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## **Rounds Away!**

1/12 Marines received hands on experience at Schofield Barracks. The Marines were able to shoot live rounds with the 105mm Howitzer

## Tarawa commemorated in Kiribati

## By Capt. Phillip Thompson Deputy, PAO Monthe Forces Pacific

BETIO, Tarawa-The Pacific island nation of the Republic of Kiribati hosted the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Tarawa, November 1993 on Betio Island in the Tarawa Atol

Forces Pacific. About 50 veterans flew to Betio to mark the anniversary of one of the Marine Corps' bloodiest battles. The three-day assault on



A Japanese coastal defense gun stands as a mute sentinel over today's peaceful beaches at Tarawa.

## December declared **Drunk Driving Prevention Month**

#### Joint Public Affairs Office

Every year, traffic accidents kill sodas for the designated driver." more Americans between the ages In addition, many installations of six and 33 than any other sponsor programs for people cause — and almost half of these needing rides. Mationally driver To highlight the problem, pedetrians impaired by alcohol Department of Defense and accounted for 17,700 deaths last national safety officials designated year, or about 45 percent of the December as the National Drunk nation's 39,235 traffic fatalities, and Drugged Driving Prevention according to Tarry Hess, a Month. The theme for the month National Highway Traffic Safety is "Let's Take a Stand: Friends Administration suppresence Ac Administration spokesperson. As bad as these figures appear, they The percentage of DoD motor are an improvement from 1972, hicle fatalities involving alcohol when 54,589 died on U.S. ntinues to decline, said John Lither 1972, black of the vehicle fatilities involving alcohol when 54,589 died on U.S. continues to decline, said John highways, half in alcohol-related Lemke, DoD assistant director for crashes. The proportion of teen-age drivers involved in fatal crashes occupational health policy. drivers involved in fatal crashes During the first three quarters while intoxicated has dropped of 1993, traffic fatalities took the significantly, from 31 percent in lives of 316 military members. Of 1982 to 17.1 percent in 1992. Still, these, 65, or 19.2 percent stemmed said Hess, 2,452 youths aged from alcohol-related accidents, said between 15 to 22 died in alcohol-lowing there there ourgets related accident lower percent. Lemke. For the first three quarters related crashes last year, about 1992, alcohol was a factor in eight every day. , or 19.6 percent, of the 280 "That is a lot of parents who 55, or 19.6 percent, of the 280 "That is a lot of parents who military highway deaths "That is a lot of parents who is due to DoD prevention efforts we have as a change in society's underage drinking is bad than a attitude toward impaired driving, similar survey in 1989. "This DoD will continue to emphasize means that without prevention the designated driver program. "It's a good idea for friends to buy the designated driver's soft "See DrMng, A-10

drinks and food," he said. "Also,

participating were World the tiny island produced more than

Also participating were World War II veterans, Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force, sailors of the USS Germantown (LSD-42), and LtGen. H.C. Stackpole III, commander, Marine Forces Pacific. About 50 veterans flew to Betio to mark the anniversary of ore of the Marine Corps' bloodiest battles. The three-day assault on to provide more than 3,000 Marine and Navy casualties. Marine and Navy casualties about 50 veterans flew to Betio battles. The three-day assault on the III MEF Band flew to Kirbati to provide support. to provide musical support.

The official commemorative ceremonies began at 10 a.m., Nov. 19, with an open house and sightseeing aboard the Germantown. Later that day, LtGen. Stackpole participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for a school which will be built in the atoll with United States assistance. atoli with United States assistance. In the brief ceremony, LtGen. Stackpole stressed the need for education in a free society. At 4:30 p.m., the Germantown hosted an on-board reception for the President of Kiribati, the honorable Teatao Teannaki, Local and foreign government officials also attended, including representatives from the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia. LtGen.

Stackpole represented the United States government and the United States Commander in Chief Pecific.

gunfire, which was viewed by equi hundreds of Tarawa natives from and the beaches which Marines crossed The 50 years ago. A parade including the Marines

and sailors, as well as the Kiribati Police Band and local school and organizations, commenced at 9:30 a.m. on Betio. The parade ended at the Betio Playing Field, which is a segment of the original Japanese airfield.

After the marching units took up positions, President Teannaki arrived. The President and other guests were welcomed in the traditional Kiribati manner by a Betio native, who introduced the President.

President Teannaki spoke not of war, but of peace, and his nation's desire to remain a peaceful, democratic country. See Tarawa, A-12

## **Preliminary study** shows chemicals and illness unrelated

problems

Marine Corps News

Secretary of Defense Les Aspin said recently a preliminary review has found no linkage between small amounts of chemical weapon agents reported early in Operation Desert Storm and continuing health problems suffered by some

Gulf War veterans. At the same time, the department announced it was forming a panel of outside experts to further examine the issue. The panel will be headed by Nobel Laurente Joshua Lederberg to The Rockerfeller University in New York, and will include Professor George Whitesides, Mallinckrodt Professor of Chemistry at Harvard University.

"I want our Desert Storm veterans to know that I personally veterins to know that I personally take these health problems stemming from the war very, very, very seriously and the whole department takes these problems very, very seriously," Aspin said. The chemical agent detections were reported by Czechoslovakian chemical warfare detachments deployed with Saudi Arabian forces. The detections occurred within Saudi Arabia in the opening

tates Commander in Chief intest within Saudi Arabia in the opening erific. At sunrise on Nov. 20, the days of Operation Desert Storm. At summer on 1969, 20, 40, A U.S. team of experts whe Germantown initiated the dispatched last month to Prague commemoration of the 1943 D, and assessed the training. Day with ceremonial flares and equipment, technical competence procedures which was viewed by equipment, technical competence equipment, technical completence and measurement procedures employed by the Czech personnel. The U.S. team concluded the Czechs did detect agents. However, there is no way now

independently confirm the to

to independently confirm the detections. "We have no independent verification of the detections so we cannot confirm them but we do not rule out the possibility." said Under Secretary fur Acquisition John Deutch, a professor of chemistry on leave from a leading university. Deutch has direct responsibility for review of the issue. The Czech units reported two

□ Panel to con-tinue studies on Gulf War veterans □ Panel to con-tiations of althous determines apart about 40 minutes apart on Jan. 19, 1991, north east of Hafar Al-Batin, and deus ted a small patch persistant health problems Acting for the Defense

Department, the Army conducted an examination of the Czech an examination of the Czech reports, and the possible health 'effects on U.S. forces of the presence of such chemical weapon agents. The fundings of that examination were released recently.

examination were released recently. The Army's report said no symptoms were recorded among personnel in the area, and could find "no reasonable linkage" between chemical agents in the low concentrations reported by the Creaches and persistent health

between chemical agents in the low concentrations reported by the Czechs and persistent health problems experienced by some Gulf War veterans. The report said it was unlikely the source of the agent was Iraqi offensive action. It also ruled out the possibility that alloct bombing of Iraqi chemical facthress could have caused the detections. For the agent to reach the detection points from that cause, the initial release would have been so large as to cause consideration causalties were present around chemical facilities bombed by allied forces. The department has said there was no verificible us of chemical weapons during the view. That remains true For exim, let the Czech precourses did not fully comply with the emational protocols designed to verify chemical use. But reaewed interest in the Czech reports prompted the visit to Pragnes by Debuted Department expects in October to learn what more they could about the Czech detections. As far as health effects were concerned, the Army review assumed that chemical agents were present in the Czechs and asked

present in the concentrations detected by the Czechs and asked detected by the Czechs and asked what the possible impact would have been. The study found "no reasonable linkage" between the reported agents and the illnesses reported by Gulf War veterans. "This report is a first step. We're creating this outside panel to double check our findings to make sure we haven't overbooked anything." Deutch said. The Saudi Arabian government has pledged its cooperation in the effort.





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and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. The theme for the month is "Let's Take a Stand; Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk."

occupational safety and

BGen. R. F. Vercauteren, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade commanding general, and Col. R.R. Crowford, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay commanding officer use the "buddy system" to tie a red ribbon on the station commanding officer's car in support of a red ribbon campaign hosted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) (MADD)

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## **MarForPac Band carolling schedule**

Holiday guests need to follow regs

The Marine Forces Pacific Band Marine Corps Exchange, also at Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m. at the Dec. 17, 11:30 p.m. at the has announced the schedule for 5 p.m. at Lawrence Rd. Housing Exchange, also 5 p.m. at Exchange and also, 5 p.m. at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Housing Area. The band will perform at the Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. at the Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m. at the Dec. 18, 5 p.m. at the Little Evolution across the island of Oahu.

The holiday season is a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate. Military residents who will be

entertaining guests need to keep a couple of things in

Military personnel who live or work aboard MCAS Kaneohe Bay may register for a House Guest Pass for all their visitors who will be living or using the facilities on the stetion

or using the factinges on the station. These passes are valid for up to 30 days. Sponsors who wish to have a guest in base housing for an extended period of time, more than 30 days, must submit an

submit Administrative Action form to

mind.

this year's Carlotting Area and then again at the Manaha Housing Area. The band will perform at the Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. at the Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m. at the Dec. 18, 5 p.m. at the Little following locations: Exchange, also, 5 p.m. at Exchange, also, 5 p.m. at the Makalapa Housing Area will be Dec. 11, 5 p.m. at the 801 and Lawrence Rd. and Bancroft Rd. Nani Ulupa'u/Daly Housing Area the final performances. Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m. at the the Exchange, 6 p.m. Exchange.



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Air conditioning season is officially June through November. Unless otherwise authorized, running the A/C is prohibited from Dec. 1, 1993 through May 31, 1994. Random building inspections will continue to insure compliance with ASO 11300.8C.

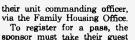
Because the rainfall of late is considerable, common sense should dictate that it is unnecessary to water the lawn. By the same token, had Hawaii been in a dry spell, water only during authorized hours. Houses with odd numbers will only water on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1900-2200. Houses with even numbers will water Tuesday and Saturday from 1900-2200. All others will water on Monday and Thursdays from 1900-2200. Because the rainfall of late

> Col. R.R. Crawford Maj. P. A. Sivigny Cpl. Aaron Martin

Blotter

• A Marine reported a damage • A Marine reported a damage to private property at his assigned quarters on base. He reported between 6 p.m. Nov. 19 and 12:30 p.m. Nov. 20 persons unknown dented and scratched the left rear quarter panel of his 1987 Mazda which was parked adjacent to his quarter based adjacent to his quarters. • A Marine reported a larceny

• A family disturbance was reported. While at a park aboad the Air Station, a dependent wife and her husband were involved in a verbal altercation when the of private property at her assigned quarters. She reported between 7:30 p.m. Nov. 20 and 10:30 a.m. Nov.



via the Family Housing Office. To register for a pass, the sponsor must take their guest to the Family Housing Office to fill out a House Guest form. Once the form is completed it must be taken to the Main Gate Pass and Registration Office. Temporary passes can now be obtained any day of the week, 24 hours a day. The sponsor must be present and the guest needs proof (round-trip plane ticket, etc.) to verify that they are genuine guests.

guesta

Visitors who will be driving aboard the air station must obtain a vehicle pass. For a rental vehicle, they need their

21, person(s) unknown stole her Huffy bicycle which was unsecured adjacent her assigned quarters, and left a Roadmaster bicycle in its place. Another Marine reported between Nov. 20 and 21, person(s) unknown stole her Roadmaster

between Nov. 20 and 21, person(s) unknown stole her Roadmaster bicycle which was left unsecured adjacent her quarters, and left a Huffy bicycle in its place. Neither bicycle was registered with KMCAS or the state of Hawaii.

drivers license and rental papers. If they are driving their sponsor's car, the sponsor must be present and show proof of insurance, registration, safety inspection and the guest's driver's license.

"The pass is a temporary "The pass is a temporary identification card and enables the guest to use certain facilities aboard the station," explained SSgt. A.D. Lapointe, the service support chief at the Provost Marshals Office. "These privileges include: the swimming pool, bowling alley, movie theater, restaurants, beaches, and fishing. The Nu'upia Ponds are off-limits and so is the Commissary,

but the visitors can go to the exchange with their sponsor, they just can't purchase anything." Visitors are still required to observe all posted signs. "The sponsor is responsible for their guests' actions, and will be held accountable for negligent or illegal actions. This could result in forfeiture of station privileges," LaPointe said. "Last year we issued 100

"Last year we issued 100 guest passes a month, with a noticeable increase during the holiday season," LaPointe added, "This increases the chances for an accident, so be sure to register properly for easy identification; and have a happy and safe holiday."

