlessly led his platoon through an area that was known to be mined. Because of difficulties in the engineering effort at the breach site, tanks were unable to maneuver through the breach and provide far side security for the dismounted infantrymen of Charlie Company. Demonstrating great initiative, flexibility and proficiency, Shumney directed his Marines to seize a foothold west of Phase Line Charles, approximately 100 meters northwest of BLT Objective Bravo, the Al Tawfiq mosque. On the darkest night of the month, he led his platoon in clearing insurgent held buildings, securing a jump off point for the rest of the unit. Once tanks crossed into the city, Shumney coordinated with the tank platoon commander and prepared his Marines to attack south into the heart of Fallujah. As they moved to BLT Objective Bravo, his platoon came under fierce enemy RPG, machine-gun and small-arms fire. As the battle ensued, with complete disregard for his own safety, Shumney unflinchingly moved about the battlefield identifying targets, coordinated fires with the tanks and ensured all sectors of fire were covered. Shumney's courage and leadership were instrumental in the BLT's ability to establish a foothold in the city and keeps line of communications open.

The company remained in contact with the enemy with little interruption through each BLT objective. Shumney's 2nd Platoon was engaged in ferocious firefights along the way. Under nearly constant RPG and small-arms fire, Shumney's poise and courage on the battlefield allowed him to keep track of positions of all his platoon members and provided the company commander the required situational

awareness to coordinate with higher and multiple adjacent units to fight the enemy through the city.

After nearly 16 hours of fierce urban warfare, the company secured BLT Objective Charlie. Shumney's infantry skill and warrior spirit was the catalyst for his platoon's fearless and violent push from the breach site to the Mahajareen mosque. Overcoming an improvised explosive device attack that seriously wounded three Marines en route to the breach site — a breach that was not proofed or marked — he crossed without tank support or far-side security. With an unknown disposition of enemy forces in zone, Shumney's leadership contributed immeasurably to Charlie Company's successful main effort attack into the heart of Fallujah and set the stage for successful supporting effort attacks by Alpha and Bravo companies.

Once the penetration was complete, Shumney continually volunteered his platoon for the most challenging missions. Ever conscious of the risk of clearing buildings in a city filled with terrorist cells, Shumney led his Marines into buildings and blocks known to house insurgent cells. His leadership and mental agility helped identify and eliminate numerous large weapons caches, IED factories and insurgent propaganda production sites. His efforts resulted in the capture or elimination of more than 100 insurgents, 500 enemy weapon systems, and thousands of ordnance items and ammunition.

On Nov. 10, 2004, Shumney and his platoon began clearing buildings

adjacent to their temporary firm base. After clearing the first floor of a building, insurgents on the second floor opened fire, killing one Marine and wounding six others. Ignoring grenades being dropped from the second floor and armor-piercing, machine-gun fire coming through the ceiling, Shumney coordinated reinforcements from his platoon and directed fires within the building to suppress the enemy. With wounded Marines requiring urgent medical care trapped inside the building by enemy fire, Shumney quickly coordinated for a D-9 bulldozer to punch a hole into the building, creating an evacuation route for the casualties. His quick thinking under fire saved the lives of his wounded Marines, prevented further injuries, and resulted in two enemy killed-in-action, according to the summary of award submission.

One month after his actions in Fallujah, Shumney and his Marines received a mission to relocate near the Syrian border and provide security for the long-awaited Iraqi election. According to the Defense Department, on Jan. 26 the CH-53E Sea Stallion helicopter he and his men were using for transport crashed due to a sandstorm about 200 miles from Baghdad near Ar Rutbah, Iraq, killing all on board. Approximately 30 Marines and one Sailor perished in the crash making it one of the deadliest days for U.S. troops since the initial invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

"It was hard in the beginning," said Julie. "I remember trying to find anything positive for the kids to hold on to. One of the first things that came to mind was the Bronze Star. I spoke about it frequently, giving the

children something to look forward to. So you can imagine the joy and smiles on our faces when Lt. Reis (Now Capt. Matthew D. Reis, 14th Marine Regiment Adjutant) called to say the ceremony was being set up."

"I was honored, privileged and humbled to represent the Marine Corps and the commandant of the Marine Corps in presenting Mrs. Shumney the Bronze Star," said Harrison, a 40-year-old Fort Worth, Texas, resident with a wife and small children of his own. "The most moving experience of that day was sitting with Lt. Shumney's mother and wife at the dinner table. I was humbled when I realized just how strong they were. Not strong like a lance corporal that's going into battle, but just as strong as anybody I've ever met."

"We have been looking forward to this day," Julie said. "It was a time to celebrate. It made us realize the mourning was over, for the time being. We stay very positive, as we know that Dustin would not have it any other way. We are so proud to be the wife and children of Lt. Dustin Shumney. Dustin's biggest goal in life was to always make us proud ... and he accomplished that with flying colors."

Before earning his commission, Shumney lived with his widowed mother, Shama Shumney, in Benicia, Calif. He was her only child. Shumney graduated from Benicia High School in 1992 and later obtained his degree at Sacramento State University.

"Dustin believed in what he did," Shama Shumney said in a Vallejo Times interview. "He was proud of what he was doing. I've gotten my strength from him."

"He led from the font," said Harrison after learning of the Marine's actions in Fullujah. "His

Marines respected him, and he would have done anything for them. He constantly put himself in harm's way to get the mission accomplished."

*Recommend Citation: For heroic achievement in connection with combat operations involving conflict with an opposing force while serving as Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon, Company C, Battalion Landing Team 1/3, Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force from November to December 2004, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. First Lieutenant Shumney's bravery, tactical ability, and leadership prowess contributed substantially to unit success during Operation Al Fajr, the assault on the city of Fallujah, Iraq. From the initial penetrations into the city, to the numerous firefights and engagements encountered over four weeks of continuous combat operations, First Lieutenant Shumney consistently led the Platoon from the front. On 10 November, while clearing the first floor of a building, insurgents on the second floor and armor piercing machine gun fire coming through the ceiling, First Lieutenant Shumney coordinated reinforcements and directed fires within the building to suppress the enemy and move the casualties out of the line of fire. With insurgent machine gun fire cutting off the exit route out of the building, he quickly coordinated for a D-9 bulldozer to punch a hole in the wall so the severely wounded Marines could be evacuated. His quick thinking under fire saved the lives of his wounded Marines, prevented further injuries, and resulted in two enemy casualties. By his zealous initiative, courageous actions, and exceptional dedication to duty, First Lieutenant Shumney gallantly gave his life for his country and reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.*





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## Shark's Cove

A visitor to Shark's Cove takes advantage of the rocks that surround the cove, using them to launch himself into the deep water below. During an average day, the cove is busy with snorkelers, scuba divers, sightseers, and the occasional rock-jumping thrill seeker.

## Cove offers much, with less crowd

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*Press Chief*

**WAIMEA, Hawaii** — Waimea Bay, Hanauma Bay and Waikiki Beach are a few of the more popular ocean area attractions of Oahu for both visitors and locals alike, due to the unique variety of ocean life, beach conditions and surrounding locale.

But individuals looking for a not-so-crowded, lesser-known and a more nature-oriented ocean can experience that at Shark's Cove. Although smaller, this area combines the positive aspects of the three popular beaches, so ocean-goers need not look any further.

Shark's Cove, located on the North Shore near Waimea Bay, is a bustling smaller version of Hanauma Bay that offers ocean enthusiasts the opportunity to swim with sea life, take pictures of fish and explore underwater caves that surround the cove.

Right next to the cove is a tide pool full of small fish, warm water, and a plethora of other interesting-looking sea creatures.

Down a short path and over a walkway bridge, is a remote seashore area covered in thick sand and small rocky islands with waves that invite surfers to test their skills.



A young girl examines a piece of sand-covered coconut husk she found on the beach.

The three lesser-known areas are all found within a half-mile radius of each other. Also available within the vicinity are surf shops, food vendors, and other stores catering to those out enjoying ocean activities.

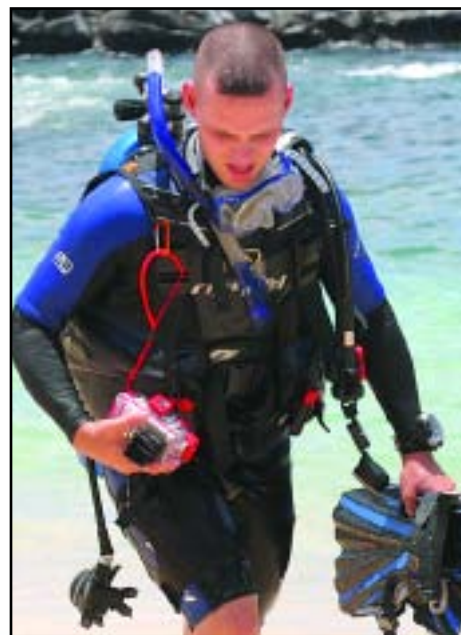
The essential ocean-adventure equipment, that includes scuba-diving gear, snorkels, spear fishing rods, kayaks, surfboards, and suntan lotion, can all be purchased or rented within walking

distance from the beach areas.

