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PacDiv tests marksmanship



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Marines, Sailors and civilians participated in the PacDiv Championships at Pu'uloa Range.

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Combat Correspondent

PU'ULOA RANGE FACILITY — More than 140 shooters took aim with M16A2 rifles and M-9 pistols at top marksmanship honors from Feb. 19 to March 1, during the Pacific Division Championships as the Competition-In-Arms Program entered its 101st year.

Annually, the Division Championships are held at four locations around the Marine Corps; Okinawa, Japan, Camp Pendleton, Calif., Camp Lejeune, N.C., and MCB Hawaii.

Combat Service Support Group 3 and 1st Radio Bn. shined this year during the competition with each unit taking two of the four top awards.

A score of 1129.63 by a CSSG-3 rifle team earned them the Smith Trophy, which is given to the top rifle team in the Pacific Division Championships.

Combat Service Support Group 3 had further reasons to celebrate as Staff Sgt. Gregory T. Schardein, roadmaster for Motor Transport Co., shot the top individual rifle score of 575.49.

The pistol team for 1st Rad. Bn. took home the Finn Trophy, taking first place with a score of 1047.17, and Gunnery Sgt. Jerome Sanders, motor transport chief for 1st Radio Bn., earned top honors in the individual pistol match with a score of 536.05.

The Championships are also used to pick the top 10 percent

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Marines use AAVs to assist Mother Nature

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

Eight-ounce endangered birds received help from an unlikely source Feb. 26 and 27, as four 27-ton Amphibious Assault Vehicles reinvigorated their nesting grounds at the Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area aboard MCB Hawaii.

More than a dozen Marines from Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, took part in the annual event which allows Marines a chance to operate the AAVs over different terrain, which in turn creates a better nesting environment for several different species of endangered birds.

"What took place here was some much needed assistance from the Marines and their Amphibious Assault Vehicles in the combat against invasive species," said Dr. Diane C. Drigot, senior natural resource man-

agement specialist for MCB Hawaii's Environmental Department.

The best place for the birds to nest is on top of dirt mounds, according to Drigot, but in the Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area, an abundance of invasive plants, such as mangrove and pickleweed, literally crowd the birds out of their nesting habitat.

"In Hawaii, the unique species that evolved here — primarily, in this case, the Hawaiian Stilts and other birds — use this area for nesting," said Drigot. "One of their biggest enemies are the weeds that take over their habitats, so they can't lay their eggs and raise their young."

Since the early 1980s, the Marines and their AAVs have taken part in the annual "Mud Ops" that combine important training while providing Mother Nature with a helping hand.

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On the heels of history



Sgt. Robert Carlson

The Pacific War Memorial is scheduled to be dedicated and gifted to the Marine Corps in a ceremony March 16 inside the front gate of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. See page A-3 for details on the history of the Pacific War Memorial.

Quality of Life team surveys K-Bay, collects impact data

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

More than 225 active duty Marines and spouses stationed at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, were surveyed Feb. 28 and March 1 by a survey team from Headquarters Marine Corps to study how past quality of life programs have impacted life in the Marine Corps.

The survey was administered at the base Enlisted Club by the Headquarters Marine Corps Quality of Life (QOL) survey team, which randomly selects active duty Marines — and for the first time, family members, here — to obtain feedback on a variety of important QOL issues.

Marines were asked a wide range of topics affecting their

quality of life to include housing, marriage, income, recreational activities and standard of living.

"When Marines are confident that the Corps's first instinct is to work for their benefit, they can concentrate on mission accomplishment. When our families share this confidence, they will contribute to mission accomplishment by being sup-

portive of our way of life and calling," said the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, in his guidance on the importance of quality of life.

The Marine Corps is interested in determining how, if at all, QOL perception has changed, particularly in light of increased funding in past QOL programs.

The purpose of the study is to determine the quality of life

views of current Marines and family members, compared to those Marines in past studies, and understand the impact it has had on readiness and retention.

"The results from this survey will certainly change where the Marine Corps puts its emphasis on QOL over the next couple of years," said Jacquie Thurman, an analyst for the survey team.

Prime Minister visits



Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, welcomes The Right Honourable Jean Chretien, prime minister of Canada, at Hangar 105 on Feb 28. The prime minister took the opportunity to briefly observe Marine Corps Air Facility during a brief refueling stop.