12:01 and 8 a.m. Nov. 25. Person(a)

or with the state of Hawaii. • The evidence custodian has in his possession the following items: Military/civilian clothing, I.D./ bank cards, jewelry, watches, name tapes, skateboard, baby stroller, wallets, fishing equipment, a numerous amount of bicycles, toys, and much more. If you think any released. and much more. If you think any • A report of larceny of private of these items belong to you property in base housing between contact Sgt. Fink at 257-3425.

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Marine shoved her, slapped her in the face and grabbed her throat. The Military Police later contacted the Marine and placed him under apprehension and made a written statement. • A Marine reported while at

• A Marine reported while at Fast Eddie's Bar, in Kailua, he was assaulted by person(s) unknown. The Marine was transported by Military Police to the Branch Medical Clinic and later to TAMC where he was treated for a broken nose and treated for a broken nose and

unknown stole her Nishiki bicycle and Murray bicycle which were unsecured in the garage at her assigned quarters. The bicycles were not registered aboard KMCAS or with the state of Hawaii.

## This week around the world<sup>.</sup>

## Operation Support Democracy going off coast of Haiti

OII COAST OI HAILI Although the mission of Operation Support Democracy remains the same — intercepting, boarding and searching merchant vessels bound for Haiti — the composition of the multinational task force enforcing United Nations sanctions is constantly changing.

changing. Additions to the coalition task and include Additions to the coalition task force over the past week include the U.S. Navy guided missile frigate USS Flatley, the U.S. Naval Reserve ship USS Ainsworth and the Argentinian Navy ship ARA Granville. The U.S. Navy ships joined two other American ships off the Haitian coast, the guided missile destroyer USS Barry and the destroyer USS Conolly. Since the task force began enforcing the U.N. sanctions and searching for prohibited cargo such

enforcing the U.N. sanctions and searching for prohibited cargo such as petroleum products and weapons, 14 ships have been diverted and 55 ships have been cleared for entry into Haiti, many of them carrying humanitarian items such as food, medicine and clothing.

## 2 Navy/Marines provide medical help in Somalia

About 300 sailors and Marines om the USS New Orleans from from the USS New Orleans Amphibious Ready Group went ashore near the city of Marka, Somalia, recently to conduct a three-day medical and dental humanitarian mission. "Marka is one of many areas in Somalia where the United Nations coalition has been warmly received," said Col. Larry Outlaw, commander of the 13th Marine

commander of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. "We wanted to demonstrate our capability to support the United Nations force if necessary, but more importantly. if necessary, but more importantly, we wanted to try to make a difference here in a humanitarian

As the medical teams worked over a three-day period, the amphibious ships USS New Orleans, USS Denver, USS



Comstock and USS Cayuga, along with the aircraft carrier USS America and the frigate USS Simpson, were on station just offshore, ready to support the mission if needed.

mission if needed. "We hope this effort draws attention away from the anarchy represented by Mogadishu and opens a small window on the significant popular support that the peace process has among a great majority of the Somali people," said Capt. Brian F. Boyce, commander of the Amphibious Ready Group.

commander of the Amphibious Ready Group. The New Orleans Amphibious Ready Group ships are homeported in San Diego and Long Beach, Calif. The 13th MEU is from Camp Pendleton, Calif. The ARG deployed Sept. 3 and has been operating off the coast of Somalia since Oct. 18 in support of United

States and UNOSOM forces.

#### **Tensions remain** high on the

### Korean peninsula

The Korean peninsula remains very tense as North Korea issued a statement saying it would never be pressured by the United States to open its nuclear sites to

North Korea said it was prepared or more sanctions or even war. North Korea also accused the United States of making more than 200 flights into their air space by one of the same setting for war.

spy planes in preparations for war. In recent weeks North Korea has been increasingly critical of the United States for getting in the way of reunification of the

Korean people. the third time since 1987. The The United States is being very cautious with North Korea and is taking its threat of war very seriously. Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka

taking its inreat of war very government's annual budget. Seriously. Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka Although the United States said he will act as caretaker for diplomacy has not worked to the country until new resolve the crisis yet, United States parliamentary elections can be officials believe a negotiated held in March. Settlement is possible. The United States position is that North Korea in 1992 after leading two coups should stop its nuclear weapons which overthrew the superment should stop its nuclear weapons program and open its facilities to international inspection.

International inspection. The crisis began March 12 when North Korea announced it was withdrawing from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

## Government falls Government falls n Fiji after vote Fiji is without a government for The worst rioting since the signing of the Israel-Palestinian Liberation Organization peace accord occurred in the Gaza Strip in Fiji after vote

the third time since 1987. The

which overthrew the government. He became prime minister in the first post-coup elections

## **5** Rioting in the Gaza Strip may hurt peace plan

Tuesday. Israeli soldiers killed 1 Palestinian and injured 65 during the Palestinian demonstrations against the Israeli hunt for Palestinian gunmen.

The rioting may have a serious effect on the planned Israeli troop withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. Israel is scheduled to begin

Israel is scheduled to begin withdrawing troops from those two areas Dec. 13. Even though the Palestinian demonstrations have increased recently, PLO and Israeli negotiators said they remain committed to a settlement. PLO leaders have requested Israel stop the manhunts for Palestinian gunmen. Late Tuesday, Israeli military commanders agreed to scale down their searches in an effort to restore control. effort to restore control.

## **•** United States to increase aid to

**Bosnian** civilians

With prospects of a harsh winter and no end to fighting in Bosnia, the United States announced it will give another \$150 million in humanitarian aid to Bosnian

Muslims. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the United States is prepared to increase the number of humanitarian flights to Bosnia to 10 daily in the Sarajevo area. It is also prepared to increase flights to other areas. The flights, which have been going on for more than a year, are needed as the warring factions

in Bosnia are unable to reach a peace agreement. In an effort to resolve the dispute, the United States and its allies offered the Serbs, who control most of the former Yugoslavia, a gradual end to economic sanctions if they can convince Bosnian Serbs to accept a peace plan

a peace plan. The sanctions have had a devastating effect on the Yugoslavian economy.

New negotiations began Monday between the three warring factions in Bosnia. It was the first talks

in Doshia. It was the first tarks since September. The war in Bosnia has lasted for 19 months and has killed more than 200,000 people and left more then 2 million homeless.



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## **Reserve Marines support Operation Sudden Strike**

## By Sgt. Lou Ramirez

During the week they all have different occupations — one's a cameraman, another is a carpenter and the other two are students — yet one weekend a month they come together to form a part of America's elite fighting force ...

the Marine Corps Reserve. These four Marines are part of the 4th Force Reconnaisance Company based in Honolulu.

Recently Cpl. Corey Johnston, Cpl. Mike Urueta, Cpl. Watson Robinson and LCpl. Kalani Grimm came together for more than a training weekend, they participated in Operation Sudden Strike on the island of Kausi island of Kauai

island of Kauai. "We normally have set teams, but because half of our company is away whoever was available went on this exercise," said Johnston, team leader, who is also a student at the University of Hawaii. Marine Reconnaissance teams are well known for their team

are well known for their team unity and as difficult as it may be to understand how four people

who only come together for a few things some people only dream occasions can easily work together, about doing.

while conducting their mission in

who only come together for a few occasions can easily work together, Johnston said it comes naturally. "As reservists you deal with more than just the military. You get used to dealing with every type of personality. This allows you to better adapt," Johnston said. Their ability to adapt and work with each other was very obvious while conducting their mission in "One of the best advantages is that after we accomplish our missions, we are able to go back to being a civilian," Urueta said.

While this may be Urueta's reason for liking the Marine Corps, another Marine, who was part of the same team, said although he is Marine Corps reservist, he is a Marine 24 hours a day everyday.

while conducting their mission in Sudden Strike. "Mainly we had to conduct a surf observation and do a hasty beach reconnaissance. Being that the weather was so bad, a lot of the surf observations were helpful to us," he explained. The high surf could have proven difficult if it weren't for the four reserve Marines abilities. Urueta explained that the surf he saw out there was some of the worst he had seen, even with his "I feel that I am a Marine all the time. It's hard to turn it on if you totally turn it off. Being a Marine is a way of life," Robinson said.

Robinson is a full time student at Chaminade University where he is majoring in criminal justice. In the near future he will be going on active duty as a recruiter here in Hawaii

he saw out there was some of the worst he had seen, even with his many years of surfing experience. Urueta not only surfs in his off duty time but he is also a carpenter and a part-time student. He said one of the parts he enjoys the best about being a reserve Marine is that not only is he able to get a college degree but The last of the four Marines who completely changes his life for one weekend a month is Grimm. He is cameraman for one of the local television stations.

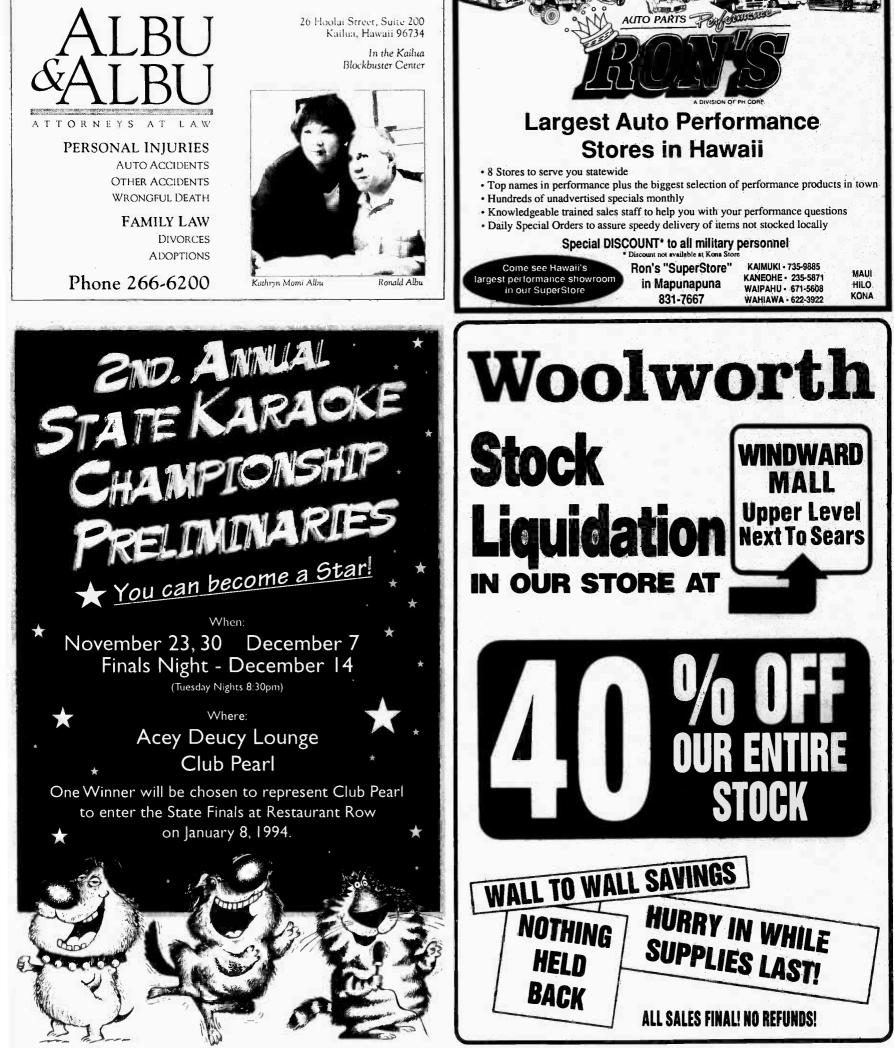
Grimm said his father was in to go was to become an officer, he Marine Corps and he always so in order to keep my options he able to get a college degree, but he is also able to do all the exciting the Marine Corps and he always



The 4th Force Recon team's Zodiac boat is recovered in the well deck of the LSD. USS Mt. Vemon, after a long arduous mission.

open I joined the reserves and have continued to go to school," wanted to be a Marine like him. "My dad always said the way go was to become an officer, Grimm said. Even though they may all come

from completely different lifestyles, they don't let this get in the they don't let this get in the way of doing their jobs as United States Marine Corps reservists.







