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Photo by LCpl Jo Dougherty

**HAIL TO THE CHIEFS** — Even veteran cannon cocker Cpl A.L. Washington, from the Station Ordnance Saluting Battery team, appears startled by the thunderous report of the 3-inch, .50 caliber

naval gun. Marines from the ordnance section fired a 21-gun salute Monday in observance of Presidents' Day. The traditional rendering of honors is reserved for heads of state.

## CMC states missions, goals

WASHINGTON, MC News — Gen Robert H. Barrow appeared before the House Armed Services Committee to present his first posture statement as Commandant of the Marine Corps. The posture statement assessed the state of the Corps and defined current and projected capabilities and requirements.

In his opening remarks, Barrow affirmed his commitment to a strong Navy-Marine Corps team and a strategy consistent with the needs of this essentially maritime nation. He restated a pledge he made in May of last year as Commandant-designate, during confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

As that time, he recalled, "I made a commitment that it would be unwavering in my devotion to having a Marine Corps . . .

without peer, in quality of people, performance, and leadership. That pledge remains foremost in my mind and will figure prominently in the course I am charting for the Corps for the next four years."

He reaffirmed the Marine Corps' longstanding commitment to readiness. The accession and retention of quality personnel (and) the modernization of Marine forces "are fundamental to maintaining readiness and will continue to receive primary emphasis."

The Commandant spoke of the U.S. vital interests from a maritime perspective, namely: this nation's dependence on the sea for economic prosperity and for national security; the vulnerability of America's extensive overseas interests; and

the realities of the current international situation — concluding, "I see a need for increased emphasis on our maritime orientation . . ."

The threat to NATO Europe remains the most demanding challenge facing conventional forces. The general urged preparedness to face "the more probable dangers outside that theater."

To protect its national interests the United States "must have a clear ability to establish maritime superiority when and where required." Otherwise, "... we forfeit our option of measured response to aggression, our forward strategy is unsupportable, and we risk reliance on weapons of last resort."

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**LCpl Ed Blanton, Station Operations and Maintenance Squadron:** "It's important, because if the right man gets in it's going to make a lot of difference."

# Editorial / Opinion

# Lenten Season

## Spiritual victory can be attained in the fullest sense

First, it is a time of reaffirmation that Christ is Lord and Savior of our lives. We do not stand alone. God cared so much for each one of us that He gave His Son Jesus Christ to be

Second, Lent is an opportunity to develop a more vibrant spiritual life. It offers us the realization that our efforts often fall short in our attempt to meet the challenges and demands of the day. Such awareness compels the Christian to seek God's help and guidance. Acknowledging this, we admit the need of a renewed relationship in Christ. Old habits and

Jesus went to the Cross so that we might achieve spiritual victory. The Lenten Season is a special time for us to realize this fact in the fullest sense. Let us acknowledge and serve Him that so we might be pleasing in his sight.

## My turn

Not only during the holidays, but at many other times, I have seen some neighbors whose husbands make in excess of \$25-35,000 per year purchase articles in the exchange.

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## At a glance

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"And finally, we feel that we must rely on our patrons' integrity not to abuse the system by making purchases for unauthorized people. This type of abuse is not only illegal, but may have undesired effect of all military personnel losing the exchange system."

There will be a meeting of the Parents Advisory Council on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lower Lanai of the Officer's Club. All parents of children in Menchune pre-school are encouraged to attend. The Child Care Center will be open that night for parents who wish to attend the meeting. Reservations should be made in advance at the Child Care Center. For further information contact the pre-school at 257-2253.

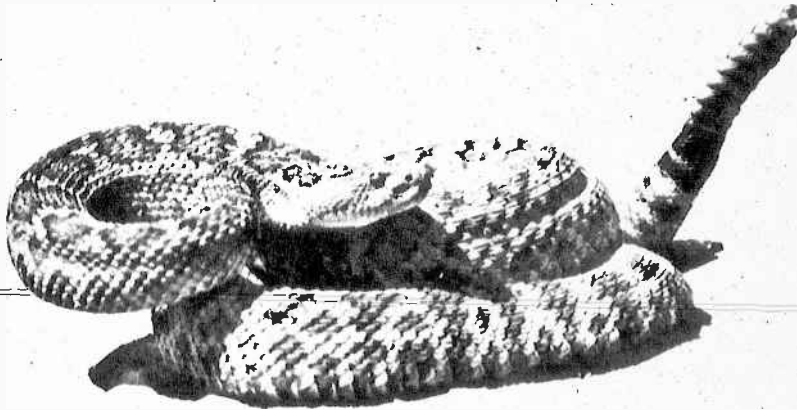
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**WARRANT OFFICERS APPOINTED —** CW01 Timothy O'Malley of Marine Air Control Squadron-2 receives his rank insignia from BrigGen Harry Hagaman, commanding general, 1st Marine Brigade, and LtCol L.E. Obenhaus, commanding officer of MACS-2, in front of Brigade headquarters. Seven other Marines achieving warrant officer status February 15 were: Raymond Brown, Charles Pope II, Leonard Shipley, Freddie Taylor, Robert Thien, Dennis Baker and Edward Cruz Jr.

Photo by LCpl Jo Daugherty



## 4-way stop erected at Mokapu and Harris



While the state of Hawaii is not plagued by snakes — toxic or non-toxic, the sight of a coiled rattler is enough to make anyone stop.