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Coalition's 'turning up pressure,' but battle's not over, says Rumsfeld

Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem,
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Afghan and coalition forces are turning up the pressure on Al Qaeda and Taliban troops in the mountains south of Gardez, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said today.

Still, he told Pentagon reporters, "The battle will likely take some time to play out." Rumsfeld said enemy forces fighting coalition troops near Gardez are hardened fighters without many options. "Real dead-enders," he called them, but added he believes they will surrender or be killed "in the days ahead."

U.S., Afghan and coalition forces have been fighting a pocket of Al Qaeda and Taliban hold-outs in a 60-some-square-mile area since March 2 (Afghan time) in an effort dubbed Operation Anaconda. Eight U.S. servicemen have been

killed in the fighting.

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., said U.S. commanders in the area have brought in a number of additional Marine attack helicopters and 200 to 300 more troops to assist with the operation. This brings the total number of U.S. troops involved to over 1,000.

"That has not been in response to surprise. It has been in accordance with our plan to reposition our forces inside the objective area over time as necessary in order to completely clear it," Franks said.

Central Command is responsible for operations in the region around Afghanistan. Franks was in Washington to brief Rumsfeld and President Bush on Anaconda's progress.

Rumsfeld stressed the coalition actions in

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See page A-3 for the 1st in a series on Iwo Jima

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

MARINE RAIDERS

Marine Forces Pacific will join the U.S. Raider Association in dedicating the Marine Raider Memorial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) today at 2 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Overlook at the top of Memorial Walk and will feature the Marine Forces Pacific Band and color guard, an honor detail from 1st Radio Bn. and wreath presentations.

Brigadier Gen. John G. Castellaw, deputy commander of Marine Forces Pacific, will be the guest speaker.

Less than three years ago, the remains of 19 missing Raiders from the battle for Makin Island in World War II were recovered and repatriated by the Central Identification Lab, Hawaii, which is currently undertaking a search for the remains of nine more members of that unit, believed to be buried on the island of Kwajalein.

The Marine Raider Battalions were among the forerunners of the current Marine Reconnaissance units. Members of the 4th Force Reconnaissance Co., based at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, will be in attendance.

For more information, contact Chuck Little at 477-8309.

WAIMANALO CLEANUP

The Waimanalo Cleanup Coalition needs volunteers to help clear illegal dumping of cars and trucks in the woods of Olomano Gardens, Saturday at 8 a.m. Support is needed to haul the abandoned vehicles to the street for City and County crews to tow away.

Meet at Olaomano Gardens, 41-1140 Waikupanaha Street. Call 259-0223 to help.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 23: Roman Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.

March 24 (Palm Sunday): Roman Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m.; Protestant Services at 8 and 11 a.m.

March 26: Catholic Penance at 7 p.m.

March 28 (Holy Thursday): Roman Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.; Protestant Service at 6:30 p.m.

March 29 (Good Friday): Roman Catholic "Stations of the Cross" at 12 p.m.; Solemn Good Friday Service at 5 p.m.; Protestant Good Friday Service at 2 p.m.

March 30 (Holy Saturday): Roman Catholic Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

March 31 (Easter Sunday): Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. at the Rifle Range; Roman Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m.; Protestant Services at 8 and 11 a.m.

All services are located in the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Chapel, Bldg. 1090.

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C.G.'S MAIL BOX

'I recommend a community council to support Housing.'



BRIG. GEN. MCABEE

- Submitted by Alana Havenstrite, military spouse

I am a spouse of an active duty member. This is our first time living on a military base and our family is enjoying the community feel that MCBH provides.

Our neighbors are friendly and I feel very safe here.

However, there are constant concerns throughout our neighborhood. In talking with several other neighbors and friends, many are complaining about how their concerns are handled, or are not handled, at the housing office.

I can be very specific should you request.

A solution!

Have a community council that can confront some of the issues and get answers, a council that will listen to the concerns of the active military community and find solutions.

The council would be made up of volunteers and be supportive of both the military community and the housing office.

This could create a positive relationship for everyone involved.

This council would also be a great way to welcome new members of the community.

Very respectfully,
Alana Havenstrite

Dear Ms. Havenstrite,

Thanks for participating in the CG Mail program.

I have been asked by the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, to research and to respond to your email of Feb. 5, since your recommendation falls

within my staff responsibility.

The base does agree with you that it is important for our personnel and their families to be heard. The CG Mail Program is just one example of our commitment to listening to your ideas.