## 1/12 bombards **Schofield Barracks**

## By Sgt. Lou Ramirez

"Adjust fire, 920788; three tanks in the open; ICM for effect." These are the words which start the chain of events which will eventually destroy the enemy.

In a sequence of events, the forward observer first identifies the energy target and passes the information to the Fire Direction Center (FDC). The FDC then, computes firing data and passes the information to the gun line and rounds are sent down range. Although there could never be Autougn there could never be enough training to prepare for an actual battle, the Marines from 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, keep their skills well tuned by taking advantage of every training opportunity.

"We conduct infantty and artillery training to maintain our capability to act in combat support roles," said 1stLt. Christopher Goodhart with Battery A, 1/12. Bacseth, 1/12 engletted their

Goodhart with Battery A, 1/12. Recently, 1/12 conducted their quarterly training with the 105mm Howitzer at Schofield Barracks. Each battery of the battalion came on a different day and trained individually and then completed the training with one day in which the whole battalion trained together.

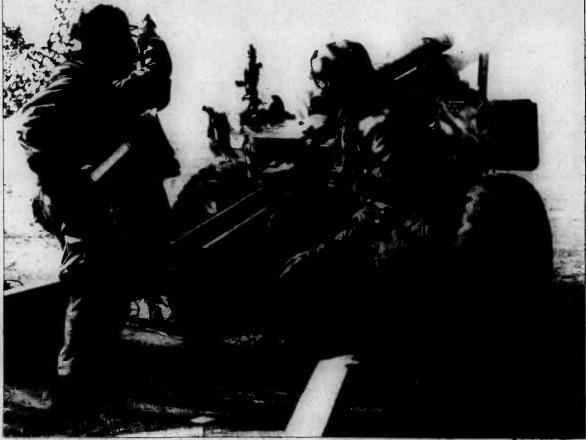
Even though the size of the impact area at Schofield Barracks

was small and there were many restrictions, Goodhart said the training they received there was very important.

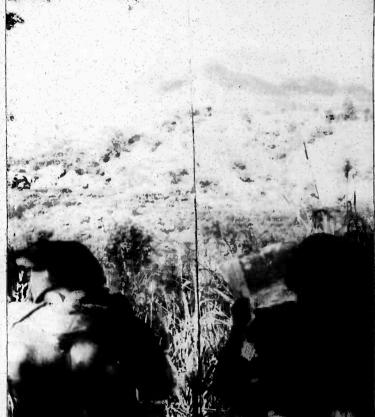
The Marines still learned the most basic and most important element in training — teamwork. "We must be able to work so closely that we have to almost anticipate what the others need. We must be able to function as an effective team," Goodhart said. While conducting basic artillery training, the 1/12 Marines go one step further. Everyone trains not only in their own positions, but they also learn each others jobs. they also learn each others jobs. "It' is important to cross train. This way everybody understands how things work." Goodhart said. "If people are cross trained they have a much better understanding of why things happen. Instead of complaining they may say, 'Oh that's why it's taking so long."

It also serves another purpose which is more difficult to think about, that is, "what if that other Marine goes down," explained SSgt. Martin Deck, Battery A, 1/ 12, liaison chief.

12, liaison chief. For the Marines of 1/12, continuous training and making the most of every opportunity they have to train is the way they prepare for that possibility. When a "real" combat fire mission is called in, they want to be prepared for anything.



Canoneers at the gunline rapidly load a 105mm round.







SSgt. Martin Deck spots the impact of a round from the observation post.



LCpl. Marcus Carter calls in a fire mission to the FDC:

LCpl. Gary Smith removes the shell casing, after a round is fired.

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## Vets recall Battle of Tarawa

## By Capt. Phillip Thompson Deputy, PAO Monthe Forces Pacific

Editor's Note: The author of this article joined Tarawa veterans for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Tarawa on the tiny atoll. Battle of Tarawa on the iny atoli. During his time there he was able to spend time with some of the veterans. This article is a brief description of what he heard and

BETIO, Tarawa — It became known as "Terrible Tarawa." If that is true, then the tiny islet in Tarawa Atoll which was stormed by the 2d Marine Division Nov. 20, 1943, could justifiably be called "Bloody Betio."

This dot of Pacific sand - less than one square mile in area and rising no more than 10 feet above sea level — was the scene of some of the most savage combat in World War II. Admiral Shibasaki, Japanese

Admiral Shibasaki, Japanese commander of the Tarawa garrison, boasted that a "million men" could not take Tarawa in "100 years." One division of Marines did it in 76 hours, but at a cost so staggering, the entire nation was appalled. Three thousand Marines were either killed or wounded; the Japanese garrison, numbering almost 5,000. garrison, numbering almost 5,000, was annihilated, leaving only 17 wounded prisoners alive. The Marines who stormed Betio

The Marines who stormed period were typical in their day — young, patriotic and eager — many enlisted immediately after Pearl Harbor. When they struck the

seen some combat with the division on Guadalcanal. The other half had joined the division in Wellington, New Zealand, where the Marines were recovering and refitting from the Solomon Ialands compaign

refitting from the Solomon Islands campaign. The hortor of the three days at Tarawa has haunted many of the survivors, served as a focal point for others, but nearly all say it was the highlight of their lives. No matter how tough things have been since, they can always say, "I survived Tarawa; I can survive this." Nov. 20, 1993 the 50th

"I survived Tarawa; I can survive this." Nov. 20, 1993, the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Betio, which is now part of the independent Republic of Kiribati. More than 50 veterans flew an arduous journey to be back on the island that was won with so much American blood. Throughout their week-long stay, the old Marinee proudly told their stories and drank beer with old comrades, decked out in 2d Marine Division T-shirts and ball caps. It was touching to see them standing tall and proud, and to hear them speak wistfully of long-gone friends: "Yeah... Sammy, he was such a fighter ..." It was thrilling to hear them recount as eyewitnesses a struggle as difficult as Tarawa, something so many have only read about. These veterans are living history, and they are living heros. The official commemoration took place the morning of Nov. 20, on what used to be a segment of the

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reef at Tarawa, about half had Japanese airfield. The brutal seen some combat with the division equatorial sun and humidity were on Guadalcanal. The other half almost unbearable to the had joined the division in participants standing at parade rest

The veterans sat under canvases and heard speeches from the President of Kiribati, who spoke of peace, and Marine LGen. H.C. Stackpole III, commander, Marine Forces. Pacific, who spoke eloquently of the veterans' valor and sacrifice. Many of the veterans were moved to tears. Representatives from Australia and New Zealand also spoke; anthems were played The veterans sat under canvas

from Australia and New Zealand also spoke; anthems were played in the blistering heat and the ceremony concluded with the mournful sound of "Taps." The afternoon was set aside for friendly athletics between the local Kiribati teams and the Marines and sailors of the USS Germantown (LSD-42), who inarticipated in the

participated in the commemoration. Four veterans, however, wanted to return to the beach to stand

rour veterans, nowever, wanted or return to the beach to stand on the spot where they landed on that terrible day 50 years ago. Accompanied by reporters, each of the veterans told his story. Monroe Morgan was a second lieutenant then His objective was the right side of Beach Red-One (the landing beaches on Tarawa, were code-named Red-One, -Two and -Three) on Betio's western tip. His landing craft, like so many, fouled on the reef, forcing him and his men into the water 500 yards from the beach. "We got out in chestdeep water," See Vets, A-9

## Vets rededicate colors at Tarawa

By Capt. Phillip Thompson Deputy, PAO Marine Forces Pacific

BETIO, Tarawa — World War II veterans of the 2d Marine Division rededicated their division's colors here in a quiet ceremony Nov. 20, the 50th Anniversary of the division's bloody assault on The 8 a.m. ceremony was

The 8 a.m. ceremony was attended by a group of about 50 people, many of whom landed on the beaches of "Terrible Tarawa." Also participating were Marines from the USS Germantown (LSD-42). Veterans and Marines rededicated the colors



The 2nd Marine DMsIon Monument on Tarawa

AL LARAWA by affixing the battle streamers earned by the division in combat. As Capt. Brett Burtis, the USS Germantown Marine Detachment commander, called the Marines to attention, he was joined by William "Bill" Smith, president of the 2d Marine Division Association. The division's colors were marched forward to the 2d Marine Division monument in front of the Betio Town Council Building, dedicated in 1988 by the association to the Marines and sailors who fell at Tarawa 50 years ago. The lineage of the division was then read aloud as the old warriors stood at attention in the brutal equatorial heat. As the battles and campaigns were announced, a veteran, each with a young Marine beside him, marched to the colors and affixed the division battle streamer. It ovetrans standing next to Marines who are of the same age as the veterans marched across the ground for which he had so valiantly fought to attach a streamer, it was as if the torch passed from the past generation of Marines to Marines.

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## Vets

Morgan recalled. "As we got closer, we were crawling. When I reached the beach, there were four or five of us and a couple of amphibious tractors up against the [sea]wall."

the [sea]wall." Not exactly sure what to do, Morgan instinctively began to clean his rifle in the shelter of the beached vehicles. "I was afraid, but I didn't know what to do except clean my rifle, get my men and do something," he said. He was shaken when he looked on the other side of the vehicle and saw a Marine with a bullethole in his ear and a disassembled rifle in his lap.

and saw a Marine with a bullethole in his ear and a disassembled rifle in his lap. Eventually, Morgan got his small group of men over the seawall and into the fray. "Taking those four or five men over the wall is something I'll always remember," he said softly as he stood on the beach. Bob Schultz, a mortarman for Company E, 2d Battalion, 2d Marines, came ashore under intense fire on Beach Red-Two. He immediately went to ground against the seawall, which was made of coconut logs. "First thing I remember is jooking over the seawall and I saw a dead Japanese, looking me square in the face," Schultz said. The Marines filt secure behind the wall and went to work. "We could look right and left and not see anyone fighting, so we set up mortars and fired all our ammunition from here," he recalled, pointing to the spot he occupied 50 years ago. To Schultz's right front was a Japanese bunker which, for some

Japanese bunker which, for some reason, was not firing at the Marines. Because it was not firing. Schultz said, "... we moved past that bunker, about halfway to the airfield, then we realized we had made a mistake. We were all alone, so we had to come back to the beach." Even after 50 years, he is still chagrined about the

incident. Schultz's voice grew soft as he gazed across the reef and answered gazed across the reef and answered the reporters' questions. Was he scared? "I don't think I thought at the time ... Scared? ... Yes." As the memories flooded back, Schultz's eyes watered. With a trembling voice, he said "You cannot imagine the ... mess that was out here. Marines ... floating, bobbing ... it looked like hundreds of them. It was a sad thing." When asked what his feelings were as he left the battlefield, Schultz dewa a poingnant analogy:

were as he left the battlefield, Schultz drew a poignant analogy: "You feel as if you lost something that tears the heart out of you; like losing someone very dear to you. It's the same feeling." As we left the beach, the reporters thanked Schultz for his time and heartfelt words and he returned the gratitude. Visibly moved, he said, "I think I can lay down in peace now." With a sigh and final look at the beach, he walked back to the group of veterans. veterans.

