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Soldiers on mission to keep peace in Sinai Peninsula

By SPC. GEORGE A. CHIDI JR.
Public Affairs Detachment

MFO SOUTH CAMP-SINAI, Egypt — Staff Sgt. Tracy Hedrick lay prone on the increasingly uncomfortable midafternoon sand, surrounded by the defensive circle of his infantry squad. Waiting for the go-ahead to start the live-fire exercise was an exercise in self-control and discipline, but the training of field soldiers overcame the pounding sun and the harsh, hard sand.

At Peacekeeper Range, a few miles north of Multinational Forces and Observers, Egypt, South Camp in the southern part of the Sinai Peninsula, training in squad-level infantry tactics was a change of pace from weeks in observation towers as peacekeepers.

Keeping trained in combat infantry skills is becoming

more important while on the road, and it's more difficult because units are on the road all the time.

The 500-plus soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, have a six-month mission to observe and report on compliance with the 1979 Camp David peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. To do so, it staffs observation posts and checkpoints along the barren desert of the Sinai Peninsula.

Completing the six-month tour here, with mission accomplishment and no serious safety incidents while keeping soldiers trained during the 2nd Bn., 27th Inf., rotation as the U.S. contingent of the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt would be a complete success, said Lt. Col. Gregory J. Lynch, Task Force 2-27 commander.

Unlike many other peace-

keeping missions the U.S. is involved with, the MFO is a known quantity. Soldiers rotate on and off their observation posts every 23 days. About one week of the time is spent in South Camp (the base for the U.S. contingent) is used for infantry training.

Despite being 9,000 miles from home station with the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, there are some training benefits to being a Sinai peacekeeper. Task Force 2-27 Infantry brought 6,500 pounds of training materials with them to Egypt. These include target lifters, manuals and even gear to make an improvised moving target range. The plan was to make the best use of a measured six-month mission with low potential for distractions.

"We have our own ranges, we can control our environment," said Maj. James

Shutt, training and operations officer for Task Force 2-27 Infantry. "Everyone is competing for the same resources at Schofield Barracks," like time on the ranges or for training materials. "We have more flexibility here."

The limits imposed on training by MFO troops by the Egypt/Israel Peace Treaty and the resources at hand restrict that flexibility, however. There are no urban combat training facilities here. The task force is prohibited by treaty from training units of greater size than a platoon at a time. And while civilian classes are available through the education center, professional development schools like the Primary Leadership Development Course (a school required for promotion to sergeant) have to wait until after the battalion finishes

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Spc. George A Chidi Jr. photo
Sgt. Christopher Murphy leads the way in a mine-probing event in Egypt. Murphy is among the 500-plus soldiers on a six-month peacekeeping mission.



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Hanging tough

Cub Scout George Vea traverses muddy waters using a rope bridge in the water obstacle Saturday at Schofield Barracks East Range LTC in Wahiawa. Vea and other Scouts were participating in "Cub Scout Schofield Days," an annual event of the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division (Light).

Clinton commends Navy for TWA duty

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — President Clinton commended the sailors who supported the successful salvage of TWA Flight 800 last year.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, the president wrote: "On behalf of a grateful nation, I want to commend the unflagging efforts of the men and women of the United States Navy who responded to the crash of TWA Flight 800.

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I am proud of the high standard of excellence and professionalism you and your staff have maintained as you faced the difficult conditions surrounding this tragedy."

Doctor recognized for work in organ donation program

By LANCE CPL. THOMAS H. CHAMPION, MCB S.D. BUTLER

MARINE CORPS BASE, S.D. BUTLER, OKINAWA, Japan (Dec. 2) — A Navy doctor stationed on Okinawa has realized the need for an organ donor program in Japan and has taken steps to help fulfill that need.

Navy Capt. Jimmy Jones, pediatric thoracic surgeon, U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, was recently recognized for his efforts in organizing an organ donation program with Japanese transplant organizations.

Representatives from the Okinawa Eye Bank and the Japanese Kidney Renal Transplant Organization presented Jones with a plaque thanking him for helping to oversee the donations of several vital organs to Japanese citizens.

The first donation by a U.S. citizen on Okinawa

occurred in 1994. The parents of a 17-year-old authorized the donation of their son's kidneys and corneas after a fatal car accident.

The next donation made by a U.S. citizen was a set of corneas from a newborn girl, who died from a congenital disorder that prevented her from breathing normally.

Her eyes were given to Ryukyu University and sent to Nagasaki Prefecture for a corneal transplant.

The most recent donation was made at Yokosuka Naval Base. A 5-year-old boy died after falling and hitting his head while going to school. His kidneys were given to two Japanese teenagers through the Japan Kidney Transplantation Network.

This was the first donation of its kind from a patient at the Yokosuka hospital and the third from U.S. service members in Japan.

According to Genshu

Nakamura of the Okinawa Eye Bank, it's difficult to find enough corneas to fill their needs, but the donations from the USNH greatly contribute to their effort.

With the addition of organ donations from U.S. citizens, the number of organs donated from Okinawa is greater than that from mainland Japan, and donations from service members and their families further help.

Jones said it's easier to find American donors because their relatives are more accustomed to the idea and because the Japanese law that restricts the removal of kidneys from a brain-dead patient before the heart stops beating doesn't apply.

Even though organs donated by Americans in Japan can't survive outside of the body long enough to be sent to the states, they can be used here and in neighboring areas.



Tad Tamura photo

Go with the flow

Three-year-old Kory Sasaoka rides into shore on a boogie board with the help of friend Kawena Dunn and dad Gerald Saturday at Kailua Beach.

Army recruits complete basic training

Pvt. Stoddard F. Binder
Army Pvt. Stoddard F. Binder has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Binder is the son of Nieves F. Binder of Waipahu and Michael H. Binder of Kenai, Alaska.

He is a 1996 graduate of Damien Memorial High School in Honolulu.

Pvt. Burt T. Vierra
Army Pvt. Burt T. Vierra has graduated from basic

combat training at Fort Knox, Radcliff, Ky.

Vierra is the son of J. Edward Vierra of Kailua.

He is a 1996 graduate of Kalaheo High School, Kailua.

Pvt. Jeffrey R. Madriaga
Army National Guard Pvt. Jeffrey R. Madriaga has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Madriaga is the son of Caludia D. Madriaga of

Waipahu.

Pfc. Martin M. Alvarez
Army Pfc. Martin M. Alvarez has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Alvarez is the son of Jim B. and Pat Alvarez of Kailua.

His wife, Shannon, is the daughter of Albert D. and Evelyn Vieira of Kailua.

The private is a 1991 graduate of St. Louis High School in Honolulu, and a 1996 graduate of the Uni-

versity of Hawaii, Hilo.