The area is welcoming to the young and the old, sunbathers and surfers, photographers and spear-fishermen as it offers a wide variety of activities for all to participate in.

On any given day, the not-too-crowded, yet equally inhabited beaches serve as a playground and lounge area for children to toss footballs, readers to lay out in and relax on, snorkelers to search for aquatic specimens, and tourists to take in the sights and sounds of the island surf.

As with all outdoor activities, there are precautions that should be considered before venturing out.



Staff Sgt. Ian Meinert, separations chief, Installation Personnel Administration Center, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, takes a break from scuba diving at a beach near Shark's Cove. Meinert visits the North Shore area when he can find time away from his busy work schedule.

Water shoes with rubber soles are recommended for those who want to walk out onto the sharp and jagged cove rocks.

The cove is considered to be a seasonal recreation area. During the winter months the cove is hardly noticeable because of the large waves that pound the area. If a lot of wave

activity is present, entering the cove area is not recommended.

Other precautions include remembering to be cautious of sea life. Although sea turtles may swim close to humans and seem friendly, they have been known to bite unexpectedly. Also, sea turtles are protected under state and federal acts from harm and harassment; this includes engaging in any activity that alters their natural behavior, such as feeding them, so the best policy for beach-goers is avoid any interaction with them and to remain at a safe distance of two to three feet away, even if they approach you.

In order to capture a picture of the ocean life, underwater cameras are a necessity, but can be very expensive in certain areas. Shopping around can help to alleviate the financial strain as well as give first-time visitors another view of island life, as many shops in the area are filled with pictures and paintings of the island from local artists and photographers.

Although Shark's Cove and the surrounding area may not offer quite the same magnitude of sea life, miles of sandy beaches or amount of waves that the more crowded, more parking-friendly beaches present, it offers a three in one-area combination with activities and sights not found anywhere else on the island.





## Personality Features

# Sailor's drive key in attaining dreams

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**

*Press Chief*

A drive propelled by strong family bonds, a continuous belief in God, an ongoing drive for a college degree and a determination to never give up at anything — no matter what, has earned one Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, service member the title of Sailor of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter, 2005.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Thandiwe C. Chiwaya, a Navy electronics technician assigned as maintenance workcenter supervisor, Tactical Support Center, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, is currently working on her seventh year in the Navy, the past two of which she has spent in Hawaii.

"Ever since I was young, I wanted to take a trip to Hawaii," said the Rosedale, N.Y. native. "It was a childhood dream and the Navy has given me the opportunity to be here."

After graduating from high school at the age of 16, Chiwaya became a college student for less than two years before she signed the paperwork to join the Navy.

"I skipped sixth and eighth grades and graduated early," explained the 25-year-old, humbly. "But I struggled for everything. I had to work very hard to get where I am today."

She has continued to take college classes and is working towards her master's degree in Human Resources Management, since joining the Navy. At the time she signed up for service in the military, she knew she needed to change her course and get involved in something that would give her the opportunity to travel, meet new people and experience more of the world outside of the United States. The Navy gave her those opportunities.

During her naval career she has traveled to more than 10 different countries including Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines.

"I never got to do a lot of traveling as a child," she explained. "The Navy has given me the ability to experience a lot of other cultures and places. That has given me a greater appreciation for the things I have in the United States."

Chiwaya's parents both traveled to the United States from different countries in order to start a new life in a place that could provide them with better opportunities for themselves, as well as for the family they intended to begin. They settled in New York and gave birth to their firstborn, Chiwaya, in Manhattan.

"My mother is a nurse and my father is an attorney," stated Chiwaya proudly, "they worked their way from the bottom up, and look where they are now."

Although her parents left their homelands to find a better life, she said that she remains tied to their



**CHIWAYA**

origins and made it her mission to visit both her mother's hometown of Guyana, South America, and her father's hometown of Malawi, Africa.

"I visited Malawi last year and Guyana as a child," she said. "Beyond the personal experiences — because of my parents, the overall feeling was the same as when I traveled to other countries. I gained perspective for the life I live as a U.S. citizen. The things we take for granted here are unreal."

One of the most difficult times Chiwaya faced in the Navy was during 9-11 when she was on deployment in the Persian Gulf.

"I heard about what happened from the news," she said. "My mother works close to the World Trade Center, and it took three days for me to find out that my family was all okay. It was a very trying time for me."

According to Chiwaya, her belief in God is one of the biggest impacts on her emotional and mental strength as a person.

"My mother and grandmother are Seventh-day Adventists, and they are huge influences on my faith," she admitted.

According to Chiwaya, when times are rough and she is away from home and the people she cares about, she can always turn to her faith in God.

"When I was younger, I was in our church's

*See CHIWAYA, B-5*



*Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson*

Sgt. Barbara J. Lee, military police supply chief, Headquarters Battalion, stands in front of one of the military police ATVs. Lee has been serving in the Marine Corps for six years now.

## MP finds change, direction in Marine Corps

**Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson**

*Combat Correspondent*

When checking into a Marine unit, one can usually expect a few other Marines to be working by their side for the next few years. Certain billets though, do not provide that, and for one Marine assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, this is the exact type of job she holds.

Sgt. Barbara J. Lee, Military Police supply chief, Headquarters Battalion, has been holding this billet for almost two years.

"A job like this is always stressful," said the 26-year-old. "You just have to really pay attention and manage your time really well."

The Mercedes, Texas native grew up among a very close family with two other sisters and a brother. None of her family had ever joined the military, and, according to Lee, they weren't about to allow her to.

"I worked as a waitress until I was 19, then worked as a certified registered nurse

for a urologist for a year," said Lee. "When I told the family I was deciding to join the Marine Corps, they weren't too happy."

Although unhappy, her family eventually accepted her decision to join, said Lee.

"I felt like I had to get out of my hometown," she explained. "Everyone I knew stayed there for their entire lives, and I didn't want to end up like that. I wanted to get out and see new things."

According to Lee, she picked the Marine Corps because she said it was the toughest branch of all of the armed services.

"It sounded like it would be a real challenge, and that's what I needed in life," said Lee. "I needed the challenge, and I needed a life change. The Marine Corps gave me direction."

After completing boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., Lee attended the military occupational school for supply at Camp Johnson, N.C. After graduating, she was

*See LEE, B-4*

# Resource manager gives water conservation tips

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**

*Press Chief*

Washing hands, making juice from concentrate, playing slip and slide, changing the water in a fish tank and baking a cake all have one major element in common. They all require the use of water.

According to a newsletter published by the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, resource efficiency manager, the average person living in the United States uses more than 80 to 100 gallons of water each day when conducting normal household activities such as showering and washing dishes.

One energy-saving article from the newsletter states that the Earth's water supply only contains 1 percent of usable water; another 97 percent is ocean or salt water and the final 2 percent is locked away in glaciers and ice caps.

Last year, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, used 600 million gallons of water. The cost, to the base, of using that amount of water added up to being nearly \$1,200,000.

Houses and barracks currently under construction on base are being outfitted with energy-efficient, low-flow plumbing fixtures to reduce the amount and cost of water being used on base.

Recently, Environmental Technology and Management Inc. conducted a water conservation study in an effort to find more ways to conserve the local water supply.

According to conservation officials, a lot more can be done by those living in the barracks and on-base housing to aid in the conservation of K-Bay's water supply.

Throughout the month of August, which is designated as National Water Quality Month, members of the community aboard MCB Hawaii



**Water conservation begins in the home with knowing how to use water wisely. This includes watering the lawn during early morning hours, turning off the tap when it's not in use and repairing leaky faucets.**

can help conserve water on K-Bay and throughout the island of Oahu by following a few simple guidelines.

- Make sure to always fix leaky faucets or toilets, because even a drop of water

every few seconds can add up quickly.

- When washing a car, turn the hose off in between rinses.

- Only wash full loads of laundry, and set the washing machine according to the amount of clothes being washed.

- Instead of using a hose to clean driveways and stairwells, use a broom and sweep the area.

- When rinsing dishes, turn off the faucet between rinses.

- Do not leave the water running in the sink when brushing your teeth.

- Minimize evaporation by watering plants in the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler.

- When changing fish tanks, empty the water onto the lawn or plants. The water is high in nitrogen and phosphorous, which serves as a fertilizer.

- Avoid using running water when thawing frozen foods.

So, not only during the month of August, but year-round, think about turning off the tap and saving water and money. And, as food for thought, ponder this statistic: If every home in the United States had a leaky faucet that dripped once each second, Americans would waste 928 gallons of water a day.

For more information on water conservation contact MCB Hawaii Resource Efficiency Manager John Dunbar at john.r.dunbar1@usmc.mil or call 257-2171, ext. 251.