As we moved down the road in a rented van, the veterans began joking about meeting Eddie Albert, the actor, who is also a Tarawa

joking about meeting Eddie Albert, the actor, who is also a Tarawa veteran. As a young naval officer, Albert evacuated countless wounded Marines off the beach. The veterans had the pleasure of meeting him at their last reunion. We came to the main pier, one of the most indelible images in the mind of nearly every Tarawa otteran. It was here that Eddie Owen discovered Tarawa. The most indelible images in with Headquarters Company, 2d Batalion, 18th Marines, made it to the pier on D-Day. "Our objective was to get ashore and set up dumps to supply the troops," "But that didn't happen for us because we didn't have a beach." Chaos reigned on the pier. Supplies piled up while the Marines received heavy fire from machine guns hidden in wrecks somehow, against a wrecked barge. "We found out immediately that

the three things the troops needed were plasma, ammo, and water," he said. Unfortunately, these vital items could not be moved due to the intense fire from the Japanese. Because the Marines on the pier were completely exposed and enemy mortar fire was intensifying, Owen and his men were ordered back to the transport ship, USS Zeilin. Owen collared a Navy coxewain, who ferried the Marines back to the ship. Once aboard, however, the Marines were given a change of clothes and sent back to the beach. On the

way in, the landing craft ran aground, forcing Owen into the water for a second time. Again he waded though waistdeep water,

under fire, to the pier. By this time, the situation had improved somewhat. The Marines were able to set up conveyors to get the supplies moved inland. Owen spent the rest of the battle furiously ferrying the gear to the

We clambered back up the side of the pier, now modernized. Owen gave a wry look over the side and said, "I just feel like I was very fortunate to survive this thing. furiously, ferrying the gear to the fighting troops. As he stood near the half submerged wreckage of a landing craft rusting near the pier, Owen reflected: "I was 21 then, and just

said, I just rear like I was very fortunate to survive this thing. It's all very sad to me, what happened here. I guarantee you there were a lot of grown men crying that day." Ralph' Feck, a rifleman, landed on Beach Red-Three. Unlike Morgan, Schultz and Owen, Feck was in an amphibious tractor. Consequently, he made it all the way to the beach in the vehicle and was spared the hellish wade across the reef. "I really think they [the Japanese] held up their fire until we got ashore. I don't remember going over the seawall; I think we went through a breach." In fact, Feck got as close to the edge of the airfield; however, he was so far in front of the rest of the Marines' lines, that he was wounded by an American dive bomber.

ecared to death. It was my first time in combat. When we jumped off the boat, the first thing we saw was a dead Marine floating by — that demoralized us."

He vividly recalled the moment a few yards off Beach Red Three, as he described the bombe falling just fifty yards away. His squad leader was killed as he ran into

just fity yards away. His squad leader was killed as he ran into the open, frantically trying to get the attention of the American plane. The Marine was killed from a bomb from the airplane. The next bomb wounded Feck. "I thought my leg was blown off," he remembered. "I thought my arm was blown off. I pushed send into my wound to stop the bleeding, because I didn't really know what else to do. I had a lot of wounds on my left side." Feck managed to crawl to the edge of the airstrip at about 1 pm. on D-Day. He lay there for 12 hours waiting to be evacuated. Finally at 1 a.m. the next morning, an officer — Feck doesn't remember who — reached him with a poncho, loaded him up and dragged him back to the beach. Feck joined about 50 wounded

Marines and was placed on a stretcher for the long trip down the pier. The Battle of Tarawa was over for Feck.

Feck said he enjoyed coming back, although he admitted it was "kind of emotional. It naturally would be."

One reporter asked Feck how Tarawa changed him. Feck thought for a moment, then replied. "Well, I can say that the best three things that ever happened to me are: one was to be a Marine; two, I survived Tarawa; and three, [as his voice broke] I married the nicest lady I ever met."

After we left the beach, we returned to the hotel so that the veterans could shower and change clothes for the evening feast, an elaborate affair held by the Betio natives in honor of the veterans. Feck and Schultz could not pass up the opportunity to visit with other veterans in the hotel lounge. As they shared stories and beer, there was not a trace of the emotion we had witnessed on the beach. That moment had passed and those ghosts were once again and those ghosts were once again carefully locked away in the dark corners of their minds.

Americans today owe these four men a great deal. They ware the youth and the future of America when they faced untold horror on Pacific beaches.

When they came home, they quietly put away their uniforms and medals and resumed their lives. They got married, went to college, raised children, and started businesses.

These men, who came to manhood in combat, built this generation's America. To a man, they will deny being anything more than "your average Marine, just doing my job." But, as the sun melted down beyond the Pacific horizon. I thought differently. I knew I had just met four of America's herces.



William Smith, president of the 2d Marine Division Association and a WWI veteran, lays a wreath at the 2d Marine Division monument during a commemoration ceremony on Betio.







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## Toys for Tots help needy children

□ Program gives toys to more than 3,000,000 children annually

By Sgt. Lou Ramirez

A seed was planted 46 years ago by a single hand-made doll and a wish to put a smile on an otherwise solemn little face. This seed bloomed into the Toys for Tots program.

The program was founded by Marine Corps Reserve Col. William Hendricks, public relations executive with Warner Brothers Studios in Hollywood, along with Col. Charles Shepard and Maj. John Hampton.

During the Christmas season of 1947, Col. Hendrick's wife had made a doll; wanting to lighten up a child's life he decided to give it to an underpriviledged child. To his dismay he found there were no agencies organized to give toys to these children.

Knowing he had to do something about this, he began the Toys for

Tots program. Because of the that only new toys be donated. large number of children orphaned The main reason for this is that during World War II, the program it is hard to explain to a child originally wasstarted toaid them. why the toy he received for With the help of theaters, radio Christmas is not new. stations and newspapers, more than 7,000 toys were collected in collected at the different dropoff the three weeks before Christmas locations and at the Toys for Tots fund rajsing events in Hawaii.

In 1948, the Marine Corps announced the adoption of a new public service activity, Toys for Tots, which was to be conducted annually throughout the organized Reserve

volunteers.

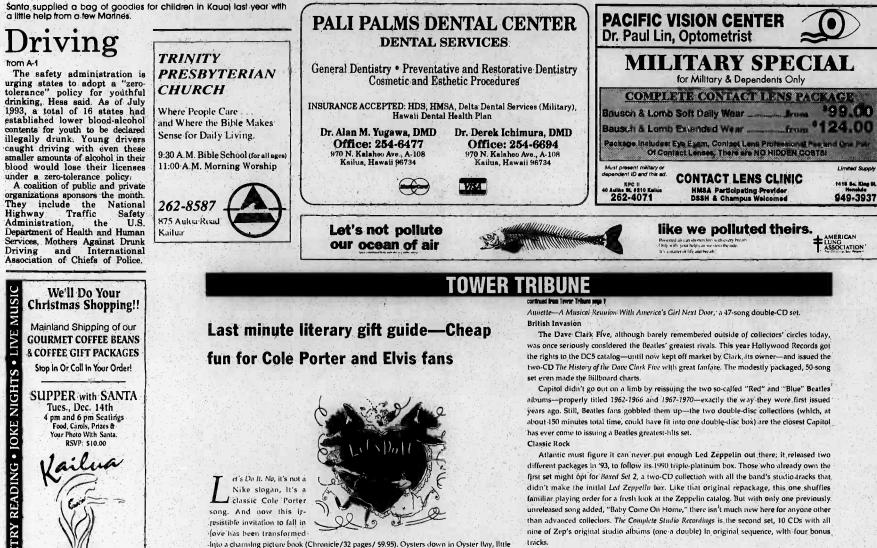
fund raising events in Hawaii. All the toys collected locally stay within the state. "Here in Hawaii there is a need

more drop-off locations," Morris

said. The toys are delivered to the Community Clearance Warehouse located at Fort Shafter. The toys are kept there and then distributed among needy children. Those who wish to make monetary donations may also do so through the Combined Federal Campaign. Federal employees will be able to designate Toys for Tots to receive charitable payroll to receive charitable payroll deductions. This makes donations tax deductible.

tax deductible. But for most people a tax deduction is not what they have in mind when they give to the Toys for Tots program; what they have in mind is knowing that a child will be waking up with a smile on that magical Christmas moming moming.

ccepted. The toys were repaired 4th Force Reconnaisance Company nd distributed by members of the based in Honolulu. farine Corps Reserve and "One of the main reasons we olunteers. At the present it is requested year is because we have a lot 471-0202.



Modern/Alternative Rock

The box the trade mags predicted to be the year's smash is A&M's Police set, Message in a Box-The Complete Recordings: They may be right: The Police rode to popularity on the back of punk rock; although the band was leagues ahead of its peers in musicianship. Then it sold enormous quantities of records in its 10-year lifespan; Sting is still as popular as ever. The four CDs here comprise all five Police studio albums in entirety, augmented with assorted Bsides, live tracks, etc., including the band's rare debut single, "Fallout" / "Nothing Achleving."

Rykodisc acquired U.S. rights to Elvis Costello's Columbia catalog this year, and began releasing them one by one. For collectors, Ryko took the first three albums-My Aim Is True, This Year's Model and Armed Forces-along with the former bootleg Live at the El Mocambo and boxed them, calling it Two and a Half Years. Essential.



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-Jeffrey Stock

Billing itself as "the ultimate Elvis memorabilia book," the coffee-table pictorial All the King's Things (Bluewood Books/32 pages/S12.95) comes off more like a top-flight compendium of trailer decorating tips. Tchotchkes from superfan Robin Rosaaen's 40,000 item collection are thematically arranged on double-wide layouts here. Coolest are "the Elvis kitchen" and "the ultimate Elvis Shrine'-the latter a genuinely awe-inspiring place to catch the King's vibe. Oy vey.

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## **Corpsmen recognized 26 years later**

#### Navy News Service

THE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON (NSMN) — In a ceremony 26 years after the event, HM3 Barry Ronald Smith and HN Robert R. Wilson were recognized as heroes by Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton, who presented them with Bronze Stars in front of a packed room of family, friends, dignitaries and media. "One of the great privileges of this position," said Dalton, "is recognizing extraordinary actions on the part of the men and women uniform. "Normally this sort of thing takes place shortly after the event, in this case, the event was more than a quarter century ago." Dalton explained the delay,

than a quarter century ago." Dalton explained the delay, saying, "Their actions were extraordinary, and so too were the events following their heroic efforts. Their unit remained under siege, and paperwork, understandably, took a back seat to survival. Then Ron Smith and Bob Wilson were transferred, and the paperwork never caught up with them." Until now. On Nov. 10, the 218th birthday

of the U. S. Marine Corps and the eve of Veterans Day, the Navy recognized the unselfish actions of veterans Smith and Wilson, who ran into a minefield not once, but twice, to render aid to two fallen Marines and remove them from dencer danger Wilson took the opportunity of the

Marine Corps birthday to reflect on all Marines who, over the Corps' 218 years, "paid the price of freedom, for God and country. ...They are the heores, and may they early in page"

of preedom, for God and country. "They are the heores, and may they rest in peace." Smith talked of the pride he felt when he had returned home from Vietnam, the joy of greeting his family again, and the obligation he felt he owed those who'd not returned — to live a full life. "Two weeks ago at the wall, my first time there. I didn't think of sadness, death and dying," he said. "I thought of happy faces. The teenage jokes we played on each other. We were kids, we used Clearasil, not shaving cream." And in remembering those friends, those who died and those who returned, Smith's voice became returned, Smith's voice became slightly ragged as he battled his emotions. "I feel so proud," he said. "God bless the Marine Corps."

God bless our families. God bless this great nation of ours." From among those gathered, a reverent "God bless America" punctuated Smith's closing remarks. The crowd held many people who had served in Vietnam, or whose lives had changed because of the war. Dignitaries included Deputy Surgeon General Richard I. Ridenour, MC, USN, and Maj. Gen. D. A. Richwine, USMC.

USMC. Richwine, who was representing the Commandant of the Marine Corps, gave the first hint that the ceremony would turn into an emotional reunion. Smith and Wilson received their Broze, Store for actions taken on

Smith and Wilson received their Bronze Stars for actions taken on Aug. 15, 1967 while serving as corpsmen with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam. As an infantry lieutenant, Richwine had served in Kilo Company in 1966, and he is now a member of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines association. Retired CDR Leo Stanis was also in attendance. He was Kilo Company's chaplain and had initiated actions to see Smith and Wilson finally recognized for the

heroic actions he had witnessed

heroic actions he had witnessed in 1967. Stanis thanked Randy Paige for his assistance in bringing today's ceremony to fruition. Paige is a reporter for "The Crusaders," a nationally syndicated television show whose reporter find solutions to their reporters find solutions to their stories. After the chaplain's remarks, Paige took his story from solution to reunion, bringing up several special guests... Platoon leader Lt. Peter Wymes, ISMC. was first up, he had not

USMC, was first up; he had not seen Smith and Wilson since Vietnam.

Vietnam. The next guests were even more poignant: parents of the two Marines the corpsmen had risked their lives trying to save. The mother of one of the Marines struggled to maintain her composure; she had not realized her son had died surrounded by friends. "He was in good company," she said. "If I couldn't be there," she started, then dissolved into tears and into Wilson's arms.

"Your son was a hero," he told her, then repeated what so many corpsmen have said before, in actions and in words: "We did our best."