What does that have to do with life aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay? The simple fact of it is that motorists traveling on Mokapu will be faced with a new four way stop sign at the intersection of Harris and Mokapu.

New signs are being erected now and will be unveiled and effective 6 a.m. Monday.

If you don't exercise caution at the intersection, a snake won't strike, but an accident very likely could.

Motorists are reminded by the Provost Marshal's Office of the Hawaii State Traffic code pertaining to rights of way which states: "Except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stopline. After stopping, the driver shall yield the right of way to any vehicle that has entered the intersection from another highway or that is approaching so closely on the other highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such driver is moving across or within the intersection."

Motorists are reminded that when two vehicles approach an intersection at the same time the driver on the left shall yield to the driver on the right.

## SNCO advice sought

By SSgt Don Shinkaruk

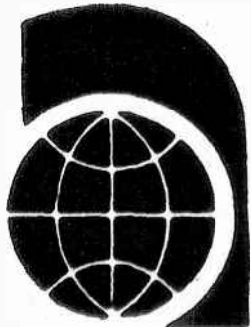
WASHINGTON, MCNews — The advice of senior staff NCOs is being sought to improve the professional military education of all staff NCOs.

Questionnaires prepared at the Education Center, MCDEC, Quantico, Va. will be mailed this month to selected Marines in pay grade E-8 and E-9 at major commands. These staff NCOs will be asked their opinions of how the Marine Corps should teach SNCOs professional military skills.

Announced in ALMAR 24/80, the

questionnaire program was started to give the Commandant the benefit of the advice of his senior enlisted Marines. The self-administered questionnaires, which take about an hour to complete, will also give them more say in what all SNCOs should be taught. Their advice will form the basis for future professional military education programs.

Maximum response by queried SNCOs is encouraged. The forms should be returned to the Staff NCO Academy at Quantico by March 15. For more information, contact Capt F.M. O'Leary at (AUTOVON) 278-2928 or (703) 640-2928.



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# Gen Barrow addresses senate on Corps

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"With maritime superiority, we can meet the Soviet naval challenge, (reduce) the likelihood of general conventional... or nuclear war... and support a forward deployment strategy."

Noting that both sea control and power projection are essential components of sea power, the Commandant cited the role of amphibious forces in performing these missions. He pledged total support for "those programs essential to amphibious power projection and... the maritime strategy."

Barrow said that preserving and maintaining "our unique and tested capability for amphibious power projection will require significant investment. Modernization programs to upgrade and maintain capabilities are essential."

**"... in the event of a general war of global proportions, we need the capability to conduct simultaneous MAF-level amphibious assaults."**

In presenting his request for an authorized military end strength of 185,200 Marines for the coming fiscal year, the Commandant consistently expressed his confidence in and concern for the individual Marine. This concern emerged repeatedly throughout his statement, as he identified the Corps' major priorities in the national defense.

**RAPID DEPLOYMENT** — Interest in rapid deployment is high. "To the Marine Corps, rapid deployment means getting to the assigned area quickly and being able to carry out the assigned mission on arrival... (It) means readiness and on-scene presence with the capability to deter conflict or deal with the situation should deterrence fail."

He cited two innovative programs that will contribute substantially to the rapid deployment and sustenance of Marine amphibious forces. First, the Marine Corps is programming resources to pre-position equipment, supplies and ammunition for a Marine Amphibious Brigade in strategic locations ashore, to enhance Marine flexibility and responsiveness to MAF commitments.

Second, a program called "Maritime Prepositioning" will allow Marine Air-Ground Task Forces to deploy rapidly in response to crises worldwide. Combat equipment and supplies for Marine Air-Ground Task Forces will be pre-positioned aboard cargo ships in potential trouble spots, in sufficient quantities to sustain three Marine Amphibious Brigades.

This concept enables Marine Air-Ground Task Forces to be flown overseas by strategic airlift and link up with their pre-positioned combat supplies and heavy equipment maintained on the cargo ships.

These initiatives will "lessen reaction time and enhance our capability to sustain our forces through a crisis... Pre-positioning, however, must be developed as an adjunct to and as an alternative for providing an adequate strategic mobility capability (to include amphibious life). We need strategic mobility for a forcible entry capability."

**MANPOWER** — The general ranked quality of personnel with mission accomplishment and readiness. The readiness to deploy rapidly and to accomplish any mission assigned is based largely on the individual Marine's ability to endure rigorous training, to accept firm discipline, and to respond to sound leadership. "These are directly linked to the... (quality)... of persons we enlist."

He indicated his determination to preserve manpower quality, stating that if a choice had to be made between quality and numbers of Marines, he is "prepared to accept a reduced end strength, if necessary, to maintain a quality Marine Corps."

The Commandant pointed to tangible results from the investment in quality: lower attrition, fewer disciplinary problems, and decreased rates of unauthorized absence and desertion. For the fourth year in a row, the number of confined Marines continued to drop. Marines who do not meet performance and disciplinary standards are being discharged.

Stressing his commitment to quality, Barrow said, "... we are convinced that the demands of combat in today's sophisticated technological environment require Marines who are dedicated, disciplined, and trainable." The high school diploma remains the best indicator of that type of performance.

For the third straight year, the Corps has achieved its goal of 75 percent high school graduates for all new enlistees.

Because of the difficult recruiting environment and the declining male population base, he urged support for recruit advertising and enlistment incentive programs. To enhance career retention, he also requested support for the Selected Reenlistment Bonus program.