As you know, MCBH does not presently have a community council as you have described; however, the base welcomes such an organization.

To assist you in your endeavors, should you decide to develop this council, I have enclosed a copy of Base Order 5760.3A, which outlines the requirements for establishing and operating a private organization aboard MCBH.

Presently, the base attends many neighborhood boards. If your organization would like to invite the base to attend one of your meetings, please contact our Public Affairs Office at 257-8840.

The Commanding General has assured me he will personally meet with your council, to listen to your concerns and recommendations, as well.

Additionally, I'd like to provide you with some established avenues for this same kind of information to be relayed to the appropriate agencies. For example, our Housing Office is committed to providing excellent service to the base. If you or anyone you know have a housing complaint, please contact Mr. Glenn Lambert at 257-1257 (ext 201).

If you have a concern about the

way Family Housing has handled an issue, please contact Mr. Dave Buffum at 257-4005.

Furthermore, to assist newly arriving personnel, the "Base New Arrivals Orientation," goes every month and is sponsored by our own Marine Corps Community Services.

This brief goes the first Thursday of every month, and everyone is welcome, including family members.

People are briefed by at least 10 separate key note speakers. There are door prizes, free coffee and donuts.

If you are interested in more information concerning the New Arrivals' Orientation, please contact Ms. Marie Jesus at 257-7788.

Similarly, a quarterly "Spouses Aloha Orientation" is also operated by Marine Corps Community Services.

It provides spouses the various resources and services aboard MCBH to enhance their lives, while on tour here.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other spouses and forge new friendships. Free day care is provided for those spouses that sign up in advance.

For more information concerning the Spouses Aloha Orientation, please call 257-7790.

Again, I want to thank you for your participation in this program.

Very Respectfully,

Maj. Chris Hughes
Public Affairs Officer, MCBH

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm.

Top medical officer reviews K-Bay facilities, discusses readiness issues

Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

The Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, Rear Adm. Robert D. Hufstader, visited MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Friday, talked with his Sailors and toured base medical facilities.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the needs and concerns of supported line commanders and to discuss present and future medical readiness and health issues.

"Another focus of discussion was facilities. In particular, finding improved facilities for the Marine Corps battalion and regimental aid stations, as well as a site for a new Sports Medicine Complex to mirror the successful introduction of a sports medicine complex on Okinawa," said Lt. j.g. Lana Wilson, assistant director of the Branch Medical Clinic at K-Bay.

Rear Adm. Hufstader first visited the Branch Medical Clinic,

where he met with medical officers and enlisted leaders. His tour then took him to Combat Service Support Group 3's dental and medical aid stations, as well as the 3rd Marine Regiment's, Regimental Aid Station.

He concluded his visit with a stop at the Aid Station of MAG -24.