Corpsmen totals

BUMED WASHINGTON (NSMN) — In Vietnam, hospital corpsmen were the most decorated enlisted rate. For actions during that war, corpsmen received three Medals of Honor, 29 Navy Crosses, 127 Silver Stars, two Legions of

Merit, 290 Bronze Stars -- now 292, and 4,563 Purple Hearts. Many of these medals were awarded posthumously; 620 hospital corpsmen were killed in action during the Vietnam War.

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## Ten holiday classics to please all tastes

or many of us with an affinity for music and recordings, the prospect of listening to Christmas and holiday music has about the same appeal, as a Michael Jackson concert at a retirement home. There is, in other words, a palpable lack of electricity. It is as though the phrase "Christmas music" is a contradiction in terms Despite such curmudgeonly forebodings about the music. of the holidays, there is a larger public whose members infrequently wander the aisles of record stores and who cannot have enough of the holidays and their concomitant music. Every year the record industry takes aim at these recalcitrant consumers and fires off salvos of holiday classics, reissues and new megastar releases to draw these unwary customers into the madness of holiday shopping Any idea, no matter how mindless, is not left untried, No one, for example, would ever dreant of buying a Beatles record performed by batking dogs; make the recording one of carols performed by those same dogs, or singing cats, or even, God (orbid, pseudo-chipmunks; and the line of customers goes around the block.

Occasionally, however, lightning gets captured in a bottle and the holiday music that results, like Christmas itself, is miraculous. The list of holiday classics that is included herein, despite the diversity of artists, possesses one unifying characteristic-this music, the holiday season

notwithstanding, sounds just as wonderful in May or September as it does in December. And this year the coast is clear: there are no singing animals here.

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1. Santa's Got a Brand New Bag-James Brown (Rhino). The very best from his rarest Christmas LPs.

2. Light of the Stable-Enimylou Harris (Warner Bros.). As traditional as Christmas gets. 3. A Christmas Gift for You-Phil Spector (Abkco).

Rock'n'roll meets Christmas and rock wins. 4. If We Make It Through December-Merle Haggard

(Epic): Hard times meet Christmas and Christmas wins 5. Memorabilia Navidena-Tish Hinojosa

(Watermelon). The holidays as seen from a unique, American perspective along the Rio Grande valley: 6. The Christmas Song-Nat King Cole (Capitol).

- chestnuts roasting on an open fire 7. Elvis' Christmas Album-Elvis Presley (RCA). Will
- the real king of kings please stand up? 8. Christmas Wish-NRBQ (Rounder): Try cranking

this in July.

9. Oy Claunkah!-Klezmer Conservatory Band (Rounder)



This title rounds out the holidays nicely. 10. Yule Stuffin': A Blue Note Christmas-various artists (Blue Note). Last year's sleeper acquires a cult status. -Lariy King





## How safe are my children's toys?

#### By Sgt. Lou Ramirez

Christmas morning is finally here; your child's smile could not be bigger because he finally got that toy he has been eagerly awaiting.

awaiting. Unfortunately, in many cases, the urge to get that new toy prevents people from being careful and taking safety into consideration when they purchase

consideration when they purchase new toys. Many times the question is not "how safe is the toy?" but "how safe is the toy for my child?" According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) toys should be selected to suit the age, skills, interests and abilities of the individual child. In 1992, an estimated 143,000 In 1992, an estimated 143,000 children were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms for toyrelated injuries. Many of these incidents were easily avoidable and were mostly minor and incidental

Parents should read the labels on toys. Usually the labels give age recommendations. That information should be used as a guide. Toys not recommended for children under three usually contain small parts which may endanger the child if swallowed. These toys may pose a a fatal choking hazard, explained the CPSC.

One of the biggest problems, continues to be small toys which may be swallowed by children, reports the United States Public Interest Research Group.

Interest Research Group. This research group recommends parents do a choke test to see if a toy's parts are small enough to be swallowed by a child. To do this the toys should be dropped through the cardboard center of a toilet paper roll. If the toy fits through; it could be a danger. Labels should also be read for



instructions on the proper use of the toy. To ensure the toys are being used properly, the parent should not only instruct the child on how, to properly operate the

being used properly, the parent should not only instruct the child on how to properly operate the toys, but they should also maintain close supervision of the child. "It is very important that the child know how to operate the toys properly and safely. If they don't, it may be a safety hazard," said Verne Chapman, safety and occupation health specialist at the Joint Safety Center. Although most toys pose the biggest safety hazard while they are actually being played with, they could also be a danger if they are not properly stored. "Parents should teach children to put their toys away. Many

"Parents should teach children to put their toys away. Many accidents may occur when toys are left out," Chapman said. "A skate left on a stair can be a potential safety hazard." Because of the holidays, people move at a faster pace and have many more things on their minds; therefore it is important that parents think about children's safety.

safety. To adults, looking out for safety

hazards in toys may almost come to be second nature, but many times small children cannot differentiate between a toy and



what only looks like a toy. "Some items such as plastic bags may be attractive to children;

may be attractive to children; therefore it is important for parents to dispose of such items properly," Chapman said. Keeping safety in mind ensures that toys serve their original purpose, which is to give children happiness, and are not turned into a weapon which destroys a child's life life

life. The following are U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines for selecting a safe toy: Select toys to suit the skills, abilities and interests of the individual child. Toys intended for children under eight years of age must meet more stringent federal safety requirements than toys designed for older children. Federal laws prohibit toys intended for children under the age of three for children under the age of three to contain any parts small enough to be swallowed or to become lodged in a child's windpipe, ears or nos

a label reader. Look for and Be a label reader. Look for and heed recommendations, such as "Not recommended for children under three years of age." Look for other safety labels such as "flame restant." Make sure that all instructions are clear to you and when

appropriate, to the child. Discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately, before they become deadly playthings. Toys with long strings or cords are not recommended for infants and very young children because they can cause strangulation. Electric, toys with heating elements are recommended only for children more than eight years old. Arrows or darts used by children

Arrows or darts used by children should have soft cork tips, rubber suction cups or other protective tips. Check to be sure safety tips

tips. Check to be sure safety tips are secure. When buying toy guns and caps, be wary of those that can produce sounds at noise levels that can damage hearing. Federal law requires this warning on boxes of caps producing loud noises. "WARNING— do not fire closer than one foot to the ear. Do not use indoors." It is recommended that children too young to understand this warning not be given these caps. given these caps.

Safety Tips to promote safety in the home: • Check all toys periodically for breakage and potential hazards. A toy that cannot be repaired should be thrown away

A toy that cannot be reparted should be thrown away immediately.
Teach children to put their toys safely away on shelves or in other storage areas after playing to prevent trips and falls. Many accidents occur when toys are left out causing someone to fall.
Take time to explain to children how to take care of them.
Keep toys designed for older children out of the hands of little ones. Chemistry sets, hobby items and toys with small parts can be extremely dangerous if used by younger children.
Never hang toys with long strings, cords, loops or ribbons in cribe or playpens where children can become entangled.



American Heart Association And the living. This space provided as a public ser

## Tarawa from A-1

The President was followed by LtGen. Stackpole, who spoke of the courage and sacrifice of the Marines who assaulted Tarawa. The veterans, sitting under tenting to protect them from the sizzling heat, were visibly moved by the general's words.

general's words. One veteran also spoke. Mr. Bill Smith, president of the 2d Marine Division Association, emotionally recalled the events of the three-day battle, and the experiences of the men he served with with.

win. Veterans and government officials then moved to the Betio Town Council Building for a wreath-laying ceremony. The brief, somber affair was accompanied by music from the III MEF Band. The Kiribati Government and the Betio Town Council hosted a huncheon immediately following

luncheon immediately following the commemoration, which featured local cuisine prepared in traditional fashion.

The people of Betio hosted a feast, which began at 7:45 p.m. The Marines and sailors were presented with leis and welcomed by local dancing girls. Again, traditional cuisine was served. The entertainment was provided by church and school singing groups

and a traditional dancing group. Speeches were given once more by distinguished guests, including a closing speech from a Betio official. LtGen. Stackpole also presented a small monument, built by Marines from 3d CEB by Marines from 3d CEB, to the people of Betio which noted the sacrifice of the people during the

The feast ended at approximately 11:30 p.m. with warm good-byes from Marines and the friendly people of Betio. This marked the end of the official commemoration ceremonies.

The Germantown weighed anchor Nov. 22 and got underway for Guadalcana). The Marines and crew will participate there in the dedication of the Solomon Islands parliament Building there. The veterans, all of whom were excited to be a part of the commemoration, remained in the atoll for a few days to get in some last-minute sightseeing before their commercial flights departed. Countless commendatory remarks about the performance of the Marines and sailors were made by the vets; many young Marines made new friends among the veterans during the two day affair. In addition to the festivities, medical personnel from the Germantown and the lst Marine Expeditionary Brigade assisted local clinics with the dispensing of medicine and routine examinations. Although the return to Tarawa was bittersweet for many of the former Marines, the event marked former Marines, the event marked one of the most courageous moments in the Marine Corps history. The veterans, standing tall with their medals on their chests during the ceremonies, proved the old saying true: "Once a Marine, always a Marine."



# Front and center-Marine uses personal qualities to become good leader

By Cpl. Aaron Martin

Some Marines consider the band to be a "skate" duty since a musician never trains like a "real" "Marine. But one Marine here is "proof positive that music is just one aspect of a Marine musician's life.

life. Corporal Gabriel Vega is not only a trumpet player for the Marine Forces Pacific Band but is also an accomplished marksman and combat veteran. Vega enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 1987. He had been accepted as a musician after sending in an audition tape showing his proficiency as a trumpet player.

sensing in an autoin tape showing his proficiency as a trumpet player. The first fleet unit Vega was assigned to was with the 1st Marine Division Band, Camp Pendleton, Calif. It was there that he learned the importance of good leadership. "My band officer (WO Ed Harris) was just a great leader," Vega said. "He knew how to keep the troops motivated and no matter what was going on he took care of the troops and continually inspired us." The importance of good leadership would soon be vital for the band as they prepared to deploy to Operation Desert Shield. One of the misconceptions about bandmen is that they don't train

like other Marines. That statement is incorrect, according to Vega. "A lot of people get the field bands and the premier band (The President's Own) confused. The field bands do everything Marines in other jobe do. We go to boot camp, we take PFTs, qualify with the rifle and must maintain the same levels of proficiency in knowledge as other Marines," the 24-year-old said. "I think that most Marines just don't understand the band field. It requires a lot of hard work. When we were at Pendleton we trained in the field regularly." It was Sept 2, 1990 when Vega realized how important his Marine Corpe training was when the let Marine Division Band departed for Saudi Arabia. like other Marines. That statement

Marine Division Band departed for Saudi Arabia. Vega, who was a fire team leader, took the initiative and displayed his proficiency and knowledge of weaponery. He participated in convoy security, worked ahifts of perimeter security for the COC (command operations center, Camp #15, Al Jubail) and participated in recon patrols. The band as a unit arrived at the Kuwaiti International Airport deep within the borders of Kuwait on the day of the cease-fire. Because of his efforts in training the Marines in the band Vega was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal by MGen. J.M. Myait. The warrant read in part for "technical knowledge and



Cpl. Gabriel Vega is an accomplished musician, marksman and a combat veteran.

proficiency for the heavy machine gun section, and keeping the troops on the cutting edge of readiness."

on the cutting edge of readiness." after a few months, received orders Among the weapons he trained to Hawaii. Shortly after arriving fellow Marines on were the Mk-19, M-2, M-60 and the M-249. In Hawaii the Port Aransas, Texas 19, M-2, M-60 and the M-249. In the arts and the opportunity to A driving force behind his display his marksmanship leadership was a concern for his abilities. Troops in regard to their knowledge "I got to Hawaii and had the of combat tactics. Because field chance to shoot in the intramural training was not a constant for matches at Puuloa Range in the band, he felt it was vital to January of 1992. Up to this point ensure that everyone understood I didn't know much about the the weaponery and their mission. competition-in-arms program for

After returning from Desert Shield/Storm he reenlisted, and, after a few months, received orders to Hawaii Shortly after arriving in Hawaii the Port Aransas, Texas native had the opportunity to dianlay his markamenghing