Pvt. Robin R. Makanani
Army National Guard Pvt. Robin R. Makanani has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Makanani is the son of Debbie K. Makanani of Waianae.

He is a 1996 graduate of Nanakuli High School, Waianae.

Pvt. Jon R. Bretschneider
Army Reserve Pvt. Jon R. Bretschneider has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Bretschneider is the son of Mary B. and Bob E. Bretschneider is the son of Mary B. and Bob E. Bretschneider of Waipahu.

He is a 1996 graduate of Pearl City High School, Aiea.

Pvt. Dominick L. Deliz
Army Pvt. Dominick L. Deliz has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Deliz is the son of Bonnie M. Davis of Wahiawa.

He is a 1995 graduate of Leilehua High School, Wahiawa.

All graduates of Army basic military training received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Master Sgt. Joseph P. Colotario
Air Force Master Sgt. Joseph P. Colotario has earned an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The worldwide college, based at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., awards associate degrees to enlisted airmen for programs combining technical education received in the Air Force with general education provided by civilian institutions.

Colotario is a resource data analysis superintendent at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

He is the son of Joseph P. and Corazon L. Colotario Kaneohe.

His wife, Christine, is the daughter of Francisco and Delores Espinoza of Texas.

The sergeant is a 1975 graduate of James B. Castle High School in Kaneohe.



All washed up

Kalaheo High School senior Chey Difolco (above left) prepares classmate Jaimey Pahinui before she stands on Kailua Road Dec. 21 to advertise their class' car wash. Julie Prebor (near right) and Julie Guptil ignore the light rain while urging passing motorists to stop for a wash. The event was a fund-raiser for their Project Graduation.

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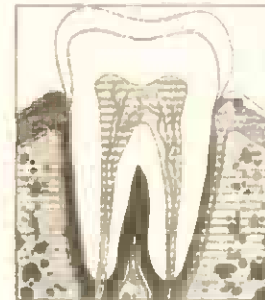
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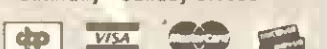
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Veterans remember fallen comrades during Dec. 7 ceremony in Kaneohe

By JANINE TULLY
Staff Writer

About 50 veterans and their spouses withstood gusty winds Dec. 7 to pay tribute to their fallen comrades at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe.

The event marked the 55th anniversary of the attack, Dec. 7 1941, on what was then Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay. The base holds the dubious distinction of being the first American site that Japanese bombs hit that day.

A wreath-laying ceremony at 7:30 a.m. at the VP-11 memorial marker kicked off the commemoration with music from the Marine Forces Pacific Band Brass. A second ceremony took place at 9 a.m. at the Kaneohe Klipper Memorial, located in front of the base flagpole.

"Uncommon valor was a common virtue on Oahu that day," said keynote speaker and base commander Col. J.D. Lenard. "When you're being shot at it's hard to be courageous. Bravery is facing your fear and taking action, and that's what you did on Dec. 7."

Lenard used the title of a modern film about what it takes to become an astronaut to describe military personnel that day.

"You had the right stuff," said Lenard. "You (showed) honor, courage and commitment."

The 1941 attack killed 18 sailors and one civilian contractor, and destroyed 27 of 36 seaplanes. Lt. Fusata Iida, commander of the Japanese 3rd Aircraft Group who led the attack



Veterans Sandy Johnson (left) and Barney Langner returned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Dec. 7 to honor fallen comrades killed during the 1941 attack by the Japanese at Kaneohe Bay and Pearl Harbor.

on the base, was also killed.

Veterans from all over the mainland, including Alaska and Florida, flew in for the commemoration. Some wore aloha shirts expecting warmer weather, while others held on to their "Survivors of Pearl Harbor" hats to keep them from blowing away.

Retired Navy Lt. Commander Cy Gillette of Kailua was an ensign the day of the attack. He was at his Kalama Beach home when the planes first hit the base at 7:50 a.m. He heard machine-gun fire, but thought it came from Bellows air field.

"I thought it was gunnery

practice," Gillette said. He also knew planes would go on morning patrol from Bellows looking for enemy submarines.

Then a call from the duty officer came in telling him to get over to the base because "the planes were on fire." Ten minutes later Gillette was driving on the main road, now called E Street, while a Japanese plane was flying over his head.

"I saw the meatball on the side of the wing and knew it was a Japanese attack. We were ready to repel the invasion in a last-ditch stand."

Like many people,

Desiree Redeiros of Kaneohe didn't know that the base was hit before Pearl Harbor. The attack at Pearl Harbor was so devastating that it overshadows the events at Kaneohe, MCBH spokesman Chuck Little said.

Redeiros was there with her two sons, Arthur and Akaika, to learn some local history and at the same time watch her boyfriend, who was part of the rifle firing salute.

"I've heard bits and pieces about the attack on base, but didn't know they were hit first," Redeiros said.



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Shay Walden (center, standing) and Deborah Wilson (right, standing) share enthusiasm with their Team Hawaii colleagues and escorts before starting the grueling, eight-day race in Canada last August.

No regrets in failed Eco-Challenge try

By JAMES GONSER
Staff Writer

Two Wahiawa women learned a lot about themselves and about teamwork during a recent failed attempt to finish a grueling eight-day, 300-mile endurance race in Canada.

Deborah Wilson and Shay Walden lasted just three days during the Eco-Challenge race in British Columbia, before exhaustion, injuries and the splitup of Team Hawaii forced them to drop out.

"By the second day we figured out we weren't going to finish and that was our goal," Walden said. "It was only a matter of time before one of us was going to get hurt. I looked at it as, 'Do I want to break a leg?'"

"We sat there and cried, but said we are not going to regret this choice. No matter how we feel tomorrow, we are not going to regret this."

Wilson, who had broken her foot on the first day of the race, agrees that dropping out of the race was the right thing to do.

"I'm not disappointed at all in pulling out. I think it was smart," Wilson said. "I'm glad our two boys went on; I'm just disappointed in our team together. Next time we have to be prepared better mentally."

Team Hawaii was composed of Wilson and Walden, team leader Marty Fagan, Mark Brown and Bob Dalbec. Walden is an assistant coach for the University of Hawaii Wahine softball team and is the only member who is not a police officer.

The race was divided into six sections: the ride-and-run, where two members of the team ride horses while the remaining three run the 25-mile

stretch; glacier trekking; mountaineering; white-water rafting; canoeing; and mountain biking.

Trouble started for Team Hawaii the first day, Aug. 24, when a competitor had trouble controlling his horse.

"He lost the horse's lead rope and he was freaking out for nothing," Wilson said. "I guess he didn't know too much about horses. He wasn't in danger."