He commented on the growing anxiety of Marines that their benefits and compensation are being sacrificed in the war on inflation:

The Corps remains "manpower intensive," with over 70 per-

cent of Marine appropriations devoted to manpower and an operating-to-support ratio of better than 60:40.

**RESERVES** — "The outlook for the Reserve is good." The Selected Marine Corps Reserve increased by 600 last year, with 77 percent of new accessions being high school graduates, being high school graduates.

The Commandant's stated readiness goal is for ground units of battalion size or smaller to be able to mobilize within 30 days, and aviation units, within seven days.

**TRAINING** — The quality of Marine training "will determine our success on any future battlefield." Recruit training, the Commandant noted, is fundamental to all other training. "It is our most important training... and we must preserve its character." Male recruit training now runs 10.3 weeks.

Barrow rated aircrew training as "excellent." He credited the advanced weapons and tactics training program conducted at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona.

All infantrymen and assault amphibian crewmen, now receive formal school training where the emphasis is on combat orientation. Among the long-term improvements for formal schools are new instructional systems and techniques, and computer-assisted instruction. Marines receive specialized skill training at facilities operated by the Corps and other services as well.

On the subject of effective training for women Marines, Barrow explained, "Our position is to recruit, train, and assign women to perform a variety of valuable functions well short of close combat. While the number and role of women Marines is increasing, training for combat will continue to be excluded as inappropriate, unnecessary, and uneconomical."

The tempo and scope of combined arms training increased over the past year. Combined arms training remains a highly rated Marine specialty, intrinsic to the operation of the Marine Air-Ground Team.

The Marines train for amphibious operations in a balanced program that includes exercises that strengthen their capability to operate in desert, jungle, and mountain areas.

**MODERNIZATION** — The Commandant placed major emphasis on increasing and improving firepower and mobility. Much of the Corps' modernization effort capitalizes on a multi-Service approach. Except for the landing force aspects of amphibious warfare — for which development the Marine Corps is responsible — Marine equipment needs can be met largely by close coordination with the other services.

The Marines expect to get the XM-1 tank in the mid-1980s; and an improved TOW antitank weapons system and the M198 155mm Howitzer, next year. Being tested are improvements in weapons systems essential to the infantry battalion, including an improved M16A1 rifle. The Corps is also looking toward improvements in the M60 machine gun.

The entire Marine Corps structure is also being studied to determine the most combat-effective mix of personnel and weaponry.

**AVIATION** — The Commandant underscored the need to modernize the aviation component of the Marine Air-Ground Team — a need driven by the increasingly sophisticated threat Marines face worldwide. He indicated his confidence in the Harrier (the only operational VSTOL aircraft in the U.S.), and expressed regret that R&D funding to continue the AV-8B follow-up program had been omitted from the FY-81 budget.

On the positive side, he pointed to the success of the YAV-8B Flight Demonstration program.

**"... demands of combat in today's sophisticated technological environment require Marines who are dedicated, disciplined, and trainable."**

Modernizing the light attack aircraft force is high on the Corps' list of priorities. The AV-8A to AV-8C "Conversion-In-Lieu-Of-Procurement" (CLOP) program is in the FY-81 budget, and promises improved combat capability.

Barrow registered continuing concern over the cutback in the A-6E force structure — a reduction of about 17 percent of the Corps' all-weather attack capability, resulting from last year's budgetary constraints. The general expressed concern "that adequate all-weather close air support be available to our Marines on the ground."

The Marine Corps is faced with a reduction in the number of aircraft in its fighter squadrons during FY-81, and by the mid-80s a number of these squadrons will have to be decommissioned. The reduction in force structure is extremely significant. It cuts directly into the ability to provide air support to Marine ground forces. The Corps is closely monitoring the progress of the new F/A-18 fighter-attack aircraft, intended to equip Marine fighter squadrons.

In regard to helicopters, the Corps plans two investments. First, a Safety, Reliability and Maintainability program is planned for the entire fleet of Navy/Marine Corps CH-46 series aircraft. Secondly, funding is being requested (beginning in FY-82) to seek a common-solution replacement for both the CH-46 and CH-53 A/D.

Tactical lift capabilities of the assault helicopter force will be increased with the introduction of the CH-53E, a heavy lift helicopter. The CH-53E is considered vital to Corps' plans for introducing the M-198 155mm Howitzer and the Mobile Protected Weapon System.

Joint development continues on the Laser Maverick air-to-ground missile; STINGER is scheduled to replace REDFIRE, with a follow-on, designated STINGER POST, capable of engaging higher and faster targets, planned for acquisition in 1983. The Improved HAWK (IHAWK) is now entering Marine inventories.

**LOGISTICS** — New procurements are necessary. The 2-1/2 to 5-ton cargo trucks of 1967 are being replaced with a new series 5-ton truck during FY-79-85. Future procurements include replacing the 1-1/4-ton to 1-1/4-ton truck fleet with a 5/4-ton High Mobility Tactical Truck.

The Field Logistics System promises greater logistical support at reduced investment costs.

**ENERGY** — The Marines cut energy use by 11 percent last year, and consider the FY-85 goal of a 20 percent cut well within reach. Further reductions, cautioned Barrow, could adversely affect Marine training and readiness.

**AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE** — The Marine Corps will extend its present surface ship-to-shore capability to the early 1990s by modernizing the LVT (tracked amphibian vehicle). A new follow-on system, the LVTX, is planned.