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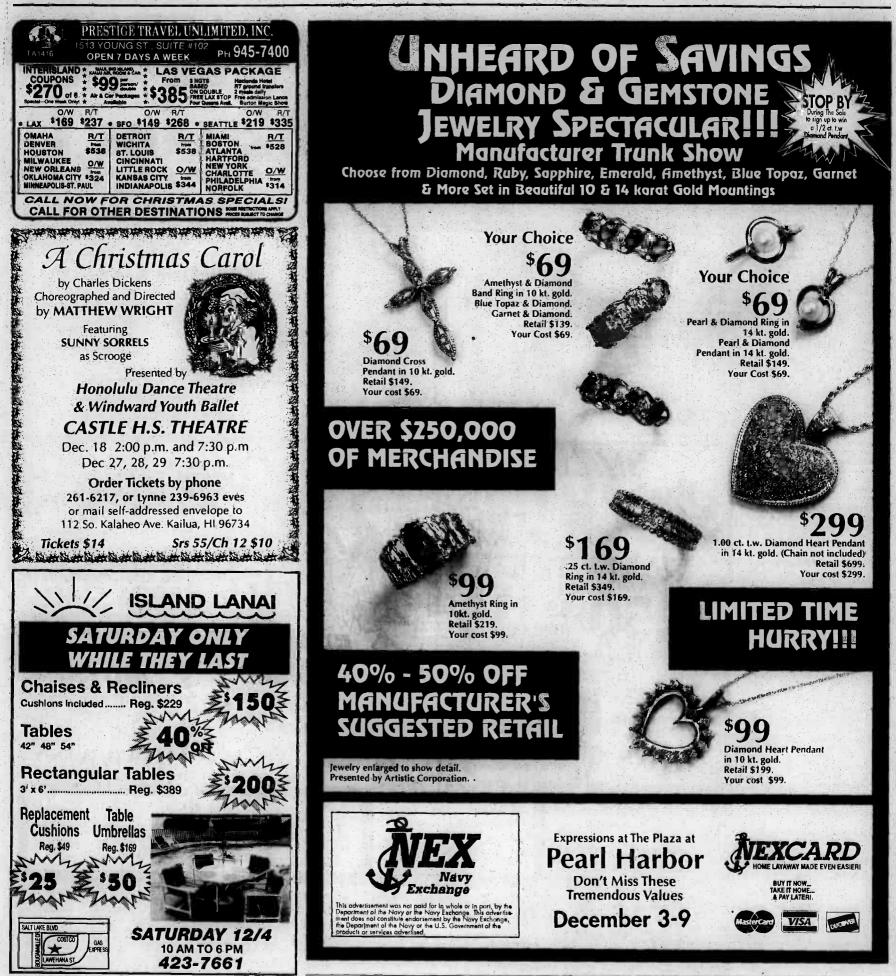
His skills made an impression-on several others and he proceeded to the interservice matches back on the mainland. He was invited to stay in Quantico, Va. and shoot with the Marine Corps summer team but opted to return to Hawaii to be with his wife, Kathleen, who was about to give birth to their second child. Shooting in the Hawaii State

second child. Shooting in the Hawaii State High Power Rifle Championships in 1992, Vega raked in the awards. Vega was the high military shooter, had the highest total aggregate score, and won the 600-yard Slow-Fire and 200-yard Slow-Fire divisions of the competition. Returning to the PacDiv matches in the visiol and also shot on the

in the pistol and also shot on the

shooting for the station team now. "One of the key aspects of the Marine Corps is being able to lead and to follow. I have developed a higher level or sense of responsibility that I could never have had if not for the Marine Corps," Vega reflected. "Another key element is the family-like environment or band of brothers' which I feel sets the Marine Corps apart from the other services."

Corporal Gabriel Vega is one example of a truly versatile and talented Marine who not only applies his personal goals as a musician and marksman but also as a leader of Marines.



## **Briefs**

#### **Red Cross**

Classes for December are as follows:

Community CPR (infant, child, adult)-Dec. 4. Standard First Aid Dec. 11. Iniki T-shirts on sale for \$3. Of every T-shirts sold \$1 will be donated to the Red Cross. Limited edition POG's are on sale for 50 cents a set.

For more information on any of the programs or classes offered call 257-3150. The hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For emergencies call 257-3150 or 471-3155.

#### ASYMCA

Annual Food Drive--Provides Annual Food Drive—Provides baskets confidentially to families in temporary need of assistance during Thanksgiving and Christmas. All the food is provided by the Staff NCO Wives' Club. Your food and monetary gift is greatly appreciated. Call 2544719 or 254-4965 to refer a family in need.

Hearts Apart (Waiting Wives)—Is your spouse deployed? We meet every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon

a.m.noon. Swingin' Western style-ya'll come join us and learn the Texas Two Step, the Tush Push, the Achy Breaky and more. We're roundin' up at the "ASY". Serious inquiries call 2544965. Drivers Permit-Sign up now for the next class. Playschool-Interest lists starting now for the next session

starting now for the next session Jan. 19. Excursion to Ala Moana Center-Dec. 16 from 8:30 a.m.-

1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 254-4719 or 254-4965. We help pay for child care.

### K-Bay FSC

Women's Empowerment Program The group meets every Thursday from 3-5 p.m. focusing on safety, self-esteem, anger and

stress management. Playmorning Mobile Preschool-A free program for Preschool-A free program for children (infants to 5-years of age) with be meeting in the following housing areas four mornings each week from 9-11 a.m. Monday-2454/60 Cochran St., Tuesday-Harris Ave. and Elrod Dr., Wednesday-Cochran St. and Dodson St., Thursday-Daly Rd. and Daly Pl. On rainy days, playmorning will meet will meet on the lanai at the Family Service Center, building 455. Playmorning will not meet Dec. 20-30 during the busy holiday weeks. Visit the Playmorning homemade toys booth at Santa's Village Dec. 11. Anger Management -A workshop with the emphasis on understanding and accepting

understanding and accepting responsibility for aggressive behavior and its consequences will be held Dec. 7 from 1-4 p.m. For reservations call 257-3655. Marriage Skills Workshop 14 how workshop for availy

Marriage Skills Workshop-A 14-hour workshop for newly married couples and people anticipating marriage will be held Dec. 7-8 from 8 a.m.4 p.m. Reservations required. New Arrivals Tour - An around the island tour will be held Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Bring a lunch, a free soda will be provided. You must confirm your reservation the week of the tour. **Cherishing Our Differences** --Increase your self-awareness and

Increase your self-awareness and understand how to relate to others. The class will be held Dec. 15 from 8 - 11:30 a.m. Reservations required. Do you qualify for Food Surplus

o you qualify for Food Surplus Distribution? Stop by the Family Service Center, building 455, with your latest LES and see if you are eligible. For more information call 257-3655.

#### Food Drive

discipline, stress management, safety tips, communications, etc. For more information call the New Parent Support Program at 257-2655

**Book Fair** 

Book Fair The Menchuric Pre-school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Dec. 6-9 at the Menchune Pre-school from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and also Dec. 10 and 11 at the Main Exchange from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This reading event features the newest titles from over 70 publishers and presents students, parents and teachers a opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers. Admission is free. For more information call the school at 257-1593.

#### CDC open for New Year's Eve

The Child Development Center will be open for New Year's Eve Child Care, Friday, Dec. 31, from 7:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Parents must make their reservations in person at the Center, building 579, during normal working hours, Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Recruiters needed

Recruiting stations within the 8th Marine Corps District, covering all or parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and New Mexico; are looking for Marines private through sergeant, to come back home to help the recruiting effort through permissive TAD.

recruiting effort through permissive TAD. Marines volunteering for the program can spend up to 30 days helping 'recruit quality individuals while earning bonus points for promotion or special fitness can earn meritorious. For more information contact the following recruiting stations: RS Albuquerque, N.M., SgtMaj. Evans, (505) 766-2470; RS Dallas, Texas, SgtMaj. Hudman, (214) 939-6539; RS Denver, Colo. SgtMaj. Elston, (303) 832-2517; RS Houston, Texas, SgtMaj. Schiller, (713) 226-2276; RS Little Rock, Ark, SgtMaj. Helmkamp, (501) 324-5496; RS New Orleans, La., SgtMaj. Simpson, (504) 498-5668; RS Oklahoma City, Okla, SgtMaj. Ilaoa, (405) 231-5001; RS San Antonio, Texas, SgtMaj. Schmelzer, (210) 229-5529.

#### Volunteers needed

The Honolulu Botanical Garden The Honolulu Botanical Garden needs assistance in clearing "maile pilou" a vigorous growing vine that is overwhelming their valuable plants. The most serious problem is at the Ho'omaluhia. Botanical Garden on Luluku Road in Kaneohe. Botanical Garden personnel will supply all necessary tools and will supervise this effort.

Interested Marines who can work on Dec. 45 please contact Major Wheeler, Station Environmental Office at 257-8000.

## Officer's Wives'

Club

Club The Officer's Wives' Club will host the 1993 Tour of Homes on Dec. 9. Tour participants should meet at the Officer's Club at 6:30 p.m. Members and their guests are welcome to attend. The cost is \$9 per person which includes heavy pupus, cookies and a raffle after the tour. Make checks payable to OWC and should be mailed to Julie Aycock, 2247 Blain Drive, Kailua, Hi. 96734 by Dec. 2.

during normal working hours. veryone is welcom **USO** Scholarship

Family members of active duty military personnel who have graduated from high school with the last four years are eligible to apply for the Budweiser/USO Scholarship Program sponsored by the World USO and Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc.

the world USO and Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. Twenty five \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to college bound students on the basis of scholastic records, test scores and extracurricular activities. Applicate must slag submit a heavy pupus, cookies and a raffie after the tour. Make checks payable to OWC and should be mailed to Julie Aycock, 2247 Blain Drive, Kailua, Hi. 96734 by Dec. 2. Rent a Santa suit for your holiday parties or personal use from the OWC this year. Call Carol Cook at 254-3347 for more information. Blood Drive The air station will be conducting a blood drive on Dec. 29 between 8 a.m. - noon at the 20 or write: USO Hawaii P.O. 20 call 945-2024.

TAMP Transition

Transition Assistance Workshop—The workshop is required of all personnel separating within six months. The workshop will be held Dec. 6-9 from 8 a.m. 4 p.m. at the Station Theater. New Arrivals/New Employee Orientation—This is a one-stop orientation to the services and facilities available to personnel. The orientation will be held Dec. 6 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at building 267, classroom 1.

Assistance

267, classroom 1. **DOE Special Recruitment Seminar-Hawaii Department of** Education will be recruiting for teachers and other positions in the educational field. The seminar is open to all dependents, retirees and their family members, military personnel and DoD civilians. The seminar will be held at the Pearl Harbor O'Club Dec. 6 from 5.9

Harbor O'Club Dec. 5 from 5-9 p.m. Registration is required. How to Complete the SF-171 for Federal Employment—This class provides information on job selection and how to apply for federal employment. The class will be held Dec. 14 from 8-10:30 a.m. at building 267, classroom 2. Registration is required.

information further For concerning any of the classes offered call the Transition Assistance Management Office at Assistance 257-3135.

#### **Beach Worship**

The chaplains of the 1st Marine The chaplains of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade will celebrate Sunday services in "God's Cathedral" with an Ecumenical service that includes Roman Catholic Mass and Protestant Holy Communion. The service will be at 10 a.m. on Dec. 12 at Hale Koa Beach Area #2 aboard the station. Coffee, juice and doughnuts will follow the services. Come and worship in the beauty of God's creation and share the fellowship.

### Parade of Lights

The annual Makani Kai Yacht Club Boat Parade of Lights will be held Dec. 11. The parade will be visible from the Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay pier. Santa Claus will be aboard one of the boats. If any skippers are interested in lighting up their yachts and participating in the parade, contact Priscilla Klocek at 235-2560.

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Reservations require a \$10 deposit per child and will be credited to the hourly charges accrued on New Year's Eve. Deposits are not refundable after Dec. 15. For more information, call 257-1388.