Wilson tried to help, but after grabbing the lead rope, the horse stepped sideways on her foot, breaking a bone. "I heard crunches," she said.

Walden helped her down to a nearby river and soaked her foot in the ice-cold water to keep the swelling down. Unsure if the foot was broken, Wilson wrapped it as best she could and kept going.

"I was gimpy on the foot but I didn't think it was broken," Wilson said. "I thought I'd see a doctor and it would be fine."

On the second day, the team was required to swim across a river. This was the most exciting part of the race, Walden said.

"We watched the teams in front of us get washed downstream and then we have to do it," she said, "and I'm not a strong swimmer."

"It was a raging river, ice cold and we had to swim with our packs on," Wilson said. "Whole teams were swept down the river. But our team did it. We even made a cute rescue, which may be on TV."

Team Hawaii picked up a little momentum after the river crossing, moving from second-to-last position after the horse incident into the top 30. Then more problems arose.

"We walked most of that day and got misdirected somehow, and that was

the big mental trip right there," Wilson said. "Big horseflies were swarming and biting us. We had a hard time even taking a break because the flies were all over your body."

Two of the men, Fagan and Dalbec, started pushing faster because the team was falling behind schedule, she said.

"They were blasting ahead and we (along with the third man, Brown) were playing catch-up. That is mentally draining. I should have been able to deal with it," she said. "We had talked about it before the race. We would only go as fast as the slowest person. We were going to stick together. That is what we all said. But when it got down to the actual race, that is not what happened."

Lost, tired and injured, the trio acknowledged the inevitable.

"Our two guys are leaving us; we are not a team anymore," Wilson said.

By the end of the third day, the team split up. Fagan and Dalbec joined another group and kept going, but ran out of time before finishing the race.

"Physically we were probably in the best shape of our lives. Mentally, it went very quick," Wilson said. "Even to get to the start line is an awesome feat. A lot of people wouldn't get to that point."

Eco-Challenge spokeswoman Diane Korman said only four of 72 teams that started the race finished unassisted.

"It's supposed to be a tough race," Korman said. "If it were easy, anyone could do it and it would be more difficult to keep it safe."

"I'm glad I had the opportunity to do it," Walden said. "I learned to go for the experiences that come to you, despite the difficulties."

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Music history lives on in new museum

By **ELOISE AGUIAR**
Staff Writer

A woman who fell in love with Hawaii's music the first time she visited in 1970 is spearheading the development of the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

Museum catalyst Marjorie J. Scott of Kaneohe envisions a place where people can hear Hawaiian music, learn about its history, and interact with museum displays. While working for the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association, Scott said she was surprised to discover there was no archive of Hawaii's music history.

"This was where I began to recognize that there really wasn't any one place to celebrate, honor or be educated about traditional Hawaiian music and its roots," said Scott, office manager for the association and its publication's editor.

Founded in 1994 and based temporarily out of Scott's home, the museum unveiled a \$15,000 traveling koa display in 1995, highlighting 10 people who shaped music's development in the islands. The display also honors "Na Lani Eha" (The Royal Four): King David Kalakaua, Prince William Leleiohoku, Queen Lili'uokalani and Princess Miriam Likelike, who were composers and musicians known for their patronage of local musicians.

Each year the museum sponsors a concert to raise funds to establish a permanent location. On Feb. 11,



Marjorie Scott (left) and longtime entertainer Irgard Fardeu Aluli chat at the induction ceremony of the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and Museum last year at Washington Place.

members of the famed Kahauanu Lake Trio will reunite to present "Memories," a two-hour concert featuring music they performed over 30 years. The Hawaii Theater will start selling tickets for the concert this week for \$39.95 and \$25.

The concert will feature Mahi Beamer, Robert Cazimero, Bill Ka'iwa, Nina Keali'iwahamana, Genoa Keawe and Emma Veary. Groups that will perform are Kuliakuanu'u with Walter Kawaiaea Jr., Michael McCrary and Art Akina, The Pualeilani Concert Group led by Anuhea Brown, Irgard Aluli, and Maiki's Dancers.

Scott said Hawaii needs a museum because the great musicians of the past are forgotten. These musicians were responsible for introducing Hawaii to the world, she said, and while there is a renewed interest in Hawaiian culture and music now, many people don't know much about island history.

"A whole generation doesn't know about its musical heritage," she said.

Scott first came to Hawaii in 1970 and visited regularly until 1984. Leaving the islands after each visit became difficult, said Scott, who was an advertising executive then.

"I bawled like a baby on

the plane," she said about her last visit to Hawaii before moving here. "I felt like I was being torn away from home."

A suggestion from her sister to move to Hawaii made sense and she said she's never regretted the decision.

"Hawaii has called me home since 1970," Scott said.

Others have joined her effort to establish the museum, including well-known community leaders, business people and entertainers. Monsignor Charles A. Kukumano is president of the organization and former police chief Francis Keala is vice president with businessman David Moncrief.

Inductees greatly influenced island music

The Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and Museum's koa display features 10 people who made significant contributions to music history in the islands.

The musicians are:
• Keaulumoku (1716-1784): A chanter and prophet who at age 62 predicted that Kamehameha would rule the Islands, that the temples would be destroyed and that another race would dominate the Hawaiians.

• Helen Desha Beamer (1882-1952): Matriarch of the musical Beamer family, fluent in the subtleties of the Hawaiian language, gifted with a coloratura soprano. Beamer recorded "Ke Kali Nei Au," known as "The Hawaiian Wedding Song" for Columbia Records in 1928.

• Henry Berger (1844-1929): An Austrian bandmaster who revitalized the Royal Hawaiian Band in 1872, wrote many songs, including the music to "Hawai'i Pono'i."

• Charles E. King (1874-1950): Called the "Dean of Hawaiian Music," he was probably the most prolific of



Marjorie Scott (left), Michael Chun, Nalani Olds and Gov. Benjamin Cayetano celebrate the induction of the first 10 people into the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame and Museum last year at Washington Place.

all songwriters in the Island, refused to write hapa-haole lyrics and made his living with the Department of Education.

• Joseph Kekuku (1874-1932): Invented the steel guitar and popularized it on tours to the United States and Europe.

• Lena Machado (1903-1974): "Hawaii's Songbird" started as a soloist with the Royal Hawaiian Band and went on to tour the United

States, the Pacific and Asia in a career that lasted 50 years.

• Sol K. Bright Sr. (1909-1992): Best known for his comic paniolo composition "Hawaiian Cowboy," Bright once had five shows going at once on the West Coast.

• Alfred Apaka (1919-1960): A classical Hawaiian baritone balladeer, Apaka epitomized the "Sweet Leilani" era of Hawaiian music by crooning songs

such as "Beyond the Reef." He was the king of Waikiki in his time.