The Commandant referred to the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) and the LSD-41 as "the basis of the amphibious force of the future... the most significant advance in amphibious warfare since introduction of the helicopter."

The Corps' most vital requirement is amphibious lift capability.

"To provide reasonable assurance of success in the event of a general war of global proportions, we need the capability to conduct simultaneous MAF-level amphibious assaults. There are 64 amphibious ships in the active fleet... only enough readily available lift for the assault echelon of one MAF, and considerable time is required to assemble it in either ocean."

"I believe we need enough ships, readily available, to lift the assault echelon of a MAF (Marine Amphibious Force) and a MAB (Marine Amphibious Brigade) simultaneously."

**"I made a commitment... a Marine Corps... without peer, in quality of people, performance, and leadership."**

The Commandant also addressed the issue of "block obsolescence" — with all but six of the U.S. current inventory of amphibious ships scheduled to leave the fleet by FY 2002. To meet the urgent need he counseled immediate action "through a reasonable and affordable program of replacements, and, where feasible, service life extensions."

On the issue of naval gunfire support, he stated it is vitally necessary to support critical initial assault phases of amphibious operations as well as Marine forces ashore. Close air support is "complementary... (and) does not obviate the need for an effective naval gun."

**MEDICAL** — The Marines' medical support system is of World War II vintage and not adequate to provide the proper level of health care at front line infantry units and medical battalions. The Commandant considered the Environmental-Controlled Medical System the most satisfactory for Marine Corps purposes.

Barrow referred to the shortfall of 7,000 Navy-furnished hospital beds, and the crucial related issues of surgical and acute care capability. The Fleet Hospital program offers a probable near-term solution.

**CONSTRUCTION FUNDING** — The FY-81 request contains projects for replacing or modernizing enlisted housing and dining facilities — representing 72 percent — or \$64.4 million — of the Corps' military construction funds. Operations, training, maintenance, and other facilities under construction will account for \$24.0 million — or 26.8 percent of next year's military construction funds. He outlined the effort to achieve a balanced five-year military construction program, and the need to include facilities such as chapels and gymnasiums, projects essential to the morale and welfare of Marines.

**CONCLUSION** — The general emphasized that the total effort of the Corps is directed toward maintaining forces in the highest possible state of readiness — available for immediate use whenever or wherever they may be required.

His major concerns were to maintain a strong Marine Corps and to modernize Marine forces so that they could meet the challenges of the future. Ensuring that Marines are ready requires a sizeable investment. "This investment can be expressed in terms of leadership, dedicated men and women who can get the job done, and adequate funding support."

Stating that the individual Marine remains "the essential element of the Corps," the Commandant closed with the assurance, "... the Marine Corps is ready, today, should the call come."

# Party politics

## DoD sets guidelines for servicemembers

American Forces Press Service — This is a presidential election year. Some 55,000 Federal, State, and local elective offices will be filled through elections this year.

As Americans, members of the Armed Forces take part in the year's events by registering to vote and voting.

But because they are on active duty, there are guidelines as to what Servicemembers can and cannot do in supporting and discussing political candidates and issues.

While members of the Armed Forces are permitted to participate in the political process, they are prohibited from engaging in partisan political activities. "Partisan political activities" are those which show open support for a political candidate or for issues related to programs or policies of national or State political parties.

Wearing the uniform while taking part in any type of political activity — with the exception of going to the polls to vote — is considered a violation of Department of Defense directives and policies. In determining whether or not an activity violates the traditional American concept that military personnel must not engage in partisan political activity, common sense and the following guidelines should be used.

In general, any activity which could be interpreted as associating the Department of Defense with any element of a partisan political cause or candidate must be avoided. Expressing views on political issues or figures in a public manner is restricted, and examples are given under "Prohibited Activities."

### Permitted Activities

Keeping in mind the guidelines given above, you, as a Servicemember, may —

- register, vote, and express a personal opinion — but not as a representative of the Armed Forces — on political candidates and issues,
- encourage other military personnel to vote but make no attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election,
- join a political club and attend its meetings, but not while wearing a military uniform,
- write letters to the editors of newspapers expressing personal views concerning public issues — not partisan issues — provided the views do not attempt to promote a partisan political cause; in general, such letters should be signed using your name only without the identification that you are a member of the Armed Forces,
- write personal letters, not for publication, expressing preference for a specific political candidate or cause, provided that the letter

writing is not part of an organized campaign on behalf of a partisan political cause or candidate.

- make monetary contributions to a political party subject to the limits imposed by Federal law, and
- display a political sticker on a private vehicle.

### Prohibited Activities

Certain activities are prohibited by law and directive. You, as a Servicemember, may NOT —

- use official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the course of a political campaign,
  - ask for votes for a particular candidate or issue,
  - ask for political contribution from others,
  - become a partisan candidate for civil office except as expressly provided by DoD directives,
  - make public speeches or participate in partisan political management or campaigns,
  - make a campaign contribution for the promotion of a political objective or cause another member of the Armed Forces or an employee of the U.S. to do so,
  - cause or permit the publication of partisan political articles signed or written by you as a member of the Armed Forces for the purpose of soliciting votes for or against a partisan party or candidate,
  - serve in any official capacity or be listed as a sponsor of a partisan political club,
  - speak before a partisan political gathering or take part in any radio, television, or other media program or group discussion as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate,
  - distribute partisan political material,
  - ask for or engage in fund-raising activities in Federal offices, facilities, or reservations,
  - march or ride in a partisan political parade,
  - sell tickets or otherwise actively promote political dinners or other fund-raising events, and
  - attend, as a representative of the Armed Forces any partisan political event even though there is no active participation.
- While there are other activities not expressly outlined as being prohibited, they could be considered contrary to the spirit of Department of Defense directives.
- Remember — if you decide to write or openly state your views, you should make it clear that you are doing so in your private capacity as a citizen and not as a member of the Armed Forces.
- If in doubt, visit your unit legal assistance office for advice.