The Staff NCO Wives annual food drive is underway. The food drive provides baskets which are given to families in temporary need of assistance during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Last year more than 220 baskets were given to military families aboard the air station. Collection boxes for non-Collection boxes for non-perishable items will be located at the commissary, chapel, Self-Serve and 7-Day Store Monetary donations can be made out to the "Staff NCO Wives' Club Food Drive Account" and may be dropped off at the Thrift Shop. Wednesday, 5 - 8 p.m. or Thursday, Friday and pay day Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information call 254-0548 or 254-5516. **New Parents** 

The Marine's New Parent Support Program offers a parenting education and support parenting education and support group every Tuesday night from 6-7:30 p.m. Free childcars is available. Please bring a copy of your child's up-to-date shot record. Childcare cannot be provided without one. The group meets at the child development center on Reed Road. Topics include Hawaii Marine December 2, 1993

# Sports/Leisure

## Radio wins season opener in Intramural Basketball

By Sgt. Marton J. Martin

An impressive win in the season opener of intramural basketball has many people wondering if 1st Radio Battalion is a different team

Radio Battalion is a different team this year. Radio put last year's not-so-good performance behind them and walked off the court with a 46-36 victory against Motor T, BSSG-1, Monday night. The radio Marines were off and running as soon as the whistle was blown. They dominated the game inside and out. Curtis Brooks led the team offensively, teaming up with Paul Peretic on defense to control their inside game. Meanwhile, Mark Grant 'spearheaded a tenacious offense, which caught Motor T napping on defense. Radio established a handsome 10-1 lead in just six minutes of play, which proved to be devastating to Motor T's offensive strategy. "We use nucling the hell and

pressure. "I want the team to know that just because we're a few points ahead, that doesn't mean we can take off the pressure." Bledsoe's advice was apparently taken to heart, because Radio continued to break down Motor Ts offense. By halftime, Radio had doubled the score, 28-14. The saying that one can live and die by the jumper was ever colear on Motor Ts behalf. Since to be a constant struggle inside the paint, Motor T had no other outside. As a result, sporadic scoring matched with an inconsistent offensive gameplan did the truckers more harm than good. Motor T mined Radio's 14 point.

mine. Motor T minced Radio's 14-point lead in half, 30-23, with Nicky "NicNasty" Williams nailing a few three pointers. The lead shifted back in Radio's favor, but Kirk Heather kept Motor T within striking distance. "Heather has a good game. If we can work him into the offense, we got a good chance of pulling this one out," said coach Ronnie Smith, switching from the zone be devastating to Motor T's Heather kept Motor T within Ratio seems to have the potential to be a serious contender in regular "Heather has a good game. If ye can work him into the offense, we got a good chance of pulling the offense, we got a good chance of pulling the stabilizing the offense. Smith, switching from the zone and a couple of horses to battle defense to the defense to have the potential to be a serious contender in regular "Heather has a good game. If ye can't let up," he said, referring to the team's defensive first half to a man-to-man defense.



7th Comm's Libby Cooper (right) attempts a shot during the Tuesday night intramural Basketball game against MWSS-174. 7th Comm jumped ahead to win the game 44-24.

## Marines are at 3.6 percent, Still time to run in marathon

By Cpl. Barry Baker

The Honolulu Marathon, slated for Dec. 12, is not just the third levent of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Commanding General's Fitness Series, it has become a challenge to all of the armed forces by the Honolulu Marathon Association. The service with the highest percentage of participants per total population in Hawaii will receive a substantial donation for that service's relief society. According

a substantial contained for a service's relief society. According to LtCol. Gil Loomis, the Marine Corps goal of 8 percent, that's 720 Oahu Marines, is far from reached. "I encourage 90 to 100 more

Marines to sign up," said BGen R.F. Vercauteran, commanding general, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade. "I know some folks have not been able to put in their miles because of Somalia, but to those who have been able to these pin-shape and have not yet signed up, get out and participate." "If it were decided today, we'd be in last place among the services," said LtCol. Gil Loomis. "We are at 3.6 percent of our total Hawaii Marine population. "We only need 90 more runners to take over first place in the sign up portion of the awards," Loomis \$10,000 will be awarded for sign-up numbers stayed the same, that would put the Marines in first place at at 4.6 percent total population. "The rule of thumb, for those of you who aren't really sure about-running a marathon, is that if you can run eight miles and run a marathon, "Loomis said. The Honolulu Marathon Stopp and \$10,000 for the aggregate finish time awards. First place will receive \$5,000; See Run B-2



Marines are less than one percent from winning the sign-up portion of the awards, \$5,000 to be donated to Naw/Marine Corps Relief Society by the Honolulu Marathon Association,

## **BSSG-1** Maint. Co. wins Thanksgiving Softball Tourney

By Col. Barry Baker

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Wesselink and right-center fielder Don Miller each scored three runs as BSSG coasted the rest of the shortened, five-

near Don Miller each scored three runs as BSSG coasted the rest of the shortened, five-inning game. BSSG's next victim was 2/ 3 [not the same 2/3 that took first place in the American League Weet Division of the 1993 K-Bay Intramural League Weet Division of the 1993 K-Bay Intramural League Weet Division of the 1993 K-Bay Intramural League BSSG and 2/3 stayed close the first two innings, tied at 4. But in the next four innings, BSSG scored 18 runs enroute to a 25-18 victory. Wesselink went to the plate six times, hitting three over the fence and scoring five times. Left fielder Bryan Hill scored four times. Third baseman Steve Witt, BSSG's head coach, scored three times, as did Miller, third baseman Tony Ortega and shortstop Jammie Schmitz. BSSG's closest competition came from 7th Comm. BSSG jumped out to a 40 lead after the first, and although 7th Comm. came close, BSSG never boked back. This victory sent BSSG Maint. into the championship. Th Comm. Toropped into the focord. A game that determined which team would face BSSG Maint. for the tille. Th Comm. was leading BSSG Comm. by only one, 8-7, going into the aixth inning, but three consecutive runs by second baseman Eric Hoover, left fielder Tim Cook and left-center fielder Scott Rogers, put

7th Comm. up for good, defeating BSSG Comm., 11.8. BSSG's rest was enough to prepare them for their next prepare them for their next opponent. After each team scored six runs in the first, it looked as if it would be an exciting championship game. An advantage of not losing in a double elimination

In a double enfinition tournament is not having to play as many games as the other team that had to climb their way back into the their way back into the championship from the loser's bracket. The tired 7th Comm.

bracket. The tired 7th Comm. team, playing in their sixth game of the day, was finally deflated. "We didn't hit the ball and our defense fell: apart," head coach Don Mantlo said. "We were tired." As BSSG continued to pound the hell scoring. Is more time

the ball, scoring 15 more runs in the next four innings, clinching their fourth K-Bay tournament title by defeating 7th Comm., 21-9.

"We're lucky to have all this softball talent in one unit," Witte said "We gave Wesselink the big team trophy, because he was our MVP."

Although he hit at least one Although he hit at least one-homerun in each game, and a couple of homeruns twice, Wesselink said it takes an entire team to win a tournament. "It wasn't just me, we all just hit the ball really well," Wesselink said. "It was a complete team effort."

## From the cheap seats: A sports commentary

John Magnus

little above average.

## Central Division

and are now in fourth. Jimmy "Mac" has stayed relatively injury free, but hasn't played lately.

they're in third. 5. Can Joe Montana II (aka Rich Mirer) be-the beginning of the winning in Seattle? Perhaps, but predicted to finish last. Now in fourth, one game under .500. — Well, I've got first place correct but not much else. Give me a big "D". 3. Once again that "masked man" called a stupid one. Tampa to finish third — right! They're 3-8 in last place.

4. Barry Sanders

If I were still in college, my professors would be in the process, at this time of year, of telling the class which topics would be covered on the mid-term exam. Well, I'm going to give myself a little mid-term exam on my August 19 Professional Football predictions.

## American Football Conference

### East Division

L'AST DIVISION
1. I picked the Miami Dolphins to win this division because of their improved defense, and of course, Dan Marino. Even though Marino is out, the Dolphins are in first.
2. "Destined to finish second in the division for the second year in a row..." Buffalo's current position: second at 8-3.
8. The Colts were picked to finish third because of their young talent. But injuries put a damper on that. Current position: fourth at 8-7.
4. Bruce Coslet and his washed up lefthanded quarterback Boomer Esiason were picked to finish fourth. However, the Jets are now 7-4 and in third.

third.

"Even a new logo, new uniforms, new head coach, and a new logo, new uniforms, new near coach, and a new quarterback won't pull the Patriots from the depths of the AFC West." Currently: dead last at 1-10. — I'll give myself a "B" for this division because I've got three out of five, which is a

I picked Houston to win the division. Unfortunately, they got off to a terrible start, yet they are now in first and cruising.
 Pittsburgh's coaching, solid defense, but lack of a "winning" quarterback will put the Steelers in second. Right now they are in second at 6-5 but one come

in second. Right now they are in second at 6-5, by one game. 3. I said Bill Belichick was a leading contender to be the first coach to get fired. Well, after the recent Bernie Kosar fiasco, I'm looking good. Picked to finish third: current position, third. 4. There was nothing that would prompt me to pick the Cincinnati Bengals from finishing any higher than last. Current position: last, but not winless. — This has got to grade to an "A" because

not winless. — This has got to grade to an "A" because I'm at 100 percent. Had Belichick been fired, it would have been an "At."

## West Division

1. It appears that Joe Montana is pretty much the same; great when he is not hurt. The Chiefs were predicted to finish first, current position: first.

first. 2. The Chargers surprised everyone last year so I didn't think it was too much of a fluke. Predicted to finish second, but now in last. Yikes! 3. A re-born John Elway would put Denver in third. Currently, in second, and playing tough. 4. The Raiders quarterback craziness was reason enough to predict them to finish fourth. Now

## National Football Conference

## East Division

1. Whos, who was that "masked man" who predicted the Redskins not only to win the division, but the Super Bowl? Currently in last at 2.9.

at 2.9.
2. I picked Dallas to finish second because I don't like them. I still don't, and they are in second. But they still might win it all. Bummer.
3. I thought the Giants would finish a respectable third. Well, they are in first by themselves, and surprisingly playing tough.
4. "The Eagles' soar of a few years ago is now a feeble perch." Predicted fourth, currently fourth.
5. Who knows what Phoenix will do. They look great one week, awful the next. Currently fourth, one place above my prediction.
— I've really messed up this one. But I've got two out of five, slightly below average,"D. "

### Central Division

1. I thought the Pack was back. Well, they are, and full of momentum. Now, they are tied for first. 2. The Vikings were picked to finish second

not, the Lions are tied for first, not fourth, you putz

5. I said the Bears' heart and soul were gone. Well, their defense has shown a lot of heart. Enough that they are not in last, but third. — I'm right on with the Packers, but everything is screwy. Grade: "D".

## West Division

1. "No one else could win this division but San Francisco." They are in first at 8-3 and look in championship form.

2. The Saints defense has been great, but the

The Saints defense has been great, but the offense is beginning to sputter. Now in second, but sliding.
 Flip a coin between Atlanta and the Rams for third and fourth. I picked the Falcons third. They are currently in third, and on a roll.
 Who else but Los Angeles. I got that right. Yippee! — My NFC West grade is an "A" only because it's an easy division to call. So, my overall mid term grade point average will be: two Aa st

because it's an easy division to call. So, my overall mid term grade point average will be: two As at 4 points each; one B at 3 points; three Ds at one point each. Hey, even after being out of college for seven years, my grades haven't changed a bit. Anyway, that all equates to a GPA of 2.3, which is a C average. That's good for me, right Mom? Put this report card on the refrigerator with pride.

## Briefs

### Wrestling Tournament

There will be a freestyle wrestling tournament which will be held on Dec. 18. This is the chance for all active duty personnel stationed in Hawaii to show stuff on the wrestling mats. The event is sponsored by the K-Bay Athletic Office For more information call the Athletic Office at 254-2516.

#### Aerobics

# including the STEP program. Classes are \$2 for dependents and 50 cents for active duty, or monthly passes are \$20 for dependents and \$10 for active. duty personnel. For further information contact the Athletic Office at 254-2516.

Any intramural teams interested in participating in a softball tournament Dec. 17 and 18 should contact Ed Peerenboom, at 254-3469. The cost of the tournament is \$125 per team. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place teams as well as individuals.

#### Karate

Semper Fit Aerobics classes are Karate courses teaching self-offered everyday at the Main Gym defense, self-confidence, weapons

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

## Athlete of the Year

Applications for the 1993 MCAS, Kaneohe Bay Male and Female Athletes of the Year are available at the Main Gym Athletic Office. Nominations should be made for those who have made outstanding contributions to K-Bay sports and have maintained outstanding performance of military duties as

well. For more information contact the Athletic Office at 254-2516.