• Victoria K. I'i Rodrigues (1912-1987): Born into a musical family, Rodrigues was a multifaceted talent who expressed Hawaiian culture as a composer, musician, recording artist, choreographer and kumu hula. Five of her children are musicians.

• Mary Kawena Pukui (1895-1986): Recognized in her lifetime as the greatest living authority on Hawaiian culture, Pukui co-authored the Hawaiian-English dictionary, composed more than 50 songs, preserved chants through translation and interpreted their meaning.

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Warrant officers build community ties

By PVT. SHAI ANDERSON
17th Public Affairs Detachment

A national organization composed solely of warrant officers was started to better equip warrant officers for every situation and help develop and offer community assistance programs at Schofield Barracks.

The Warrant Officers Association on Oahu is 65 all military services members strong, with each member from various military units, said Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jon A. Sallot, assistant operations officer, (Criminal Investigation D) U.S. Army Criminal Investigation D Command, 6th Military Police, Fort Lewis, Wash.

"It's a non-profit professional organization comprising warrant officers from all career specialty fields," Sallot said.

"The purpose for the camaraderie between the warrant officers also helps them to become more involved in their community," he added.

The Warrant Officers Association has been involved in many events during the past two to three years, Sallot said.

"They sponsored the alcohol-free graduation night at a local high

school and the Warrant Officer Ball last fall," he said. "Everything came out of our funds."

Providing one another with helpful information is another way camaraderie is established in the association.

One member is the head of the command inspection team. "He'll give us hints on the tricks of his trade; how to get through one of his inspections and what to look for," Sallot said.

"A fellow food services officer recently gave us information on all the dining facility operations; how things work, cash operations and what we need to do to ensure that our soldiers (dining facilities) needs are met," Sallot said.

"We are trying to ensure that our association is open to all branches ... including the aviators."

"The highlights of the association includes the camaraderie and dealing with complete professionals who are experts in their field," he said.

"We encourage all warrant officers from all branches to come and join us. It will be a benefit to the community and to themselves. They will broaden their aspects by seeing what they normally wouldn't and we have fun," Sallot said.



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Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jon A. Sallot talks with a soldier in his office.



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"We've spent a great amount of time and ammo on squad training," Shutt added.

While manning observation posts in sector, squads set time aside each day for individual skills training, like studying for the Expert Infantryman's Badge or the Expert Field Medical Badge. Because much of the study at the O.P.s is from books, it has an academic feel, said Staff Sgt. Richard Catus, a site commander from Company B, but "it's giving them a broader knowledge base. We consciously do more reading here than at Schofield, more research."

While MFO peacekeeping duty is relatively ... peaceful, the demanding operations schedule in a mission like Uphold Democracy in Haiti makes training secondary to mission success. "There were times we did squad and platoon section training," in Haiti, "but it was with 'go to war' resources," said Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Chang, command sergeant major for Task Force 2-27 Infantry.

Part of the formula for training success is making the most of available resources, including 'down time' and pre-deployment, Shutt said. "If you've got the land and the time, you



Spc. George A Chidi Jr. photo
Staff Sgt. Carl Medeiros gives clearance to a soldier off Peacekeeper Range.

should have the resources. I think the Range-in-a-Box exists, but I've never seen it."

In the days before Desert Storm, "Desert Shield was purely guard duty and training," said Sgt. 1st Class James Miller, Task Force 2-27 Inf. scout platoon sergeant. He said there were huge live-fire exercises held in the middle of the desert, training for the real thing. "It keeps them focused. It keeps them from becoming complacent."

Fighting complacency dur-

ing peacekeeping missions and being ready for violence is a benefit of training on the road to the peacekeeper. "You never know what might happen. There's never been an outbreak (of violence) on this mission, but you never know," said Pvt. 2 Timothy Craybill, an infantryman from Co. B, Task Force 2-27 Infantry.

Also, while many soldiers from the battalion have peacekeeping experience from Haiti, many more are new to the Army and haven't had the chance to

train for battle with their unit before being shipped off to the MFO in Egypt, Chang said. Keeping squads and platoons combat-ready is important for success when the battalion resumes its warfighting mission this month.

Because of the emphasized training program during the MFO mission, there is an improvement over soldiers' experiences in Haiti. "The training we did in Haiti ... you couldn't compare it to the training we're doing here," said Spc. James Fuller of Co. B.

Finding the time to train while conducting real-world missions is a serious concern not just for the deployed force, but for other units in the Army as well. Of the six infantry battalions stationed at Schofield Barracks, two are currently deployed; the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry to Guam to assist with Kurdish refugee relief and the 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. to Egypt as peacekeepers.

"When you start to thin the warfighting forces of a division," said Lynch, "the fewer folks there are, the more the ones who left do (post) support tasks," taking away from their training time.

When the U.S. assumed the MFO mission in 1982, the Army had 18 divisions and nearly 800,000 soldiers. Today, the Army has 10 divisions and under 500,000 soldiers.

With recent peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in Bosnia, Kuwait, the Western Sahara, Haiti, Rwanda, Somalia and even disaster relief at home, the high tempo of deployments brings a greater burden for individual battalions looking for training time.

"We have a laundry list of things to train on," Shutt said. "Time is the factor."

Six-month mission tests infantry skills

By SPC. GEORGE A. CHIDI JR.
Public Affairs Detachment

The 500-plus soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry have a six-month mission to observe and report on compliance with the 1979 Camp David Peace Treaty between Egypt and Israel. To do so, the unit staffs observation posts and checkpoints along the barren desert of the Sinai Peninsula.

Peacekeeping operations like the MFO, Provide Comfort in Iraq, Uphold Democracy in Haiti and Joint Endeavor in Bosnia continue to use traditional infantry training — training to fight and win wars — for untraditional infantry missions. Keeping soldiers trained in battlefield skills may prove to be the best kind of training for peacekeeping.

Spc. James Fuller, an infantryman from Company B, Task Force 2-27 Infantry used combat training as a radio-telephone operator on a quick-

reaction force when deployed to Haiti with the 25th Infantry Division (Light) for Operation Uphold Democracy.

When the QRF received orders to respond to shots fired, he wasn't thinking about peacekeeping as a non-combat mission, he said. The emotions of war were there. "I've never been so scared in my life. They say the average life expectancy of an RTO in a firefight is about nine seconds," Fuller said.

He described how he moved along Haiti's streets in a severe crouch with the yard-long whip antenna down in his armpit and a loaded M-16 rifle in his hands, keeping his head down — just like combat.