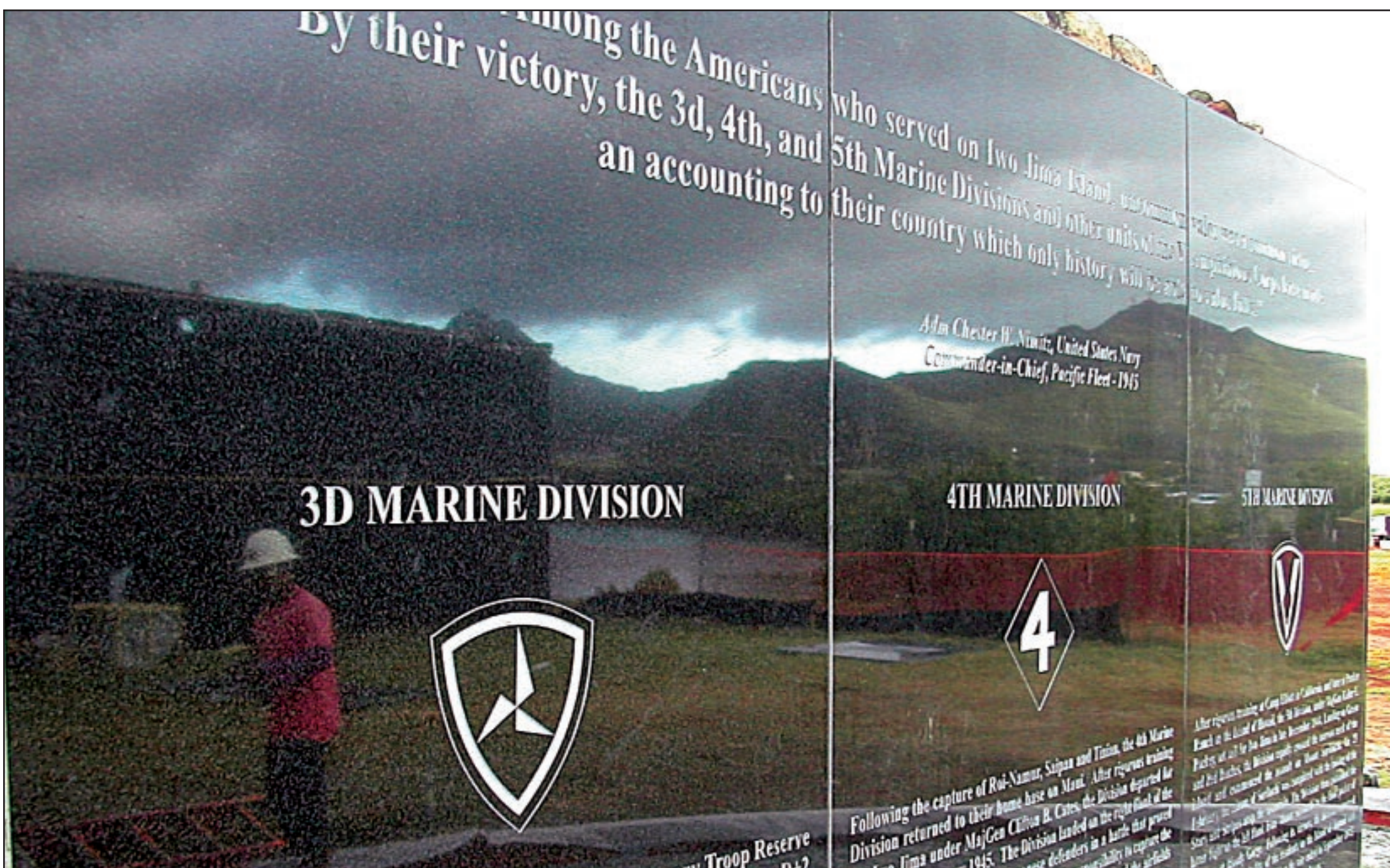
"It was nice to have a medical leader come down to the trenches and talk about issues affecting the medical field and all the new modernization plans for the base," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jesse Quinonez, a corpsman at the Branch Medical Clinic, Kaneohe Bay.



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Commander Mary Condon, director of the Kaneohe Branch Medical Clinic, led Rear Adm. Robert D. Hufstader on a tour of the facilities.

See next week's Hawaii Marine for Part 2 of our series on the Pacific War Memorial.



Sgt. Robert Carlson

In the reflection of the engraved granite slates which surround the base of the Pacific War Memorial, the crew from Dick Pacific Construction puts the finishing touches on the base of the memorial and readies it for the dedication ceremony March 16. "Walkway of Honor" bricks will be installed later this spring.

Iwo Jima sculpture will greet all entering K-Bay



Cpl. Dustin Senger

Mrs. Alice Clark, chair of the Pacific War Memorial Association, stands by a model of the Pacific War Memorial during the 55th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

What started as an idea at a reunion for Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Marine Division — who trained at Camp Tarawa on the Big Island — has become a reality in Hawaii.

The dedication ceremony for the Pacific War Memorial Association's Pacific War Memorial is set for Saturday, March 16, at 10 a.m.

The monument will be gifted to the Marine Corps and will be located inside the front gate of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The statue portion of the monument is a replica of the National Iwo Jima Memorial in Newington, Conn., which was erected in 1995.

The six figures in the monument stand nine feet tall.

Since 1996, Alice Clark, chair of the Pacific War Memorial Association, has worked toward a goal of having the monument erected here in Hawaii.

When the association was invited to locate the memorial at MCB Hawaii, plans went into full swing to erect the first memorial in the Pacific to recognize the sacrifice made by all services in the region during World War II, and the much-appreciated support of the people of Hawaii.

The front side of the monument



Photo courtesy of the Pacific War Memorial Assn.

Chris Messer, project coordinator, Dick Pacific Construction, poses with the crated memorial. The memorial was uncrated Feb. 13 and placed upon the base on Feb. 14.

shows Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal's image of the second flag raising on top of Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945.