#### Marathon Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Honolulu Marathon Dec. 12. The 50 volunteers will be working the finish line area of the race. Each volunteer will receive a free meal and a T-shirt. Anyone interested should call the Athletic Office at 254-2516.

## Women's Bowling

K-Bay Women's League will begin Jan. 3. It will run Mondays only at 6:30 p.m. All women interested in participating can call Donna at 254-1798 or sign up at the K-Bay Lanes.





Women's results after two events

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## Spouse spends special time with her 'Unsung Heroes'

### By Cpl. Barry Baker

The smiles on their faces, the "joy" in their eyes, and the excitement they show by giving high-fives to one another radiates every time they roll a ball down the alley. Knocking down the pins really has no bearing on their enjoyment. From the moment these energial

has no bearing on their enjoyment. From the moment these special kids walk into the K-Bay Lanes to bow! for two hours on Saturdays, Joy Eversmyer makes sure they leave happy. "These kids are the unsung herces in my book," said Eversmyer, the mother who donates her Saturdays to these kids' happiness. "I do it for the love of children." Eversmyer has a special bond with these kids — she too, was born with a handicap. The bond is evident as her smiles

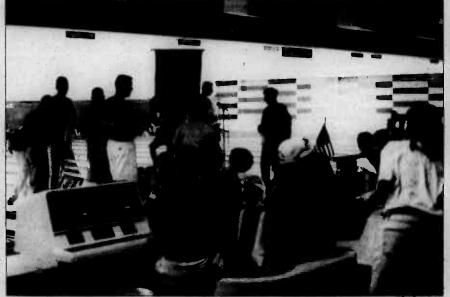
a handicap which limits their abilities — physically and emotionally. "Knowing that they are happy makes me happy. The parents of these children, including myself, because I have two special kids of my own, know their children have limits. To be able to come to the bowling alley once a week is very special for the kids; and their parents know it." Everamyer was brought up with six brothers, and knows the meaning of taking care of people. Taking care of the Windward Special Olympics Children is something "you just do because you like doing it. The Lion's Club got me to walk when I was young, now I'm paying them back." It goes way beyond the payback. This is evident from watching the

are as big as the kids! "They're glow not on only the kids' faces, so happy if they knock down one but Eversmyer's as well. The pin," Eversmyer said. She said Springfield, Mo., native is married that each one of these kids has to GySgt. Jerry D. Eversmyer, a handicap which limits their company gunnery sergeant for abilities — physically and Company C, 1st Battalion, 3d emotionelly. Marines

> "My husband is gone a lot on deployments and every day I work the front desk here (K-Bay Lanes). I like donating my time. It keeps me busy," Eversmyer said.

me busy," Eversmyer said. Donating time to special children is not all Eversmyer finds time to do. She also is the 1/3 coordinator for the Key Volunteers. "These kids are the sweetest things once you get to know them. I can't believe people call them names, or stare at them just because they twitch, or act different," Eversmyer said.

All it takes is a little bit of special attention to get a smile on their faces, and according to Eversmyer, that smile makes it all worth while.



More than 75 bowlers, ages 5 to 21, from 15 schools participated in the 8th Annual Windward Special Olympics Nov. 18 at the K-Bay Lones.

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Consolidated Movie Theater-Tickets cost \$4.25 and are good until June 8, 1994.

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Atlantia Submarine-Atlantis Submarine— Offering a special military rate of \$35 for adults and \$22 for children until Dec. 15 (some restrictions apply).

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at 11:30 a.m. in the Brigaue Chapel. • At Camp H.M. Smith: Catholic Mass is held Sunday, beginning at 8 a.m. Protestant Worship is at 9:30 a.m. and Protestant Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m. There is a Gospel Choir and service at 11 a.m. For more information about religious services, call 477-5098. 5098

5098. • Jewish aervices are held at the Aloha Jewish Chapel aboard Naval Base Pearl Harbor. Shabbat services take place Friday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 471-3971.

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By Maggle Milham

Editor's Note: Spice of Life is a column for military spice (plural of spouse). You are invited to write Maggie with any questions you have concerning military life. Please address your letter to: Joint Public Affairs Office, (Hawaii Marine, Spice of Life), Box 63003, MCAS Kaneohe Bay, HI 96863-3003.

Dear Maggie, Aloha! On several occasions I have called various units on this base. The background language was very offensive!!

As a woman, wife, mother and grandmother, I do not appreciate the four-letter word I heard in the background coming from officers,

staff NCO's and enlisted members. Staff NCO's and enlisted members. I felt ashamed and embarrassed. Why don't the units set up a "trash can kitty" for four-letter, nasty words said around the units? At the end of the quarter, or maybe at the end of each month, throw a party for the guys! I have worked on this base for almost 15 years and these last two years have been the worst as far as vulgar language is concerned; I cannot keep quiet any longer. Any person-officer, Staff NCO,

any longer. Any person-officer, Staff NCO, enlisted or civilian-who has to swear to get his point across, I feel very sorry for. He hasn't learned to express himself properly

learned to express himself properly in English. I went to a christian school for 13 years, and I never learned that the Lord's name was "Dann It!!!" So please, let's all clean up our act on phone calls on the base. Remember, we do not take the Lord's name in vain. Also certain four-letter words

Also, certain four-letter words beginning with "f" and "s" can easily be omitted when talking.

I'm not trying to impose my personal morals on anyone but I feel many people share my concerns and we would all be better off and less offended with less "ear pollution." Aloha nui loa, An Old Lady Who Has Had An Earful

Dear Earful, How right you are! For some how right you are: For some strange reason, there has been a proliferation of foul language throughout our society, particularly with young people. I can't remember the last time I want to the exchange and didn't hear some of those more colorful expressions

the exchange and didn't hear some of those more colorful expressions. The odd thing is the users don't seem to understand that their language is offensive. To them, it's just the normal way of speaking—sort of the verbal equivalent of "uh." One of the saddest things about it is that it shows the lack of imagination many people have. Instead of finding an intelligent, clever way of describing something, they fall

Recently, I watched a movie on television that had been "cleaned up." The bleeps and voice-overs outnumbered the words that hadn't been changed! No wonder our young folks think foul language

back on the old four-letter word

I love your idea of a "Trash Can (mouth) Kitty." The way things are going, the parties would be weekly!

So, let me add my own pleas to yours. Guys (and gals tool) let's have a Clean-Up-Your-Mouth Week. I would even be willing to supply the soap for the foul mouths. Your choice of Irish Spring or Zest. The verbal environment would be ever-so-much nicer and ears would no longer be burning on the other end of the phone line. Thanks for writing!

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## **Staff NCO Wives' Club reorganized**

### By Cpl. Wanda D.G. Schaner

It's not a coffee and tea club. The Staff NCO Wives' Club is an organization that provides an opportunity for the staff wives to interact in a social atmosphere, to exchange ideas and have fellow-

exchange ideas and have fellow ship. "We are in the process of reorganizing the club," explained Lucy Woods, the new president. Whitehead, had to step down because of the by-law that states or any position that is in line for that office." The new board members for the the club is a non-profit organization that does only charity work to help Marine and Navy families. "Right now we are focusing on because of the by-law that states our Food Drive and on the gift wrapping project," Woods explained. The club has a Food Drive for the holiday season to fill food baskets for military families in

treasurer, Sabrina Russell; a nice holiday," Woods said. "This corresponding secretary, Linda is the only time the club Napier; recording secretary, appreciates monetary donations to Johnnie Jackson; and the advisor, offset our fund for the baskets." Elaine Michel.

"We needed to make a few changes; and now is a good opportunity. We want to get a fresh start in the new year," Woods

that office." The holiday season to fill food The new board members for the baskets for military families in club are: president, Lucy Woods; need, "Each year we do 220 vice president, Amy Wilson; baskets to help those families have

Susan Buttigieg, food drive chairman for the Staff NCO Wives' Club, was recently presented a \$200 check by HMCS Jerry Meneses on behalf of the Kaneohe Bay Chief Petty Officers Association and another check, for the same amount, was presented by the Non Commissioned Officer's Association. Associtation.

Boxes are set up throughout the station for the donation of non-perishable items.

Another fund raiser which is held by the club during this time of the year is the gift wrapping table set up in front of the Main. Exchange. This fund raiser is held in cooperation with the

Enlisted Wives' Club and the Officers Wives' Club with the money raised being split three wave among them ways among them.

setting The club will also be setting up a booth at the Santa's Village this year.

The money from these fund raisers go to the various charity funds the club has set up. "Our major fund is for school scholarships we present to enlisted dependents, both children and adults," Woods explained. "Last year we awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to military families and we hope to do the same next year." Money from the funds also co The money from these fund

Money from the funds also go to the the Navy/Marine Corps Relief, Red Cross, Tripler Army Hospital (christmas gifts for patients), as well as organizations

like the Kidney and Lupus organization that would like our help in providing support for our military family can write to us and explain their need. We will present it to our members and our on whether it is something we can help with." Woods said. "Everyone has input in the club, and no one has to work on any projects they don't want to," Woods stated. "You get what you put into it. The club brings wives together to have fun, and exchange ideas on how to help the military finding you can't buy - a finding."

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Staff NCO Wives Club you can contact Lucy Woods at 254-5540.



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## Keiki Koa Walkathoners complete 23,000 laps

## By Sgt. Lou Ramirez

More than 5,500 miles were ran or walked by Mokapu Elementary School students during the third annual Keiki Koa Walkathon held at Mokapu Elementary School Nov. 24.

The walkathon was initiated three years ago to promote an interest in physical fitness while at the same time raising money for other activities.

for other activities. "We wanted to find a way to do both things and be able to touch every child in the school," said. Kelly Kline, Mokapu Elementary School parent facilitator, who originated the walkathon. "That's when we came up with the walkathon." The students raised money by

The students raised money by asking for pledges for the number of laps they would walk or run during the event. In total the students ran or walked more than 23.000 laps.

The students were divided into three groups. The first group, kindergarten and first grade, walked or ran around an eighth of a mile track for 30 minutes. The second group, the second and third graders, walked or ran

around the track for 45 minutes. The final group, the fourth, fifth and sixth graders, had to walk or run around the track for one hour. Kine explained this was the first year the children were able to some of the children were able to some of the children were able to runing over other students, but "This really helped, especially the fourth, fifth and six graders. This really helped, especially the fourth, fifth and six graders. "I was impressed by the number of children who ran," Kline said. "May children started off running but on the average most children." Medals were given to the children with the most laps around the track for each group. Being that the event was held the day before Thanksgiving, the first place old medal recipients also received a turkey. The gold medal winners for

a turkey. The gold medal winners for The gold medal winners for kindergarten and first grade were Denise Lutz and Paul Booren. Second and third grade medal winners were Brittany Hardy, Elizabeth Russell and Michael Camp. The gold medal winners for fourth, fifth and six grade were Isabel Martinez and Jared Cronk.



(Above) Some students of Mokapu Elementary School decide to lay down for a while and rest before going back to closs. (Right) Exhausted after running for 20 minutes, Kara Kline, continues to run to finish her class time limit of 30 minutes.



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Race and ethnicity involve not only issues of group solidarity, but also assertions of group superiority and inferiority. The human race has throughout history differed greatly in it's component parts. At various periods in history, some groups have been far ahead in another era. While a cultural relativist might regard this as evidence that all racial, ethnic or cultural differences are solely in the eye of the beholder, the tangible consequences of these differences, in military power, economic well being and mortality form a part of human life and history.

Racial and ethnic differences have made stable governments difficult to achieve in many countries and in some countries all but impossible.

If you have any questions concerning race and culture call SSgt. Osterhout, 257-2130, Equal Opportunity Staff Advisor.

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## **MWR offerings**

By Julie Mall

WWE Winter Adventure Winter is here and it is time for a winter adventure. The Winter Adventure Program is a Youth Activities program for children grades kindergarten through sixth. The program includee arts and crafts, sports, field trips, a carnival and much more! The program runs Dec. 20-23 and 27-30, from 7 a.m, to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per child and the fees are due payable before Dec. 20. Registration runs through Dec. 15, so hurry and sign up! The The second state of the se

the Officers' Host Night at the Officers Club, Monday from 4:30 to 7:30, p.m. This evening includes heavy pupus and great conversation. Christmas Trees

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