## Job Fair slated for Pearl Harbor

**Press Release**

*Marine Corps Community Services*

Looking for a job? Then be sure to attend the Joint Employment Management System Job Fair 2005. In partnership with the Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy in Hawaii, JEMS will hold its 18th Annual Job Fair, Sept. 13 at Club Pearl on Naval Station Pearl Harbor from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. JEMS Job Fair 2005 is open to all military, DoD and Coast Guard identification cardholders who have base access — this includes military family members, active duty personnel, retirees and their eligible dependents, Reservists, and DoD and Coast Guard employees. Because of the professional nature of this event, children will not be admitted.

More than 100 local businesses, mainland companies, and federal, state and county government agencies will be recruiting to fill their job vacancies. These companies will be recruiting for all types of positions from entry level to highly technical and professional positions. This is the perfect opportunity to talk with company recruiters, drop off résumés, pick up applications and research the job market — all in one place. Come prepared to take advantage of this opportunity — bring plenty of résumés, your appointment calendar and pens and paper.

If you need employment assistance, check with one of the centers listed below. Most of them offer a variety of classes to assist you — but call now to give yourself ample time to be prepared for this great opportunity. Additionally, if you are looking for a job in Hawaii, JEMS has an on-line job bank with more than 1,600 job listings and is for the exclusive use of our military community. Visit JEMS online at [www.JEMSHawaii.com](http://www.JEMSHawaii.com) for more information about this unique program. You can find out how to register to use this excellent resource by calling one of the centers to schedule an appointment:

Coast Guard Work-Life Center: 842-2085

Hickam Air Force Base Family Support Center: 449-0300

MCCS Marine and Family Services: 257-7790

Pearl Harbor Fleet & Family Support Center: 473-4222, ext. 1

### LEE, From B-3

then stationed in Okinawa, Japan, with the 7th Communications Battalion. A year later, she transferred to Barstow, Calif., where she was reassigned to work supply for the Military Police. At Barstow she was able to earn an associates degree in biology during her off-duty time, before transferring to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

"Holding this position here is a one-man show," said Lee. "I provide all the military police gear for this base and Camp Smith."

According to Lee, there is currently a shortage of Military Police available on K-Bay, so if any new Marines come along in the department, they will most likely not be assigned to work with her.

Lee is responsible for issuing and inventorying gear as well as working special events, contracts, traffic control — and other tasks, as needed.

As soon as she can, Lee said, she plans on applying for the Marine Corps Warrant Officer Program, a long-time goal of hers.

"My family now understands what I want to do, and they're now very proud of what I have done with my life," said Lee. "My father wanted to join the Army when he was younger but never got the opportunity to because he had to work. He sees now that I received the opportunity and was successful, and I think that makes him proud."

As far as advice for other Marines, Lee said she stresses time management.

"Learn to manage your time, but try not to stress too much," said Lee. "There is always time to get things done. And, in the Marine Corps, there is always someone there who is willing to lend a hand to you."



Right — The CBMU 303 Seabees, in the red boat, paddle in at the end of the 6th heat of the day, taking third with a time of 2:27. It is said that Dragon Boat races originated in China in memory of Qu Yuan, a patriotic statesman who committed suicide more than 2,000 years ago, in grief over the plight of his kingdom. Dragon Boat racing is a quickly growing team sport now practiced in communities around the world.

Far Right — Gerry Lam, artist and entrepreneur, shows off this year's Dragon Boat race T-shirt emblazoned with his design.



## Fighting dragons

Military teams — USCG Honolulu (front), JICPAC, and USCG Walnut — compete in this year's Hawaii Dragon Boat races, this year titled the Honolulu Centennial Dragon Boat Race, in recognition of Honolulu's centennial. The United States Coast Guard team, USCG Honolulu, came in first with a time of 1:57 — automatically sending it to the military finals, followed by the joint service team, JICPAC, with a time of 2:27. The second Coast Guard team, USCG Walnut, picked up the tail with a still-respectable time of 2:34. Each team consists of 18 members, 16 paddlers, one drummer and one flag catcher (perched atop the dragon's head).

Photos By Susana Choy



### CHIWAYA, From B-3

female quartet as well as other church groups," explained Chiwaya.

Since arriving to K-Bay, she has become the member of the Kaneohe Seventh-day Adventists church, where she is also active in the Ohana group, which is equivalent to a bible study group.

"I enjoy being involved in activities that strengthen my faith," she explained. "I always was as a child, and I intend on continuing to do it."

Aside from her religious involvement in the local area, Chiwaya is also interested in surfing as well as singing — when she is not at work.

"I am taking voice lessons from a friend of mine that is a music major," she explained. "I sing mostly gospel music, that is what I enjoy the most."

From her career in the Navy to her after-work regime of college, church, surfing and singing, Chiwaya continuously proved to her co-workers, family and friends that although she has a full plate of activities to participate in, she can still manage to excel in each one.

"I just always put everything into the things I do," she explained. "I never give up on something I want to accomplish, and the people I am around on a day-to-day basis notice that. I guess that is why they wanted to get me recognized as the Sailor of the Quarter."

Chiwaya intends to continue her career in the Navy through retirement at which time she hopes to open up a salon and spa.

"I have just always done hair and nails, since I was a little girl," she said reminiscing, "I have gotten to live out a few of my dreams since I joined the Navy, and now I can just look forward to the future and try to make the rest of them happen."



### Boating Safety Tips

- Avoid alcohol.
- Be especially careful on personal watercrafts.
- Enroll in a boater education class.
- Operate at a safe speed.

# =WORD TO PASS= — ON THE MENU=

## Honolulu Celebrates Centennial With "Hula on the Beach"

We don't need any more volunteers, but we still need lots of hula dancers! Another workshop has been added today due to demand.

We will take lots more hula dancers even right up to the event — all are welcome — and no experience is needed.

For those who don't know the hula for "I Fell In Love With Honolulu," a free workshop will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand. This workshop is open to the public and no reservations are needed to attend.

Remember, you must register to dance at Saturday's "Hula on the Beach," but everyone is welcome to attend!

To register, e-mail your name, birthdate/age, address, phone number and e-mail address to [ikaikacomm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ikaikacomm@hawaii.rr.com).

Late registration is also available Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ResortQuest Hawaii's (formerly Aston) Waikiki Beach Hotel at 2570 Kalakaua Avenue (the one with Tiki's).

All dancers should meet at the Sunset on the Beach site (look for the "Hula on the Beach" banners) at 3:30 p.m. to be assigned to an area. Those who have already been preassigned a spot should arrive by 4 p.m.

Remember to bring a battery-powered radio with you on Saturday so you can hear the song on Hawaiian 105.1 KINE or KKNE 940 AM.

The hula will begin at 4:30 p.m., so all must be at their assigned areas by 4 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.waikikiimprovement.com/holoholo.html](http://www.waikikiimprovement.com/holoholo.html)

## USO Tour Comes to K-Bay

A USO tour, featuring NFL Hall of Famer Gale Sayers, comedians Jeffrey Ross and Colin Quinn, and actress LeeAnn Tweeden will be aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Monday at Dewey Square from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Marines and Sailors are encouraged to take advantage of this visit, which includes feature appearances by an autograph session.

For more information, call 254-7475.

## Summer Concert Series Closes With Iona Contemporary Dance Theatre

Offering a delight for the senses, IONA Contemporary Dance Theatre will take the stage under the stars on Tuesday for the Waikiki Aquarium's final Ke Kani O Ke Kai summer concert of the season.

Hawaii's premier dance company will offer a salute to the ocean, combining sea-themed costumes with witty spoken text and the power of music. Heralded by the *Los Angeles Times* as a "visionary coup de theatre," IONA Contemporary Dance Theatre is renowned for its harmonious and innovative blend of Eastern, Western and indigenous influences.

With proceeds to benefit a future Northwestern Hawaiian Islands exhibit at the Aquarium, the concert will also feature signature food items by Hula Grill Waikiki, and fun, educational activities surrounding "New Discoveries in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands."

Offering a sunset picnic on the Aquarium lawn, Hula Grill Waikiki has created a special menu for concertgoers with all items priced under \$7 and 50 percent of the proceeds to benefit the Waikiki Aquarium.

Concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with educational activities offered from 6 p.m. and the concert starting at 7 p.m. Aquarium galleries and exhibits will remain open throughout the evening.

Each concert is priced at \$18 for adults; \$10 for juniors, 7 to 12; and free for children 6 and younger; \$15/\$7 for Friends of Waikiki Aquarium members.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 923-9741 or visit [www.waiaquarium.org](http://www.waiaquarium.org).

## Hale Koa Concert

There will be a Wind Ensemble concert Friday at 2 p.m. at the Hale Koa under the courtyard banyan tree.



Photo Courtesy of USS Missouri Memorial Association

Japanese contingent waits to officially surrender to the United States aboard USS Missouri, Sept. 2, 1945.

## 60th Anniversary Commemoration of the End of World War II

Sixty years ago, the Japanese surrender was signed aboard USS Missouri, in Tokyo Bay, marking the end of World War II. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, on Sept. 2, USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. will host a ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island.