Peacekeeping isn't all just an infantry maneuver. The inter-personal skills of military police work do factor into some peacekeeping operations; it's often critical for soldiers to be able to communicate with nationals.

"We learned how to approach people in a positive, non-aggressive manner," said Cpl. Don Scott, driver for Task Force 2-27.

The fundamental aspects of the mission for the soldiers, manning guard towers, patrols, "all the rest of it was basic infantry stuff," he said. "I think we covered everything in training. If something came up, someone knew the answer."

The nature of the Multinational Force and Observers mission is very different from peacekeeping in Haiti, or that of Joint Endeavor in Bosnia. The MFO has been in place since 1982, with 14 years of peacekeeping and no casualties. But soldiers here staff towers and conduct patrols — and have to be prepared to react to hostility from others, said Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Chang, command sergeant major for Task Force 2-27 Infantry. "The key to (peacekeeping) success is training for war ... a lot of the skills bleed over into it."

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Scout's storage idea turns into reality

By Carol Chang
Staff Writer

It may not solve the world's problems, but one boy's idea of a better way to store compost has generated a ripple effect in the Hawaii Kai community.

David Maïelua, who targeted Lunalilo Home for his Eagle Scout project last summer, saw his storage-shed plan turn into reality at the home in time for Thanksgiving — thanks to about 20 volunteers, plus money and advice from area residents.

"The way everybody was pounding in the nails, I think it will stay up," said

Maïelua, 15, fresh from the busy workday Nov. 23.

"I've done small-kine projects before, but never anything like this," he said. "I'm glad it's over."

But it's not really over. Boy Scouts jump many hurdles on their way to an Eagle badge, which is scouting's highest rank. Maïelua had to sift through ideas, write up a proposal, get approval from the Aloha Council of Boy Scouts, budget his project, solicit donations, assemble his work force and execute the plan. Next, he has to submit a written summary and await final judgment on the worthiness of "oper-

ation Garden Shed."

To build the simple, three-sided, 5-by-6-by-7 foot wooden structure, Maïelua relied on advice from his Scoutmaster, David Maïelua (also known as "Dad"), and another Hawaii Kai resident, contractor Bob Dang. Lunalilo Home's director, Gregg Meyer, endorsed the project, which will add important storage space for the grounds maintenance staff.

"They did a lot of hammering and most of the cutting," said Dang, who supervised the crews that day and brought along his own son, a Webelo Scout, to get his feet wet. "It was

great. I wish we had a crew like that all the time."

A sophomore at Kamehameha Schools, Maïelua also belongs to Troop 25, one of two troops sponsored by Hawaii Kai's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Scouts and parents from both troops pitched in with labor, while Maïelua's mother, Johnette, cooked up a hot meal for the workers.

The money was handy, Maïelua said, since he needed \$300 in supplies. He obtained a seniors' discount for some materials, and a discount warehouse provided much of the lunch menu. State Rep. Dave Stegmaier made a monetary donation, while the Hawaii Kai Lions Club gave Maïelua \$100 and the offer of two gallons of paint.

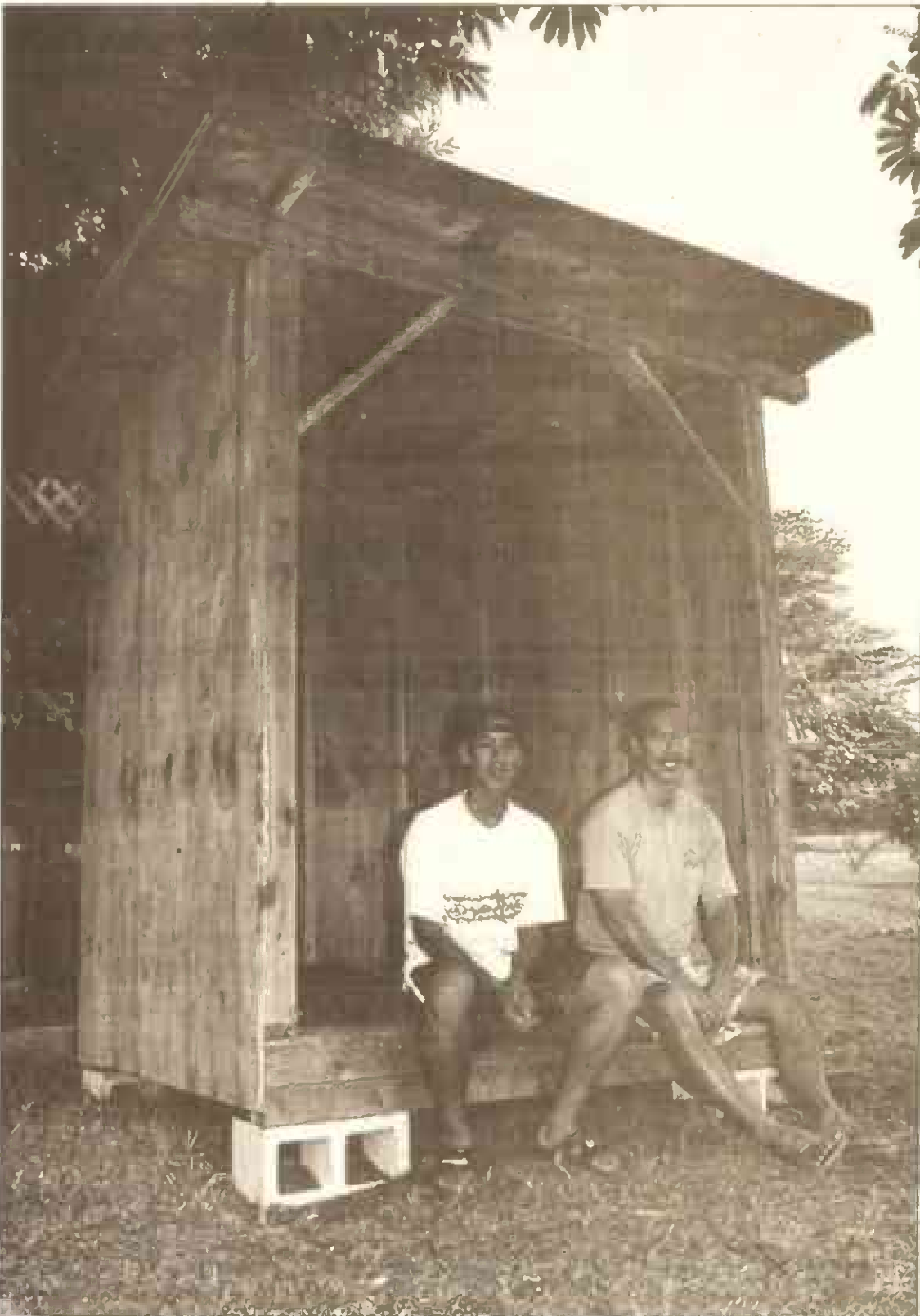
"This is our first Eagle Scout project," said Richard Okamoto, who chairs the Lions' senior citizens' committee. "The main reason we said yes is because he's doing something for Lunalilo Home. That's one of our pet projects."