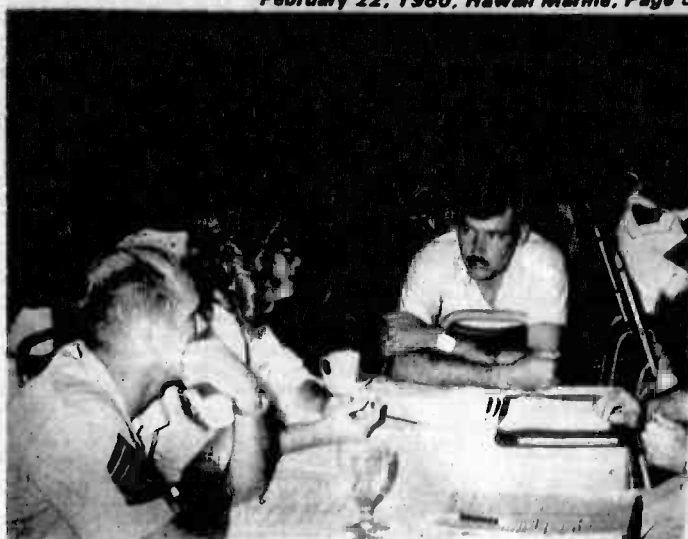


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**FAMILY VIOLENCE SEMINAR** — Outreach worker Kathy Tahan discusses family violence intervention with GySgt Terry Stewart (left) and SSgt Kit Wennersten (right) of the Provost Marshal's Office during a seminar at the Officer's Club. Seventy-five PMO personnel and 25 civilians attended the event Tuesday. Outreach is sponsoring seminars addressing "Crises Intervention" on March 4, "Spouse Abuse" on March 11 and "Rape: Information and Prevention" in early April. Contact Outreach at 254-4719 for further details.

## Courts Martial Report

Sgt Stephen Dunlap, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, pleaded not guilty but was found guilty by a General Court Martial of the October 8, 1979, rape and sodomy of a dependent wife at the Aliamanu housing area on the leeward side of Oahu.

He was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for four years, a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of all pay allowances and reduction to private.

PFC First Class Angel Melendez, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, pleaded not guilty to disobedience of a lawful

order and disrespectful language toward a Staff Noncommissioned Officer. He was convicted by a Special Court Martial on both charges.

He was sentenced by the court to 30 days confinement at hard labor, forfeiture of \$299 per month for three months and reduction to private.

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# Postal Service

## BSSG leathernecks handle mail by the ton

By Cpl Lamar Johnson

Twenty-three Marines of the Brigade Service Support Group provide a unique and vital service to the 10,000 Marines, sailors and dependents living at Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay. They are proficient at satisfying curiosity, spreading happiness, easing boredom and emptying wallets.

The members of the 1st Marine Brigade Post Office operate the entire postal service system aboard the air station and handle all incoming and outgoing mail.

"We treat every piece of mail as if it was our own," stated WO Donald Dytmier, the Brigade Postal Officer. "We are a military post office," he continued, "and we only service Marine Corps Units, including Camp H.M. Smith and Marine Barracks Pearl Harbor."

Dytmier demands security, professionalism and clockwork precision of his men. He claimed, "In our field we can't afford to have the integrity of one of our men questioned. Any offense dealing with postal service is a federal offense. If any of my men were to be responsible for the loss of mail or other such related instances, he would automatically lose his military occupational specialty in this field."

The busiest time of the year for the postal service is the November 15 to December 30 Christmas rush period. During the 1979 Christmas season, the brigade post office dispatched nearly 150,000 pounds of mail.

More than 15,000 pounds of incoming mail was received during that period.

The finance section of the post office provides convenient services to patrons of postal services aboard the air station.

Sgt Walter Kozak, noncommissioned officer in charge of the finance section elaborated, "Our primary concern is the handling of all accountable mail. 'Accountable mail is any parcel or piece of mail that is insured and must be signed for by the recipient. He added, 'Our most widely used service is the selling of stamps and money orders.'"

Kozak said about his work, "Though the Christmas rush is the most pressing time of the year, I really like it around the holiday seasons. I've been in this field for six years, and when I see those smiling faces on people picking up large parcels and packages, it just makes me feel good about my work."

The post office operates three separate finance sections from its own small unit. One is located at the main post office near Brigade Headquarters. Another is in the Marine Corps Exchange complex. During the 1979 Christmas rush they sold almost 64,000 postal stamps.

"We also have a combat-ready unit ready to go to the field in a two hour notice, any time of the day or night," said Dytmier. He explained, "The mission of the third unit is strictly for deployment purposes."

Sgt James McCoy NCOIC of the Registry department of the post office stresses security as the prime consideration of his work.