For more information, visit [www.ussmis-souri.org/60th](http://www.ussmis-souri.org/60th).

## Tickets on Sale for Jim Breuer

Tickets are on sale now for comedian Jim Breuer, who will perform Sept. 10 at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.

Presented by The Laugh Factory, Breuer is a favorite of television, film and comedy club audiences. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 at the Blaisdell Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets, including Times. To charge-by-phone, call toll free to (877) 750-4400 or log on to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Breuer was added to the cast of "Saturday Night Live" in 1995, where he spent three seasons and was best known for his original character "Goat Boy."

## AT ANDERSON HALL

### Today

**Lunch**  
Beef Balls Stroganoff  
Baked Fish Fillets  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Garlic Roasted Potato  
Wedges  
Mixed Vegetables  
Lyonnise Carrots  
Raisin Drop Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Dinner

Tacos  
Chicken Enchiladas  
Chili Conquistador  
Burritos  
Refried Beans  
Mexican Corn  
Green Beans Creole  
Taco Sauce  
Raisin Drop Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Saturday

**Brunch/Dinner**  
Roast Turkey  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
Mashed Potatoes  
Boiled Egg Noodles  
Simmered Broccoli  
Simmered Succotash  
Spice Cake  
w/Lemon Cream Frosting  
Sugar Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Sunday

**Brunch/Dinner**  
Swiss Steak w/Mushrooms  
Glazed Rock Cornish Hens  
Rice Pilaf  
Corn Bread Dressing  
Mashed Potatoes  
Southern Style Green Beans  
Simmered Corn

Spice Cake  
w/Lemon Cream Frosting  
Sugar Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Monday

**Lunch**  
Beef Stew  
Baked Fish Fillets  
Baked Macaroni and Cheese  
Steamed Rice  
French Fried Okra  
Buttered Corn  
Oatmeal Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Dinner

Italian Veal Steak  
Braised Pork Chops,  
Bone in  
O'Brien Potatoes  
Peas w/Onions  
Steamed Rice  
Mixed Vegetables  
Oatmeal Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Tuesday

**Lunch**  
Chicken Parmesan  
Cajun Fish Fillet  
Steamed Rice  
Boiled Egg Noodles  
Simmered Corn  
Simmered Asparagus  
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies  
Fruit Pies

### Dinner

Southern Fried Chicken  
Beef Balls Stroganoff  
Parsley Butter Potatoes  
Boiled Egg Noodles  
Simmered Pinto Beans  
Club Spinach  
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Brownies  
Fruit Pies

### Wednesday

**Lunch**  
Chili Macaroni  
Roast Turkey  
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
Mashed Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Simmered Succotash  
Brownies  
Fruit Pies

### Dinner

Meat Loaf  
Pork Ham  
Mashed Potatoes  
Tossed Green  
Rice  
Cauliflower  
Combo  
Broccoli w/Cheese  
Sauce

### Thursday

**Lunch**  
Salisbury Steak  
Barbecue Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
Oven Browned Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
Simmered Peas and Carrots  
White Cake  
w/Lemon Cream Frosting  
Fruit Pies

### Dinner

Beef Yakisoba  
Orange Chicken  
Fried Rice  
Steamed Rice  
Simmered Broccoli  
Fried Cabbage w/Bacon  
White Cake  
w/Lemon Cream Frosting  
Fruit Pies



# Inexpensive lodging offered in Hawaii

Vacationing in Hawaii is more affordable than one may think

**Lance Cpl. Alec Kleinsmith**  
MCB Camp Pendleton

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** — When it comes to finding the cheapest military lodging amenities on Hawaii, the best places to look are hotels and cabins owned and operated by the Department of Defense. These facilities, that include a wide range of rooms that can fit into anybody's budget, are made available specifically for all active duty personnel, Reservists and retirees looking to take a vacation.

If a stay in a cozy private cabin near a sandy white beachfront is what you're looking for, Bellows Air Force Station on Oahu may be just the ticket.

Located on the northern portion of Waimanalo Bay, the area includes a beautiful white sandy beach that curves around the bay, offering



Petty Officer 1st Class William R. Goodwin

Guests enjoy the lobby area of the Navy Lodge Hawaii located on Ford Island. The lodge held its grand opening Jan. 28, 2004, and is housed in a historic landmark building erected in 1941, that served as a Bachelor Officer's Quarters until 1984. The building was also used as an emergency medical center during the attack on Pearl Harbor and was featured in the film "Tora! Tora! Tora!" Preserving the building's 1940s design, both inside and out, was a main priority during the renovation period. The \$22 million renovated lodge comes equipped with 55 two-room suites and will help service members and their families with the transition upon first arriving or leaving Hawaii by providing convenient access to Pearl Harbor and a place to live while looking for a residence in the local area or waiting to move into base housing.

guests or vacationers a resort-quality Hawaiian setting at shockingly low prices.

Ranging in price from \$51 to \$70 dollars per night, guests can literally cut their lodging costs in half by staying at BAFS, leaving more cash to spend on the souvenirs, dining and entertainment that are available throughout the island.

The cabins include amenities such as full-sized kitchens equipped with a coffee pot, microwave, toaster, stove and refrigerator. Dishes, silverware and cooking utensils are provided for up to six guests. Other amenities include a table, sofa, telephone, ceiling fans and a color television with VCR.

If staying at a private cabin isn't your style, there is always the ever-popular Hale Koa Hotel.

Just 10 miles from the Honolulu International Airport, the hotel is located on the spectacular Waikiki Beach, offering guests breathtaking views of crystal-clear waters.

All rooms are fully air-conditioned and come with an alarm clock/radio, color TV with VCR, telephone, ironing board and hair dryer. Rooms also come with a refreshment cabinet, which can be used to store beverages.

Guests are also given the option to

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experience some of the hotel's special offers and entertainment that occur every night. Magic shows, luaus, enormous buffets fit for a king and comedy shows are always available to enjoy.

Other facilities include 10 restaurants and lounges and a state-of-the-art fitness center that offers three swimming pools, tennis and racquetball courts and weight rooms. Personal trainers and certified massage therapists are also available.

The Hale Koa is also within walking distance of major shopping areas, including the Ala Moana Center, Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and the International Marketplace, where you are sure to find interesting souvenirs to take back home.

While the Hale Koa Hotel does offer

more than the private cabins on BAFS, it does come at a higher price.

Room rates depend on two main factors: the rank of the guest and their choice of view from their room. The prices range from \$74 per night for two guests to \$190 per night.

These are only two examples of the many lodging facilities military members can take advantage of while in Hawaii. With proper planning and budget management, a trip to Hawaii is much closer and cheaper than you may think.

Other inexpensive military lodging available on Hawaii includes:

Hickam Lodging: 448-5400/5500 or DSN 448-5400/5500

Bellows AFS Cottage Rental: 259-8080

Outrigger Hotels Military Hot Line: 921-6888

Hale Koa Hotel: 955-0555 or (800) 367-6027

Waianae Army Recreation Center: 696-4158

Inexpensive base and island transportation options include:

Military Taxi: 449-1742, available 24 hours for duty personnel only.

Base Shuttle Bus: Pick-up is in front of the passenger terminal. The shuttle bus runs every 40 minutes from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. weekdays. There is no service on weekends or holidays.

City Bus: Bus stop is in front of the passenger terminal. Fare is \$1 "The Bus" stops weekdays every 40 minutes and weekends/holidays every hour.

The Hickam Air Force Base terminal also houses an Enterprise Car Rental division, 422-6915.

## MARINE MAKEPONO

HAWAIIAN FOR "MARINE BARGAINS"

## quotable

A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.

— Tom Peters



# Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

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AUGUST 19, 2005



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Fighters Unlimited Boxing Club's, Francisco Maldonado stretches out to take a shot at his opponent Matthew Monkewicz, during the boxing tournament, Friday, at Kahuna's Bar & Grill Ballroom.

## Base fighters duke it out

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
Press Chief

Fans filed into Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill Ballroom, Friday, eager to witness several matchups between local-area and base boxing teams such as Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Fighters Unlimited Boxing Club.

The bouts began with fighters 16 and younger who dueled it out in the ring.

The super-, middle- and lower-weight class boxers put on quite a show for fans, as proven by the crowds enthusiastic cheering.

Once the semi-main events started, the fan's applause was intermingled

with jeers from rival team supporters, which gave way to the fact that the real action had begun.

Carlos Mora, Fighters Unlimited B.C., was K-Bay's first competitor to take the ring, going up against Andrew Matsuda from Kawano/Tiki Entertainment Boxing Club.

Both power-hitter fighters had techniques that resembled one another: slow, steady, rhythmic footwork with an occasional burst of adrenaline that lead to a few harsh jab and hook combinations.

Matsuda landed the first big blow in the second round with a left jab that left Mora's nose a bloody mess. The fight was suspended as trainers

cleaned up the blood, causing the crowd to begin chanting, "Let them fight."