Scouts help each other at Eagle work parties, and Maïelua has done his share for friends. Kaiser High School senior George Uyema built a rock wall around the school sign last summer at Niu Valley Intermediate, for example, and Kaonohi Borden constructed benches at Lunalilo Home.

"It's sort of like a big family thing," Uyema explained. His job included hauling truckloads of stones from above the school, and obtaining free gravel, sand and cement from Ameron HC&D and Hawaiian Cement. "People said it's good because it will last and it won't have to be done again," he said.

Besides learning teamwork and the satisfaction of community service, Maïelua gives his parents plenty of credit for his motivation.

"They pushed me a lot," he said. "I couldn't learn to drive until I did it."



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David Maïelua (left) and his dad, also named David, sit in the newly constructed shed that they and other volunteers built in November. The shed will store compost for Lunalilo Home, a retirement facility in Hawaii Kai.

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New game lets players snag big ulua

By **ELOISE AGUIAR**
Staff Writer

Fishermen can snag the big one even when the fish aren't biting with a new board game created by Kailua's Jonathan Sedillo.

In the Big Daddy Ulua Hawaiian Shorefishing Game, everybody brings home a catch, said Sedillo, while relaxing on his lanai that now doubles as an assembly room. Making big bucks isn't the goal of his new product, he said.

"It's really not to make money," Sedillo said. "It's from my heart. It's something I want to give back to people, to kids."

The 38-year-old Keolu resident said he's been creating board games since he was about 14, and doesn't plan on quitting soon. The first ones were for Christmas entertainment at family gatherings. Each year he'd change the game and use grab-bag gifts as prizes. The family loved it, he said. Games he developed for his sister's slumber parties were also a hit.

"The concept comes real fast to me," he said. "Games and how to make something work out seems natural for me."

Sedillo would like to develop games for big companies such as Milton Bradley, manufacturer of games for all age groups.

Big Daddy Ulua uses Hawaiian fish and is educational as well as fun, said Kelly Sasser, Sedillo's 10-year-old niece and production assistant. Children use their basic math skills to



Tad Tamura photo

Kelly Sasser plays a game of Big Daddy Ulua Hawaiian Shorefishing with her uncle and the game's creator, John Sedillo, at his Keolu Hills home.

total the points collected for the fish they catch. The object of the game is to collect the most points and to snag the big ulua. Sedillo has included information about 25 shore fish to make playing more interesting.

Sasser said she especially likes the fish drawings, which was the work of graphic artist Les Hata. An avid player, the Enchanted Lake Elementary School student admitted losing control when she was doing poorly during a game.

"I got mad," she said quietly, adding that her uncle banned her temporarily from playing.

But she wasn't banned from helping to assemble the games, Sedillo said. Other people who helped produce the product include his girlfriend, Barbara Paikuli; his mother; Kailua Quick Printer; and friend Gary Nakano.

Sedillo started work on the game early this year, after his father died from diabetes. The younger Sedillo had retired early from the Air National Guard after a 17-year career to care for his ailing father.

When his father died, he became restless and with the support from his girlfriend decided to pursue the

project. In April he quit his job at Ace Hardware to concentrate on producing and selling the game.

"I wanted to do it for myself, for my inside," he said, touching his heart.

So far he's spent about \$7,000 to produce 500 games. Sedillo said he'll have to sell 400 to break even, and he could put together another 500 easily.

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Teen-agers find new direction aboard Tole Mour

By JANINE TULLY
Staff Writer

Editor's note: The cadets have been given different names to protect their identities.

The clang of a brass bell resonates aboard the Tole Mour, signaling the ship's departure. "Raise anchor," shouts a shipmate from the upper deck.

Like synchronized sailors, 14 cadets, ages 14 to 17, take their positions and begin pulling on lines, cranking the anchor chain, tying knots and unfurling sails, preparing for the weekly sail in Kaneohe Bay. It takes an hour to rig the 156-foot, three-masted schooner, but the teens are up to the task.

They are part of the Tole Mour, a private residential drug treatment program based about 2,000 feet from the shores of the Kokokahi YWCA. The nearly 8-month-old program — the only one of its kind in Hawaii — teaches seamanship as a way of learning teamwork and responsibility.

The sea is calm this morning with hardly a breeze to flap the huge topsails. But that's OK. Like a graceful ice skater, the Tole Mour will do a figure eight as it glides through the bay's channels.

"You can hardly tell you're moving," said a cadet, squinting his eyes at the glaring white sun. "Bet we're not even doing a knot; on a good day we can do 10." The ship's diesel engine will help sail the ship, which usually relies on 15 sails.

The crew hopes for fairer winds tomorrow morning, when they leave for Kauai. For many, the trip will be the first time outside of Oahu. For Kalani, it means a trip home.

Like many cadets, Kalani enjoys sailing and traveling to different islands. But when it comes to working on behavioral and emotional problems, the going can get rough, he said.

"I've been in different programs and this is the best," Kalani said. "But facing your issues is hard. You work on your anger. Here we learn how to deal with it, not with our fists."

His friend Kainoa agrees that working on anger issues is difficult, but the outcome makes it all worthwhile. "By learning how to interact with other people, you learn to be part of society and not part of criminal society," Kainoa said. "It's all up to me."

Steve, a blond cadet with bright-blue eyes and a ready smile, sees the program as "a dream come



Cadets climb into the rigging, about 60 feet above the water, to lower the Tole Mour's sails. The ship is run by a private drug treatment program to help teens learn teamwork, responsibility and seamanship while overcoming behavioral and emotional problems.

true." He joined the program from the beginning and now wants to become an "AB," an able-bodied seaman.

"It's better than being in a white room thinking about drugs and getting in trou-

ble," he said. "I came to sail, so I love it. How many people get to sail on a tall ship?" Both Steve and Kalani are preparing to take the GED (general education diploma).

"Hands to the braces," someone shouts in prepara-

tion for tacking. The crew readies for a man-overboard drill. A small buoy bobbing in the water serves as the victim. The cadets lower Red-Hair Mary, an Avon rescue boat, as quickly as possible, and two shipmates jump in and dash off,

skimming the water's surface.

The rescue mission over, the cadets get to go out on a launch to see the ship with its 12 sails hoisted, a rare sight for many.

"It looks awesome," a cadet said when he returns.