"The registry section is designed to handle all official incoming and outgoing mail," he explained. Registered mail includes all classified mail, and must be accounted for every time it changes hands.

"High valued articles in particular, must be stamped and sealed in such a way that if opened, they can't be revealed exactly the same way. If the item has been tampered with in any way other than normal procedures, the receiving clerk will not accept it," revealed McCoy.

"We work seven days-a-week until the mail is done," stated Dytmier. "We are the station/brigade postal inspection team. We conduct quarterly inspections and if there is a unit with a problem in their mail room at any time in-between inspections all they have to do is call us and we'll help them out."

Dytmier disclosed the fact that there is a post office hotline and he emphasized, "Any active duty personnel or dependents who have questions or complaints involving postal services should give us a call at 257-3364. The duty clerk will help them out."

He concluded, "My policy can be expressed in one word — 'professionalism.' My people are the most dedicated Marines I have come across. They do well in everything," Dytmier exclaimed. "I have professionals. That's all there is to it."



Photo by SSgt Victor Bradley

**A LITTLE LETTER** — Even keikis like little Jamie are confident their mail will reach its destination. The 1st Marine Brigade Post Office finance section is a convenience available to all persons living aboard Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay.



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**AIR MAIL OR PARCEL POST?** — Sgt Walt Kozak, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Brigade Postal finance section, makes sure all accountable mail is received and that postal payments are made. The finance section handles the selling of money orders as well as stamps for correspondence.



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**MAIL STRENGTH** — After unloading the mail delivery truck LCpl Lowell Nelson, one of twenty-three Marines of the Brigade Service Support Group working in postal service, begins the tedious task of

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Cpl T.A. Tullios  
Sgt J.L. Beck  
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# Consumer's choice

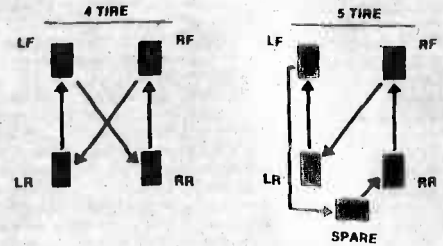
*Editor's Note: Consumer's Choice is a weekly column designed to bring all aspects of a subject to the consumer's attention. One subject will be covered each month. Each week a different aspect of the monthly subject will be presented. This month's subject is automobiles.*

To realize full potential of tire life, tires should be rotated in accordance with recommendations in the car owner's manual, if available, or at 6,000 to 8,000 mile intervals. The first such rotation is the most important one in setting the stage for long, even tread wear. In some instances, if irregular wear begins to develop, rotation will be advisable before the recommended mileage interval.

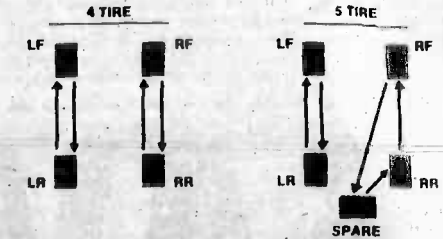
Earlier and more frequent rotation may also be desirable due to differences in road wear between front and rear wheel tires.

Avoid mixing tires of different size or construction (bias, belted bias or radial). After rotation, adjustment of individual tire's air pressure to acceptable car or tire manufacturers' recommendation is required in accordance with its new location on the car.

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# Changes considered for M-16 durability

QUANTICO, Va. — In an effort to alleviate some of the problems surfacing throughout the FMF concerning the durability of the M-16, Firepower Division, DevCtr and Colt Industries are currently testing a revised version of the weapon.

Specific areas of concern include corrosion and pitting of the barrels, barrels bending and handguards cracking and breaking.

"We are presently considering a thicker barrel; we may want to change the twist of the barrel to accommodate a new NATO round presently under consideration at the NATO Small Arms Conference," explained Capt Thorton, Assistant Project Officer, Infantry Arms Section, DevCtr.

A much heavier barrel is now available from Colt Industries. The increased barrel thickness makes barrel bending almost impossible, while adding 1.1 lbs to the weapon's total weight and increasing its stability in the semi-automatic and automatic mode of fire.

The heavy barrel can be grooved to decrease the overall weight of the weapon without sacrificing the benefits of the heavy barrel.

The barrels are presently available to the Marine Corps at a cost of \$54.28 each.

New handguards with a more rugged and non-slippery design, which provides protection from the heat of the barrel, are also being tested.

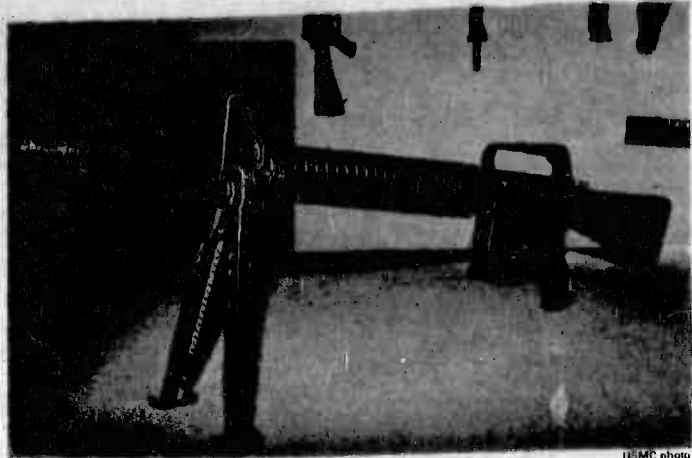
Due to new technology in production, the new handguard will cost less than the \$12.54 price tag on the handguard presently in the supply system. Instead of the present left and right design, the new handguards are identical, and interchangeable top and bottom.