Mora came back in the ring, gaining him respect by landing a few power hooks before the second-round bell sounded the end of the round.

With one round left, Matsuda left nothing to chance and came in the ring with more speed than he had previously displayed and secured his win with a slew of combinations against Mora, who took the brunt of the blows as if they hardly fazed him.

In the end, the fight set the stage for the other K-Bay boxers who may not have all walked away victorious, but proved to the fans they were there

until the third bell tolled and were more than prepared to put on a good show -- knockdowns, bloody noses and jeers included.

Fighters Unlimited fans were riled up when hopeful crowd favorite to be, Jason Ramseyer, took the ring. Their cheers were quickly quieted, though, when the referee announced a walkover forfeit on Ramseyer's opponent's part. Although he was awarded the win, his supporters were disappointed at the idea of not getting to see him fight.

Timothy Riffe, Fighters Unlimited, was K-Bay's next fighter to enter the ring against Palolo Boxing Club's Darius Ursua, starting off the first of

four main events of the night. Although their techniques were nearly as equally matched as Matsuda and Mora's, they were both quicker and were more apt to throw out lone hooks and jabs rather than combos.

The first round left the crowd not knowing which fighter would end the bout with his hand held in victory as they both danced around the ring, seemingly examining each others moves.

Round two provided the crowd with more excitement as the boxers began to work each other's weak points and land their punches. Ursua

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## VP-47 dominates 101 Days of Summer tourney

**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**  
Sports Editor

The 101 Days of Summer Basketball tournament came to a close, Aug. 11, at the Semper Fit Center when the intramural basketball champs, Patrol Squadron 47 took the championship game over 3rd Marines, 60-49.

At the start of the game, it looked to be a well-matched game, as 3rd Marines and VP-47 were neck and neck through the first half. Tied at 11 within the first few minutes, VP-47 guard

Travis Carter repeatedly fed the ball to Eric Zwitz who was able to capitalize on several possessions. Tony Rogers, center for 3rd Marines, was literally the center of their game with a good chunk of the first-half points, and the only person continuously putting VP-47 on their heels.

"We were just getting warmed up," said Carter. "We got the ball around during the first half and did exactly what we planned on doing coming out there, and that was spreading the ball around."

At the close of the first half, VP-47 jumped up by one when Carter found Keith Morgan for three — just a taste of what was to come in the second half.

Starting the second half off right, 3rd Marines exploded onto the court with a quick six points to gain the lead, but were immediately silenced when Morgan, Carter and Shaw Ballentine all swished three-pointers.

To counter the distant assault, Rogers stayed inside for 3rd Marines, where he could do some damage, but the rest of the 3rd Marines team tried to fight fire with fire, unsuccessfully, and shoot for the three. While a spark could hardly be generated for 3rd Marines, the flames were so hot on the VP-47 side that Carter and Morgan couldn't even get near the hoop. They were forced to launch their shots from the three-point line, and according to Carter, if they had gotten any closer to the hoop, they could have been severely burned from the heat generated by all the ball-net friction.

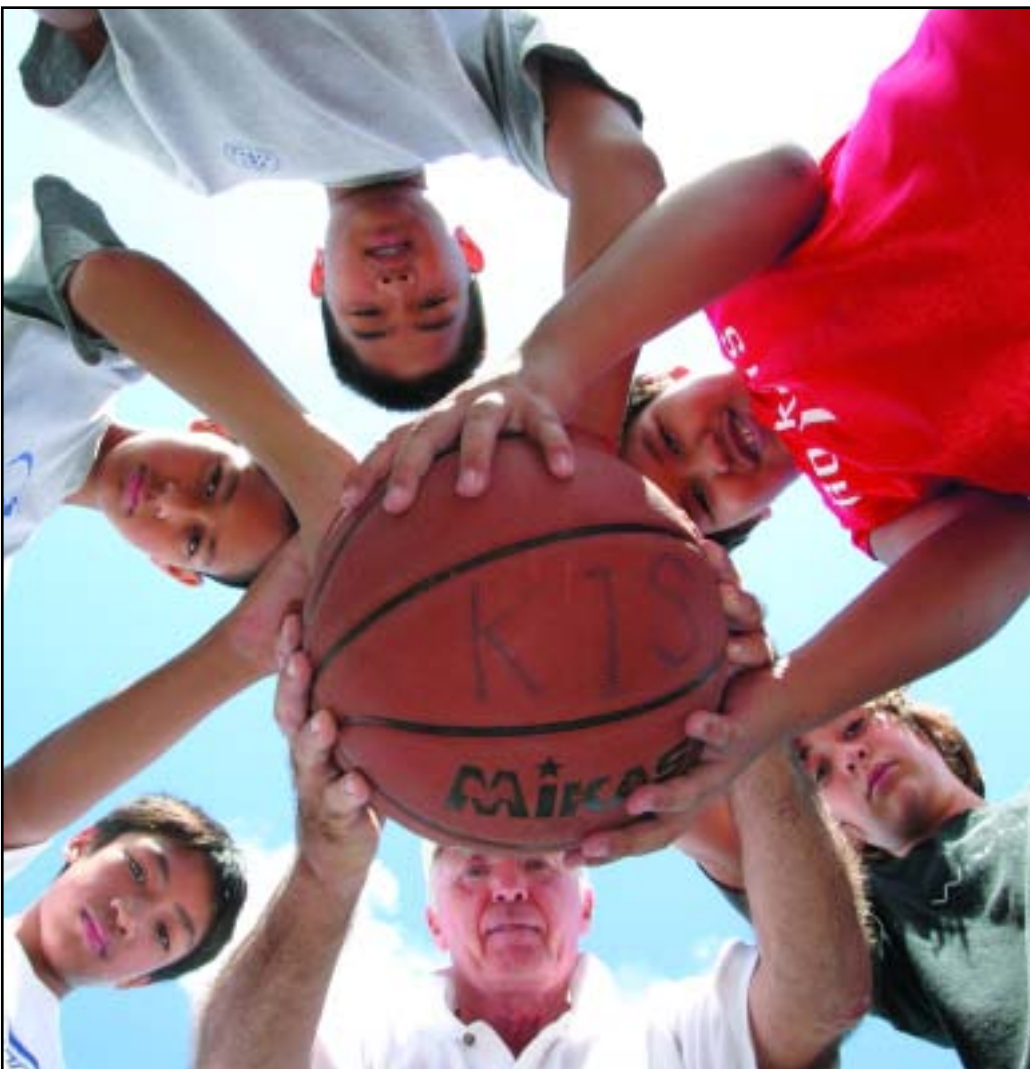
"It was like being an NBA player at a carnival shoot out," said Carter. "I'm just wondering when I get my giant stuffed-animal prize."

Before the 3rd Marines team could say, "cotton candy," the VP-47 team had jumped to a 13-point lead, and was doing everything they could to catch up, even though every shot from beyond the key found nothing but rim.

Paul Stewart of 3rd Marines was able to connect briefly with Rogers, on a short burst of

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## United youth



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Dr. Charles "Chic" Hess, basketball coach at Kailua Intermediate School (bottom center), gathers with a group of his basketball players after practice on Monday. Hess is a three-time High School Coach of the Year, two-time Hawaii Small College Coach of the Year, 1991 KODAK National Association of Basketball Coaches Junior College Coach of the Year and author of the book, "Prof Blood and the Wonder Teams: The True Story of Basketball's First Great Coach." Hess, who is referred to by some in the local area as Kailua Intermediate's best kept secret, is looking for military and local children to join together on his basketball team and learn everything he has to teach about basketball, beginning with the fundamentals. Clockwise from Hess, is Casey Chai, Tre Stagner, Kevin Leong, Anthony Lorenzo and Luis Valenzuela. See page C-3 for the whole story on Coach Hess.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Keith Morgan, VP-47, finishes off 3rd Marines with a reverse layup, Aug. 11, at the Semper Fit Center during the 101 Days of Summer Basketball Tournament championship game. The final score was 60-49, and Morgan finished the game with 18 points, most from beyond the three-point line.





# 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 T.O. worth the trouble?

**Sgt. Joe Lindsay**  
The Goat

"First they came for the Jews. I was silent. I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists. I was silent. I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists. I was silent. I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me. There was no one left to speak for me."

— **Martin Niemöller**

Terrell will speak for you Mr. Niemöller. After all, isn't Terrell's contract battle with the Philadelphia Eagles less about his own personal financial gain than it is about the security of not only his immediate family, but also of their family's family's family's families?

And when you really think about it, this in and of itself should be enough to recast T.O.'s image from a greedily covetous athlete to a philanthropic role model trying to take care not only of his family, but to better the working conditions and pay of the de facto sweatshop that is the National Football League.

In this sense, Mr. Owens is not unlike the trade and labor unionists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries who stood for the solidarity of working men, women and children, many of whom toiled all day in factories, slaughterhouses, coal mines and fields for little more than a pittance with which to subsist on.