Ship helps teens regain self-esteem

The Tole Mour, which means "gift of life and health" in Marshallese, offers teens a chance to regain their self-esteem and a place in society, program officials say.

"It presents them with challenges that more traditional settings don't offer, and builds in them a sense of responsibility," said program clinical director Stevan Gengo.

The Tole Mour is an extension of the Kailana residential treatment program, which is based at Kokokahi YWCA. It tries to help at-risk youths through maritime training, traditional schooling and intense therapy.

The staff is composed of

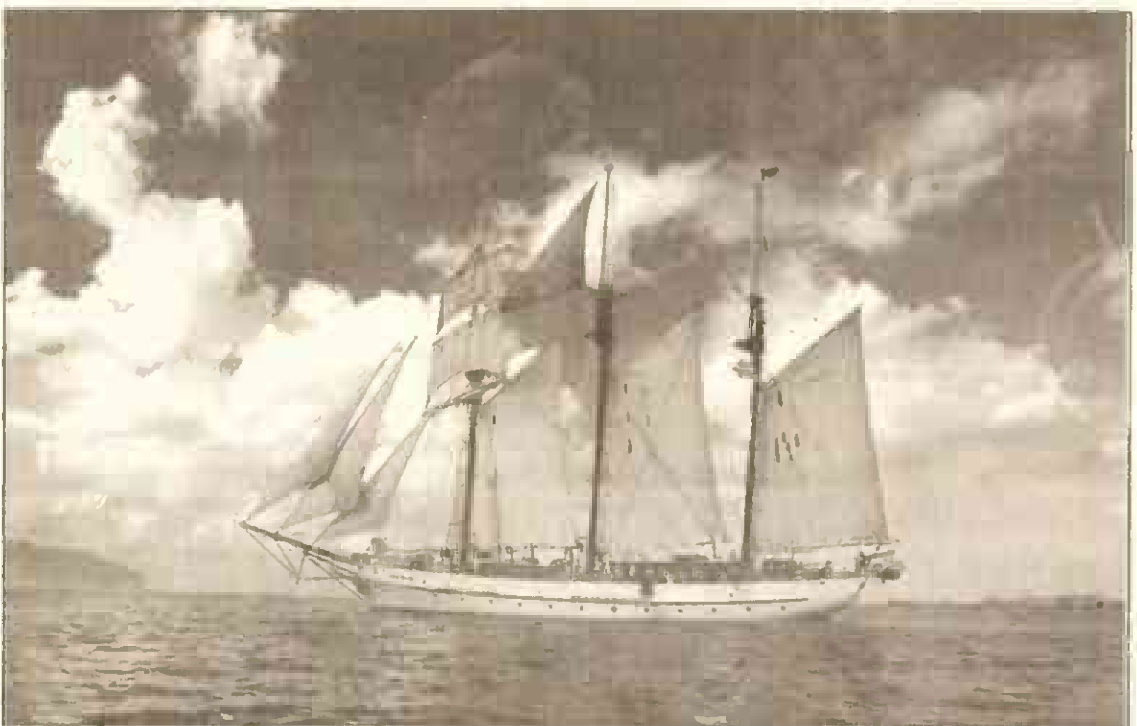
nine maritime professionals, two clinical psychologists, four youth counselors, two schoolteachers and a part-time psychiatrist.

As the cadets master the ocean skills, they gain confidence "setting the foundation for the clinical work we do," program director Howe Stidger said. Schoolwork is also interdisciplinary, with students applying mathematical and scientific knowledge to navigation. Students are either court-ordered or referred by the state Department of Health after thorough screening. Teens, however, must enter the program willingly.

As a residential facility, the Tole Mour lacks few amenities. It can treat its

own sewage, has flushing toilets and air-conditioned cabins. It has state-of-the-art navigational equipment and will soon have two computers hooked up to the Internet for classwork.

Program officials are compiling data to help them evaluate the program, but are optimistic of the outcome based on the success of Kailana. That program, established two years ago, shows a low rate of recidivism, said Bob Gross, executive director for the Marimed Foundation, which owns the ship. Both the Tole Mour and the Kailana are operated by Marimed and Hale Kipa, in conjunction with the departments of health and education.



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To the rescue

Honolulu Police Department helicopters and SWAT squad and canine teams demonstrated emergency-rescue procedures Nov. 21 at Heeia Elementary School. Officers rappel onto the school campus (right). Crews "rescue" teacher Wanda Takahashi (below) while police capture her "attacker."

Tad Tomura photos



Air Force displays holiday spirit with 'Christmas Drop'

By 1st LT. JOSEPH ONA
634th Air Mobility Support Squadron

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFNS) — The C-130 loadmaster counts down to the green light. With the all-clear signal and target marked below, two large boxes roll toward the open door. Bright red lettering on the side of each package reads "Merry Christmas from Guam."

This is Christmas Drop — a 44-year tradition to provide donated and purchased clothing, tools, books and toys via U.S. Air Force C-130s to islands in the Pacific.

The good-will program began in December 1952, when a WB-50 assigned to the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at Andersen was flying a mis-

sion southwest of Guam. As it flew over a tiny island in the western Pacific the crew spotted the islanders waving to them.

Gathering what items they could find in the plane, the crew put them inside a container, attached a parachute and dropped it to the people. This simple gesture of good will began a combined effort by civilian and military communities to bring the holiday spirit and needed supplies to islands in the region.

The program has grown today to include nearly 50 islands spread across the Pacific, primarily in the Northern Mariana Islands, Micronesia and Palau.

Last year, Christmas Drop delivered more than \$30,000 in clothes, books, tools and toys to more than 8,000 people on 49 islands. This year, delivery of holiday packages was Dec. 16-

21 and officials said the program provided about \$25,000 in supplies and gifts to 48 islands.

Air Mobility Command's 634th Air Mobility Support Squadron at Andersen picked up sponsorship of Christmas Drop in 1987, and is the lead agency for coordinating the efforts of military and civilian communities involved in the holiday tradition.

With no aircraft assigned to Andersen, the AMC unit gets airlift support for the program from C-130s assigned to the 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota Air Base, Japan. The C-130s deploy to Guam during Christmas Drop to take part in an aircrew training program in the region. Using disaster relief scenarios, the crews practice for real-world humanitarian relief missions by delivering the holiday packages.



Heeia teachers and students watch the "hostage-rescue" situation unfold from a safe distance.

Free HPU seminar slated for Friday

Hawaii Pacific University is offering a free seminar on its human services major, which is part of the college's bachelor of arts degree program.

The seminar is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Friday in the President's Conference Room on the Hawaii Loa campus. It will cover key components for students who want to major in human services, including curriculum, admission requirements and course offerings. Curriculum consists of psychology, political science, sociology and management courses.