Also under consideration by the Firepower Division is an improved stock. Colt Industries has undertaken the task of developing a plastic resin to improve the strength of the stock and make the replacement of the stock more cost effective.

As Marine Corps developers look down the road of infantry arms, the idea of a burst control mechanism, adjustable rear sight and improve rifling seem closer.

The two or three round burst control would replace the sear in the automatic mode in an effort to control supporting fire from the infantry company. An adjustable rear sight with windage and elevation controls and the improved rifling will help the Marine infantryman carry out his task of destroying the enemy by close fire and maneuver.

"An improved rifle will not change the Marine Corps mission or change the role of the Marine Corps infantryman; it will only allow him to better accomplish his mission," concluded Maj C.M. Reagan, Project Officer, Infantry Arms Section, Firepower Division, DevCtr.



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**NEW AND INNOVATIVE** — Rigid and stronger handguards and a thicker more durable barrel for the M-16 rifle are being tested and developed for production.

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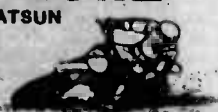
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**TODAY** — Lunch served in the Pacific Room from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. featuring specials, hot carved sandwiches, soups and salads. Happy Hour in the Tapa Bar from 5 till 7 p.m. Mongolian barbecue on the Lower Lanai from 6 till 9 p.m. Entertainment by "Lone Star."  
**THURSDAY** — Candlelight Dining in the Pacific Room from 6 till 8:30 p.m. with all new dining menu. Reservations please. "Akiko" is featured at the piano.  
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**TUESDAY** — Buffet style line luncheon from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Tuesday evening the Dining Room is closed. The Tapa Bar closes at 10 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY** — Buffet style line luncheon from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Mongolian barbecue on the Lower Lanai from 6 till 8:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** — Buffet style line luncheon from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Thursday Night is beef night featuring steaks, round, a salad, onion, rice or potatoes, vegetables and a salad bar. Adults - \$3.99, Teens - \$2.99, Kids (age 6-12) \$1.99. Kiddies (age 5 and under) are guests of the club. Also for kiddies: all the spaghetti they can eat for 6.99.

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**TOMORROW** — Beef and crab served from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Variety band North Wind entertain from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
**SUNDAY** — Brunch is served between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mongolian barbecue served from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY** — Luncheon specials are Mexican plate and hot pork sandwiches. Chik and beef barbecue sandwiches served at the bar.  
**TUESDAY** — Luncheon special is soup and sandwiches. Chik and beef barbecue sandwiches served at the bar.  
**WEDNESDAY** — Luncheon special is beef country steaks. Beefsteak a special served from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY** — Luncheon special is spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread. Mongolian barbecue served from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Ronnie Omatia Trio's variety band entertains from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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**WEDNESDAY** — Dining room special will be 16 ounce T-Bone Steak dinner for two for \$14.95.  
**THURSDAY** — Country night with "Freeland Express" performing 7 till 11 p.m.



Photo by GySgt. Steve Manuel

**PURE HAWAIIAN ENTERTAINMENT** — Popular Hawaiian entertainers Danny Kaleikini (right) and Frankie Stevens had just as much fun singing as the audience had listening in the lobby of Tripler

Army Medical Center. The occasion was the 1980 Salute to Hospitalized Veterans held annually on Valentine's Day at Veterans Administration hospitals nationwide.

## Valentine's Day

# Injured vets entertained

By GySgt. Steve Manuel

**CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** — A sudden, severe rash broke out among patients, doctors, nurses and visitors at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu when dozens of Island entertainers and personalities arrived there last Thursday.

What contagious disease could it have been that Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi and his wife Jean, actor Jack Lord, former star of the popular television series *Hawaii Five-O*, singer and former star of Gomer Pyle, USMC, Jim Nabors, KGMB Channel 9 Newscaster Linda Coble and singer Danny Kaleikini spread throughout the hospital so quickly?

Far-to-ear smiles. And they spread like wildfire during the seventh annual Valentine's

Day Salute to Hospitalized Veterans hosted by Jack Lord and attended by dozens of celebrities.

Opening ceremonies got off to a rousing start when Lord and Nabors arrived to the sound of their individual television show theme songs performed by the Fleet Marine Force Pacific Band.

Nabors greeted FMFPac Band Director MGSGT Dwight Treat with a big GO! L.L.L.L.L.L.L.YYYY!! Spectators could be heard whispering "Bookem! Dan-O" when Jack Lord appeared, imitating Lord's familiar line on *Hawaii Five-O*.

Fans and well-wishers quickly gathered around the stars hoping for pictures and autographs. Lord and Nabors responded enthusiastically to all requests.

Governor Ariyoshi opened the program with praise for men and women in the military and the hope for "peace in a very troubled world." United States Representative Daniel K. Akaka added his words of endorsement and opened the show.

Entertainers performed to the standing-room-only crowd while the governor, Lord, Nabors and Akaka visited wards throughout the hospital meeting each patient.

Each of the patients visited had his photograph taken with the visiting celebrity. Even Uncle Sam, dressed in red, white and blue, stopped by to wish each patient well and distributed tiny American flags.