A coal miner making \$1.25 per day deep inside the Earth somewhere outside Pittsburgh in 1898, is really not all that far

off from what Terrell is going through right now. Given inflation, Terrell's \$7 million per year salary seems to echo the economic pain of multitudes of our silent heroes snuffed out before their time by the black lung.

Athletes, as a rule, much like coaling miners, have relatively little prospect of a long career. Terrell is nearly 32 years old, and the current contract he is under will likely take him to the end of his playing days. It seems more than just a little coincidental that the first indentured servants brought to America were forced to work for seven years to pay off their passage. Terrell's paltry seven-year, \$49-million contract reeks of the same stench of inequity.

**Bottom Line:** Terrell Owens is acting like a punk. He is one of those rare superstar athletes who, no matter how amazingly good they are, (and make no mistake, Terrell Owens is a truly great receiver), are still not worth the trouble.

The only athlete ever in any sport who could even think about getting away with what Terrell is pulling right now is probably Michael Jordan. And then again, if MJ acted like T.O., then he wouldn't be MJ. He wouldn't have six rings, and he wouldn't be mentioned in the same sentence with Zeus, Apollo, and Ares.

Instead, he would have zero rings and would be mentioned in the same sentence as "Desperate Housewives" co-star Nicolette Sheridan, wardrobe malfunction queen Janet Jackson, and "Punk'd" host Ashton Kutcher. He would be Terrell Owens.

**Kristin Herrick**  
The Cheese

**Jerry Maguire:** That's great. I'm very ... happy.

**Rod Tidwell:** That's what I'm gonna do for you. God bless you, Jerry. Now this is what you're gonna do for me. You listening?

**Jerry:** Yeah, yeah, what can I do for YOU, Rod?

**Rod:** It's a very personal, very important thing. Hell, it's a family motto. Now are you ready? Just checking to make sure you're ready, here it is — show me the money. OHHH! SHOW! ME! THE! MONEY! Doesn't it make you feel good just to say that, Jerry? Say it with me one time brother!

**Jerry:** ... Show you the money.

**Rod:** Oh, come on, you can do better than that! I want you to say it brother with meaning! Hey, I got Bob Sugar on the other line. I better hear you say it!

**Jerry:** Yeah, ye — no, show you the money!

**Rod:** Ah! Not show YOU! Show ME the money!

**Jerry:** Show me the money!

**Rod:** Yeah, that's it brother, but you got to yell that \*%#!

**Jerry:** Show me the money!

**Rod:** Louder!

**Jerry:** Show me the money!

The Cheese searched and searched and couldn't find out how much moola Cuba Gooding Jr. got paid to play second-rate receiver Rod Tidwell in "Jerry Maguire." My guess, however, would be that he made some-

where in the neighborhood of \$7 million.

I feel sorry for T.O., I really do. Under his current contract with the Philadelphia Eagles, Terrell would receive a mere \$7 million per year for being one of the top receivers in the NFL. In the movie industry, top actors such as Tom Cruise and Tom Hanks can negotiate upwards of \$25 million per picture. Theoretically, one of these actors could pretend to be a receiver like T.O. on the big screen and rake in nearly four times as much as Owens makes for one season of the real thing.

As much as Terrell wants his agent, Drew Rosenhaus, to show him the money, I think he also just wants a little recognition. His fans love him, his critics love to slam him, but however one feels about T.O., they have to admit he's a killer football player. Cuba won an Oscar for his role in "Jerry Maguire;" T.O. has yet to become the first receiver to be named the NFL Most Valuable Player.

**Bottom Line:** True, T.O. could handle himself less like a middle schooler chosen last for a courtyard game of flag football, but he is underappreciated in Philly and in the NFL. Receivers league-wide are underappreciated for that matter. Terrell knows some team, somewhere will pay up and, with that bargaining power, he can afford to act like an adolescent. Owens majored in merchandising; he knows there's no such thing as bad publicity, he also knows that without him, McNabb has no one to throw to.

If his pro football career falls short, T.O. could always act.

## quotable

"The only thing that will keep Terrell Owens from being the best is Terrell Owens."

— 49ers Receivers Coach George Stewart

**BOXING, From C-1**

gained the advantage early on with continuous left hooks to the right side of Riffe's face.

Riffe then changed his technique and fought back against Ursua with two bursts of combinations taking their toll on Ursua's body. The sudden adrenaline rush was not able to bring his opponent down, though, as Ursua came back strong with more jabs and hooks.

Both fighters knew the third round would be the deciding factor that would determine the win, and they both entered the center of the ring with more intensity than previously displayed.

Hooks and jabs continued to connect to their opponent's faces, but blocks were also thrown up ever so often to soften the blows. Nearing the end of the round, Ursua landed a vicious left hook that secured the win — seconds before the bell rang.

Fighters Unlimited's penultimate fighter, Tucker Stokley, took on Palolo's Ryan Friskel in what proved to be the most suspenseful bout of the evening.

Both middleweight boxers who are short in stature, made up for their size in muscle and speed. Those not watching carefully missed a knockdown blow by Friskel that sent Stokley to the mat. Even the fighter himself didn't see the quick hook until it was too late.

"I can't say I remember it all that well," explained the former Marine Corps sergeant. "I just remember getting up and continuing on with the fight."

Stokley came back with a few combination hits, but Friskel's earlier knockdown punch kept his confidence high as he held his ground landing jabs and hooks to Stokley's face and body.

Round two began as if it were the beginning of the fight. Both boxers came into the center of the ring with the same speed and intensity they displayed during the first round.

With the crowds cheering and jeering, both coaches had to yell to try to give their fighters tips to improve their chance at a win. Stokley seemed to gain the advantage as Friskel's intensity faded little by little in the second round.

During the minute between rounds, murmurs could be heard from the K-Bay side about whether or not Stokley could come back after the knockdown punch. More often than not, the answer seemed to be in favor of the Afghanistan veteran.

As the third round began, the crowd had to be pushed back because their excitement had caused them to get out of their seats and push towards the edge of the ring. Although the crowd was finally moved back, fans' voices remained loud, determined to encourage their fighter.

The third round began as either fighter's bout, but as time went on, Stokley gained control of the ring, as Friskel seemingly grew weary and lost his intensity. Stokley's hooks, more often than not, made contact and when threatened by a jab, he was quick to throw up a block.

The K-Bay crowd agreed with the win and some even jumped up and down when Stokley's arm was raised in victory.

The final fight between Fighters Unlimited's Francisco Maldonado and Kawano/Tiki Ent. B. C.'s Matthew Monkewicz, proved to be the first fight that appeared to be won during the first round alone.

Maldonado's calm, relaxed demeanor may have given Monkewicz the wrong impression of Maldonado — an impression that cost him the fight.

Although Maldonado may have come across as being slow and far from intense, his rhythmic manner soon gave way to a technique unseen by fans until then.

Methodically he moved around the ring, taking several jabs to the face, reacting with not so much as a frown. Maldonado didn't throw any power hits until the end of the first round when he landed several hard body shots, weakening his opponent's guard.

The second round remained slow, yet the intensity of both fighters seemed to take a turn for the better as the movement in the ring increased with both fighters throwing out jabs and blocks.

The third round secured the win for Maldonado, who had already made his impression on his opponent. His combinations and body shots continued to weaken his opponent, making it apparent that he had the fight in control ever since they entered the ring.

With two losses, two wins on points and one win by forfeit, Fighters Unlimited made a hard impact on the outside boxing clubs after only two



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

**Timothy Riffe, member of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Fighters Unlimited Boxing Club, receives coaching in between rounds.**

weeks of training prior to the fights.

"We had a good night," said Fighters Unlimited's Coach, Jack Johnson. "I don't think any of our fighters were beat. Some of them didn't win by points, but none of them were beat."

Stokley's first-ever boxing match made quite an impression on him, and he said he intends to continue with the intense sport for as long as he can.

"I didn't even know what was going on in the ring," he said. "I just kept fighting, and I could hear the crowd ever so often, which helped out a lot. I will definitely keep boxing."

The next match at Kahuna's is scheduled for late September. For more information on upcoming fights or joining the base boxing team, contact Jack Johnson at 292-2109.

# Clinics change system

## Press Release

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

How many times have you seen a doctor who is not your assigned doctor? Have you ever even seen your doctor? And do the doctors you see really know you?

Here at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, we strive to provide high-quality care and excellence to all enrolled beneficiaries. Our goal is to meet your needs and to better serve you. We know that by moving to an all-appointment based system and taking a physician team approach, we can better serve you and your health care needs.

So, starting Monday, NHCLH began a new way of doing business that will ultimately optimize the availability of appointments, make the appointment booking process more user friendly, and pay attention to your total health and well-being.

How you ask? Makalapa Acute Care Clinic and Primary Care Clinic merged to become the Family Practice Clinic. As all other clinics at Branch Health Clinic Makalapa and K-Bay are currently functioning, the Family Practice Clinic will see patients primarily by appointment only. Walk-in appointments will no longer be the standard, although we will still have the ability to address non-emergent patient care issues that require immediate attention.