The major is designed to prepare professional caregivers and managers in various fields of human services, including case work, counseling and management. For more information on the seminar, call 544-0279.

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CHERRY POINT, N.C. (NWSA) — Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), Cherry Point, N.C., recently completed its first production QF-4S drone aircraft.

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Teen-ager tells ghostly tale in new book

By CAROL CHANG
Staff Writer

Nicholas Love has had stories swirling around in his head since he was 2 years old. Now, at the ripe old age of 13, he's a published writer autographing shiny, new paperback books about Hawaiian ghosts.

Believers will find Love's tale on page 48 of Rick Carroll's new anthology, "Chicken Skin: True Spooky Stories of Hawaii." The book by Bess Press also features stories from 27 much older writers — at least six of them with Windward connections.

The Kailua seventh-grader said his early success is due to his "11.5 percent" Hawaiian blood, plus mother Maunalei Love's steady support and his grandfather's scary visit to the Pali long ago.

Love also confided that he personally encountered a ghost while spending the night with a friend next door. "All of a sudden the room started shaking and the door hit the wall," he



Tad Tamura photo

Nicholas Love, 13, is the youngest writer published in a new anthology called "Chicken Skin: True Spooky Stories of Hawaii."

recalled. "It wasn't an earthquake because my mom didn't feel anything."

Meanwhile, back on page 48, take a look at "My Grandfather's Ghosts." Earl Vanderford was a bus driver at the time of the disturbing incident, one that Love has been listening to for years at family gatherings.

Vanderford had parked on the Pali to wait for midnight and the end of his shift, when he heard shouts and sounds of a

struggle right outside his bus ...

Readers must venture alone through the rest of the tale, which ends with this warning by Love: "I wouldn't take a hundred dollars to spend the night up there alone. So keep your eyes peeled, too, when you cross the Pali alone at midnight."

Carroll, a travel writer and journalist who lives in Lanikai, discovered Love's potential while judging a

PTSA writing contest at Lanikai Elementary School last year.

"I came upon the remarkable work of this talented young Hawaiian boy," he said. "I asked him to contribute a story and he did. (It's) informative, entertaining and was delivered on a 3.5-inch Macintosh floppy disk well before deadline!"

Love said he hopes to write for a living later on, though it is sometimes difficult to get started when the surf is beckoning outside. To other aspiring young writers, he admits, "The hardest thing was sentence structure, but I can do it now. I would tell kids that writing accomplishes things, like this book, and it's pretty fun." He said that reading is not his favorite thing either, but he zipped through "Chicken Skin" in two days.

"Personally, I'm not that afraid of ghosts," he added. "I've seen them, and you've just gotta learn to live with them. They probably belong here as much as we do."

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WINDWARD — Entries are now being accepted for the Foodland Shop For Better Education Fun Run.

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Marines, sailors befriend Korean orphans

By STAFF SGT. SCOTT ROGERS, 31st MEU(SOC)

POHANG, Republic of Korea — Tucked away behind the tree line on a suburban hillside overlooking Pohang Bay, the engineer detachment of Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group-31 accomplished the day's mission without notice from the great mass of people scurrying in the open markets below. But their activity did stir the attention of the children who lived on the hill, at the Sun Rin Won Orphanage.

The primary mission of the Marines was to build a sporting equipment storage shed on the orphanage's front lot, which doubles as a playground for the children. A concrete foundation for the storage shed was laid by Marines of the 9th Engineer Support Battalion from Camp Hansen, Okinawa, in early 1996.

The dozen engineers, clad in camouflage utilities, along with 30 other Marines and sailors who volunteered for the project, belonged to Amphibious Squadron-11 and the 31st MEU, embarked on USS Dubuque and USS Germantown. The PHIBRON/MEU deployed here to participate in Foal Eagle '96 with Republic of Korea forces.

The project was coordinated through the Navy Chaplain Corps. According to Lt. Michael Colson, command chaplain, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, more than 100 similar community relations projects are completed annually in the Republic of Korea by U.S. Marines and Sailors.

"Setting up these events is not complicated," declared Colson. "Chaplains have a telecom network that rivals the Psychic Hotline. Lieutenant Mark De Angelis (PHIBRON-11 Chaplain) let me know what he wanted to do a couple of months ago, and everything needed to perform the mission was soon in place. The real work was done by the Marines and sailors who volunteered for the task."

The engineers of MSSG-31 jumped at the opportunity to practice their trade and, according to Cpl. Brian Fogerty, "The fact that it was for the children made it an even better deal."

The Marines, equipped with a portable generator, drills, hammers and an assortment of other tools that would draw a Tim Allen-like grunt from any genuine handyman, took a "tool time-out" only to down some grilled cheeseburgers, beans, and potato chips that

were conjured up on the spot. "I'm not an engineer, but I came to lend a hand," said BM2 Eric Hayes, boatswain, USS Dubuque, "We helped the engineers build the shed, cooked the burgers, played with the children, and enjoyed a perfect day. We couldn't have asked for better weather."

The job was completed as many of the older children returned from school. The sailors and Marines then presented the children with a variety of sports equipment, ranging from footballs to Hula-Hoops.

The director of the orphanage, Kim Dong Kil, showed his appreciation to the Marines and sailors who lent their hands to the project.

"We are very grateful to you for your help," Kim

said. "Our orphanage has a close relationship with American Marines and sailors. It was originally built in 1954 by Navy Seabees through donations collected by Marines. It was then called the Marine Corps Memorial Orphanage. In 1977, we moved into our present location through the help of Brig. Gen. R.R. Porter (then-Commanding General, 3rd FSSG). What you have done today continues that tradition. It is a gift that the children can touch."

According to 2nd Lt. Juliet B. Clapp, MSSG-31 Engineer Det. commander, "The day was successful not because we built a shed, but because we brightened the faces of these children. It was enough just to hear them say, 'kahm-sa ham-nee-da,' which means, 'thank you.'"

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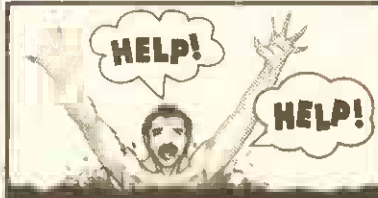
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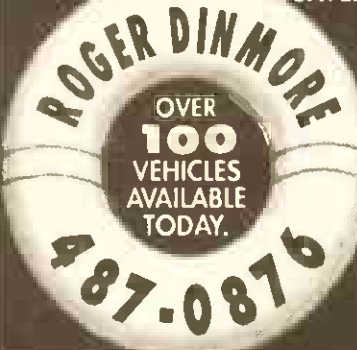
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