The Salute is held annually in Veterans Administration hospitals all over the United States. Its co-theme is "No Greater Love."



Photo by GySgt. Steve Manuel

**WHAT HAPPENED?** — Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi visits with Maj Wallace R. Creel, HMM-165, 1st Marine Brigade, Kaneohe, during his Valentine's Day visit to Tripler Army Medical Center. Governor Ariyoshi and dozens of Island entertainers including actor Jack Lord of *Hawaii Five-O* fame, singer Jim Nabors and KGMB News personality Linda Coble celebrated the holiday with hospitalized veterans.

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  4. **RUNNING** — Michael Douglas, Susan Anspach, PG, drama
  5. **THE LEGACY** — Katherine Ross, Sam Elliott, R, horror
  6. **BENJI** — Benny, Peter Brack, G, animal adventure
  7. **NORTH DALLAS FORTY** — Nick Nolte, Mac Davis, R, comedy drama
  8. **TIME AFTER TIME** — Malcolm McDowell, David Warner, PG, suspense
  9. **PIRANHA** — Bradford Dillman, Heather Menzies, R, action suspense
  10. **THE BLACK PEARL** — Marie Custodio, Gilbert Roland, PG, adventure
  11. **SUPERMAN** — Marion Brando, Gene Hackman, PG, action adventure
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**THE HAPPY HOOKER** — Sgt David Graber of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron "A" bowling team rolls a strike ball down the lane during Intramural Bowling League action Friday, February 15 at the air station's bowling alley. The H&HS team whirled past the Brigade Service Support Group-Maintenance "B" team winning three out of four possible matches.

## Sportsnotes

The Intramural Bowling League has been rolling along. Team standings as of Friday, February 15 are:

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7	SOMS-A	39	17
12	BSSG MAINT-A	39	17
6	VMFA-235	38	18
18	HQ CO. BDE	37	19
5	MACS-2 A	36	20
4	H&HS-A	35	21
16	RAD BN	33	23
20	H&MS-24 B	32	24
1	H&MS-24 A	30	26
15	HMN-461 A	29	27
24	HMN-461 B	29	27
22	SOMS-B	28	28
11	COMMSPTCO-A	27	29
10	SOMS-C	27	29
8	M&BS-24	26	30

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9	BSSG MAINT-B	26	30
21	H&HS-C	25	31
3	HMM-262	24	32
23	MACS-2 B	22	34
19	H&HS-B	22	34
2	HQ CO 3rd MAR	18	36
17	COMMSPTCO-B	17	39
14	H&MS-24 C	17	39
13	BSSG H&S	16	40

There will be a meeting concerning the Women's Sports Program Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Family Theater aboard the air station. All interested active duty personnel and dependents 18 years of age and older are encouraged to attend the meeting which will discuss the program and its future plans.



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**ON TOP OF THE WORLD** — A lone surfer defies gravity as he skims the waves during the American Surfing Association Elimination Surf Meet held between Oahu colleges Saturday at Pyramid Rock aboard the air station. The surfers will take to the

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**ON THE WAY INTO THE HOMESTRETCH** — SSgt Mike Clegg, member of the Hawaii Marine Varsity Fastpitch team, rounds third and heads for home plate as Coach 1st Lt. Chuck Wentworth directs from the side lines. The Marine team defeated the Waipahu Whales 7-1 Sunday at Lanakila Field.



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**AND HE'S OUT!** — Cpl Moe Collins of the Hawaii Marine Varsity Fastpitch team, tries an unsuccessful slide as the Waipahu Whales catcher tags him out at home plate during a game held Sunday at Lanakila Field.

## Marines beach Whales

The Hawaii Marines, a joint Brigade Station baseball team, defeated the Waipahu Whales 7-1 in Hawaii Winter League action Sunday at Lanakila Field.

The winning pitcher for the Hawaii Marines was Sgt Rick Risher, Company D, 3d Assault Amphibian Vehicle Battalion, who gave up one run on five hits and assisted in two double plays on line drives to the mound.

The Hawaii Marines were first to get on the board with a run batted in during the second inning by SSgt Mike Clegg, Special Services, Hickam Air Force Base. During the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings the Marines continued to run up the score with a barrage of hits by teammates SSgt Terry Carroll, Brigade Service Support Group, Cpl Moe Collins, West Loch Guard Company, Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, 1st Lt. Craig Creamer, Company A, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion.

The Whales tried to fight back in the seventh inning earning one run, but the extra effort defense of left fielder Cpl Dave Heald, Headquarters, and Headquarters Squadron, center fielder 1st Lt. Joe Karoly, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines and catcher Sgt Danny Furguson, H&HS, stopped the drive cold.

According to the coach, 1st Lt. Chuck Wentworth, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines, "It's hard to break into the Hawaii Winter League and be competitive. Although halfway through the season our record is not very good (2-7), it's not indicative of our ability. We have a lot of talent and I expect our record to improve quite a bit in the second half of the season. But win, lose or draw we are doing a lot to improve relations between Marines and the community."

"I'm proud of the sportsmanship and friendliness of our Marines with the other teams in the league," Wentworth added.

The Hawaii Marines is the only military baseball team on the island made up of Marines from the major commands aboard the air station as well as two Marines from Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, which makes them a true air/ground team.

For scheduling information on upcoming games contact Dan Dufrene at 257-3108 or 1st Lt. Wentworth at 257-2265. The team has has room for fans who wish to attend games but have no transportation.



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