This change will enable you to see your assigned doctor (Primary Care Manager) for almost every visit; enable your doctor to get to

know you and your health history, which will allow him or her to provide better, more consistent care for your individual health needs; schedule you with one of your doctor's team members when he or she is unable to see you; allow your doctor to be informed when you have been seen by another team member and to know the outcome of your visit and follow up with you as needed; and offer weekend appointments for patients with acute needs.

Hours of operation will remain the same at BHC Makalapa and BHC K-Bay for both weekdays and weekends. See your respective clinic for more specific hours. For weekend acute appointments, call the following numbers before visiting the clinics: Makalapa Central Appointments: 473-0247; Makalapa Family Practice Clinic: 473-1880, ext. 266 or 219 (you will speak with a triage nurse). K-Bay Central Appointments: 257-2131 or call Makalapa Family Practice Clinic and indicate that you are calling for an appointment at K-Bay.

As always, be advised that there are no emergency services available at any clinic. Tripler Army Medical Center's emergency room is for patients who think that they have a problem that requires immediate treatment. For life-threatening emergencies, the Federal Fire Department can be contacted by dialing 471-7116 or 471-7117; you may also dial 911 or report to the nearest hospital emergency room.

NHCLH knows that in the long run, patients will be pleased with the new way of business, because then they will receive the best care from their doctor.

A local educator's goal to...

# Unify local children through sports

**Sgt. Joseph A. Lee**

*Sports Editor*

**KAILUA, Hawaii** — Being a military child is an experience only those who have endured can understand or try to explain. The constant relocations to new and different education systems and peer groups can make it tough for a child to feel comfortable with his or her friends, and perhaps nothing is more important to a youngster than to feel comfortable at school or in their social group.

"There is a direct relationship with after-school athletics and success in school," said Kailua Intermediate School Basketball Coach, Dr. Charles "Chic" Hess. "For military children, I believe the relationship is that much more defined, because that's where most friendships and close bonds with classmates are made. Without that bond, military children can feel alienated at their school."

Hess, a three-time High School Coach of the Year, two-time Hawaii Small College Coach of the Year, 1991 KODAK National Association of Basketball Coaches Junior College Coach of the Year and author of the

book, "Prof Blood and the Wonder Teams: The True Story of Basketball's First Great Coach," is currently coaching the "Junior Surfriders" basketball team at Kailua Intermediate School, and is looking for students who want to learn how to play basketball.

With an overall high school coaching record of 230 wins and 81 losses, Hess has coached basketball at most every level, including high school, junior college and at a four-year college. Parents refer him to as Kailua Intermediate's best kept secret, because he brings local and military children together at KIS and teaches them how to enjoy the game of basketball.

"Teaching the fundamentals of basketball is my specialty," said Hess, who was often referred to as the "Shot Doctor" for his ability to cure players'

shooting ailments. "Like any sport, basketball can teach good sportsmanship, proper behavior and discipline. It is my goal to find good kids who want to learn the sport, and then I will teach these children everything they ever wanted to know about basketball, and more -- starting with the fundamentals."

Like strong social bonds, school pride is an issue that most military children have difficulty expressing, according to Hess, because they are not usually with one school throughout the normal term.

"The students who have parents in the military usually have plenty of options when it comes to after-school activities and facilities in which to play sports," said Hess. "This is definitely a good thing, because it allows the children access to those after-school functions that are so important to a



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

**Coach Hess watches as student basketball player Casey Chai (left) dribbles past Anthony Lorenzo during practice Monday at Kailua Intermediate.**



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**Dr. Charles "Chic" Hess (left) instructs student Casey Chai on the triple-threat position while other members of the basketball team look on. From right to left in line, are Anthony Lorenzo, Kevin Leong, Tre Stagner and Luis Valenzuela.**

child's success, but, at the same time, they may be missing out on quality friendships and bonds with their fellow students. The feeling of school pride and potentially a diminished barrier between military and local

children can naturally be attained through after school sports."

For more information about the Junior Surfriders basketball team, contact Dr. Chic Hess at 263-1500, ext. 303.

## VP-47, From C-1

energy late in the first half to close the gap to 10, but once again Ballentine, Carter and Morgan teamed up to push out a bigger lead. At the end of the game, Carter finished it with one last three-pointer, to put the final score at 60-49. For VP-47, Carter finished with 21 points, Morgan with 18, and Ballentine with 13. For 3rd Marines, Rogers finished with 24 points — three times the score of the next highest on the 3rd Marines team, eight by Estrarsand DaSilva.

"We knew we were going to win," said Carter after the game. "Really, they never had a chance to win. It was fun for the whole formality and everything, but c'mon — VP-47 is the intramural champion for a reason. If anyone's surprised, they shouldn't be."



Cpl. Rich Mattingly

Ted Newcomb, former Marine and surfer, surveys North Beach, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, K-Bay, as surfers prepare to take a lunch break out on the waves. Newcomb helped open North Beach to surfing in the late '60s, after returning from two tours in Vietnam. He was instrumental in fusing early, positive relations between the burgeoning Windward Marine community and locals by allowing access to the much sought-after swells off North Beach.

## Former Marine recalls surfing legacy at K-Bay

**Cpl. Rich Mattingly**  
*Combat Correspondent*

"It's still amazing," he said, looking out at the white-tipped azure swells off of North Beach on Oahu. "It's been a long time, but it's exactly how I remember it."

When former Sgt. Ted R. Newcomb first saw the swells off what was then Marine Corps Air Station Hawaii's flight line, he was on "rest and relaxation" orders from Vietnam in 1967.

Responsible for distributing motor vehicle parts by helicopter throughout the country to Marine ground units in the late 60s, Newcomb participated in some of the heaviest fighting of the war. Field promoted to the rank of sergeant, the surfer who got his first professional gig when he was 14, earned a reputation for being tough under fire — despite his relaxed demeanor.

"Every morning I'd surf and see if I could open the beach for surfing that day," said Newcomb during his recent return visit to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, explaining his job in the Marine Corps post-Vietnam as the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of allowing local surfers to access North Beach among other things. "It was incredible and the best thing that could have happened to me at the time."

After his second tour in Vietnam, Newcomb was offered orders to Hawaii and jumped at the chance. He was originally assigned as the health and comfort noncommissioned officer for the Brig, but it wasn't long before his talents for riding the waves were put to good use.

"A colonel had drowned just off of North Beach about six months before I came back to Oahu," said Newcomb. "The beach had been closed, and it was causing some friction with the locals, since it was still state-owned property. The Marines wanted someone to open it up and take care of the beach."

With duties as Beach Noncommissioned Officer, Newcomb was a busy man, despite having what most other Marine's on base considered a "dream job."

"I'd see Marines marching around in formation, and here I was with a nose coat and a surf board, going to work in a government jeep every morning," laughed Newcomb. "I had long hair and almost never wore a uniform, because of what I did and the interaction I had to make with the locals — including weekly visits with the Mayor."

Despite appearances necessitated by his position; however, Newcomb was pivotal in forging strong bonds with the community during his time at K-Bay. Called the "Pied Piper of North Beach" by many for the way he led surfers to the

waves every morning, he maintained a base access list for locals who wanted to surf the sought after "North Shore Swell" that North Beach catches.

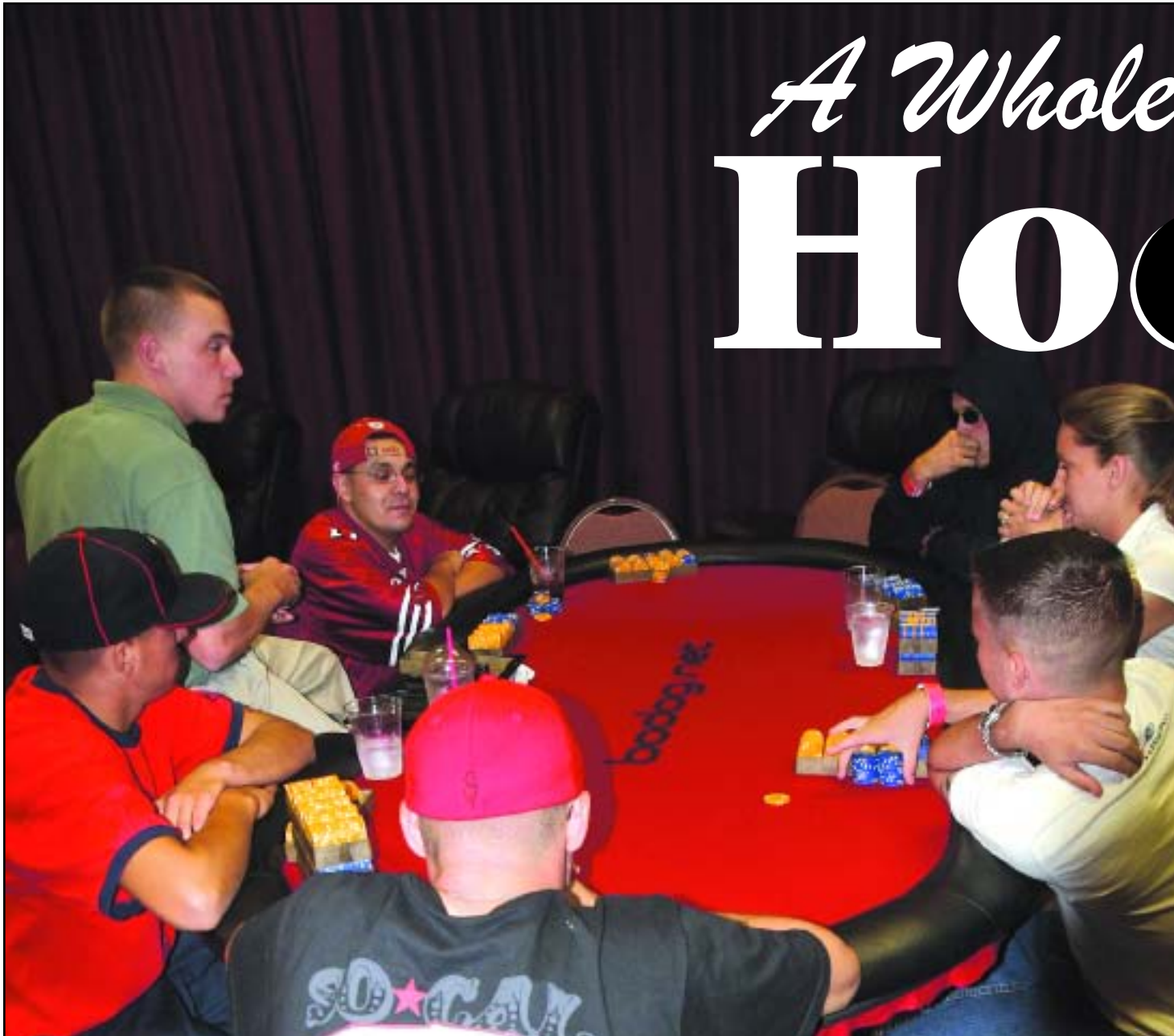
"Tensions were high then because of Vietnam," said Newcomb. "After we opened the beach up, though, everyone was really appreciative. It just got bigger and bigger and bigger with more and more people wanting to come on base all the time."

Newcomb now lives in Costa Mesa, Calif., where he owns and operates a shoe store and still surfs every chance he gets.

# ON POINT

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## A Whole Lotta Hoopla



SM&SP's 24-Hour Hoopla drew service members with varied events such as poker games, and an Xbox Halo 2 and pool tournaments.

### Single Marine & Sailor Program celebrates last days of summer

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*Combat Correspondent*

The Single Marine & Sailor Program held its 24-hour Hoopla at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's Kahuna's Recreation Center on Friday, to provide Marines and Sailors with fun and entertainment that promoted entertainment without alcohol and gave them the opportunity to earn 101 Days of Summer points for their units.

The annual event, known in the past as a 48-hour Hoopla, featured various games and tournaments that included Texas Hold 'em and board games as well as Xbox Halo 2 and pool tournaments. Pizza was provided to attendees during the festivities.

Alexis Swenson, manager of the recreation center, said that the Hoopla was a significant event and was the one time this year that all activities were focused on pure entertainment.

"We just received brand new Playstations and Xbox games that folks enjoyed during the Hoopla, or anytime after," said Swenson. "If a Marine or Sailor is new to the base and hasn't seen the Rec Center, this is a great time to check out what the center has to offer."

Cpl. Kevin Vonier, Headquarters Battalion, said that the 24-hour Hoopla was a good idea for Marines or Sailors who want to get away from the bar scene or are not old enough to drink alcohol.

"There were a lot of people who showed up that night," said Vonier, an Atlanta, Ga. native. "It kind of surprised me how much fun everyone was having and how many people actually attended. All and all, it turned out really well."

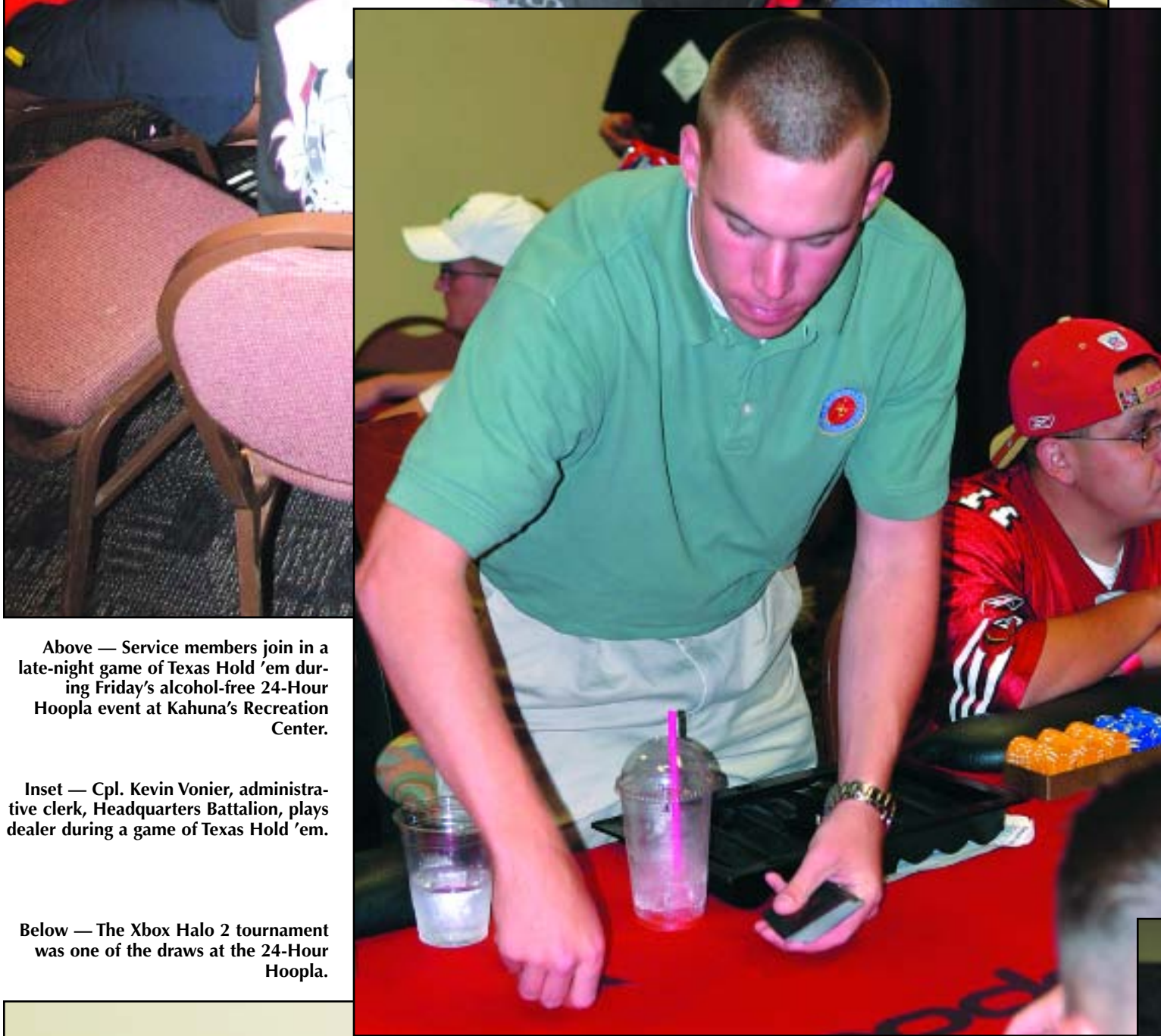
Once the sun came out the next morning, part two of the Hoopla began. A beach bash was held at Pyramid Rock, Saturday.

"The beach bash started at 10 a.m.," said Vonier. "The people who came all played volleyball and limbo before eating the lunch that was made for them to re-energize them."

Swenson explained how this was the first time that the beach bash was affiliated with the Hoopla.

"It seemed very fitting for the Hoopla to add the beach bash," said Swenson. "It provides an opportunity for those who spent all night at the Rec Center to get out."

Gabby Black, Single Marine & Sailor Program coordinator, said she is looking forward to providing another opportunity for fun in the sun.



Above — Service members join in a late-night game of Texas Hold 'em during Friday's alcohol-free 24-Hour Hoopla event at Kahuna's Recreation Center.

Inset — Cpl. Kevin Vonier, administrative clerk, Headquarters Battalion, plays dealer during a game of Texas Hold 'em.

Below — The Xbox Halo 2 tournament was one of the draws at the 24-Hour Hoopla.



An enlisted member enjoys a game of pool during SM&SP's annual alcohol-free event, this year, known as the 24-Hour Hoopla.