Beside Rosenthal's image is a photo of the first flag raising, by Marine photographer Sgt. Lou Lowery, as well as Pfc. Robert Campbell's photo of the flag exchange.

Inscriptions on the reverse side of the monument recognize the contributions of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Marine Divisions during the battle.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' famous quote, "...Among the Americans who served on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue" is inscribed across the top.

End panels on the base of the

monument feature an Iwo Jima map, depicting the plan of the attack, and the civilian support provided by Hawaii residents for those who trained and regrouped in Hawaii for Iwo Jima and other Pacific battles.

The bronze memorial was cast by Salvatore Perrotta of Sculpture House Casting in New York, from the original molds used for the monument in Connecticut. Dr. George Gentile, who heads the National Iwo Jima Survivors' Association, made the molds available for the Hawaii memorial.

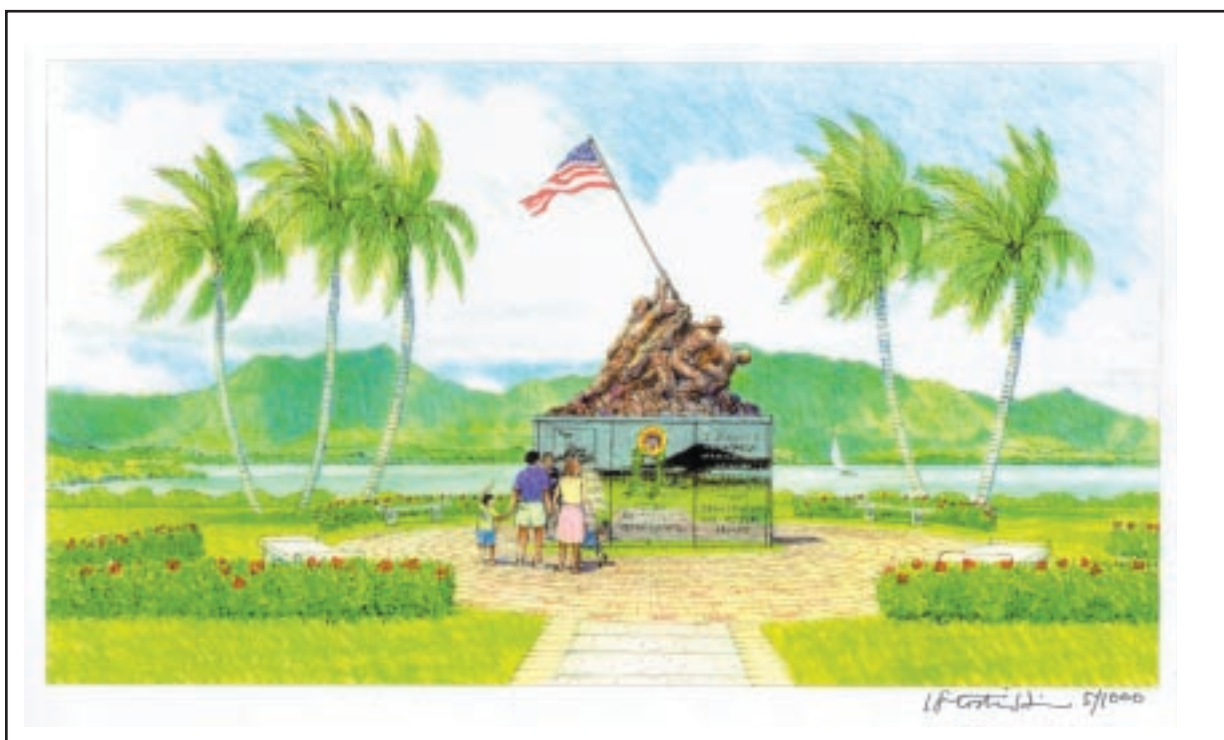
The molds were originally created by artist Joseph Petrovics, using battle artifacts shared by Iwo Jima Survivors.

The bronze memorial arrived at K-Bay Feb. 13 and was placed on the base Feb. 14. Construction of the concrete base was completed by Dick Pacific Construction.

The granite panels which surround the base were inscribed by Columbia River Monuments in Hermiston, Ore.

Bricks in the 'Walkway of Honor,' inscribed with the names of veterans, loved ones and supporters, will be installed later this spring.

Inscribed bricks can be ordered until March 31 through the Pacific War Memorial Association's website at www.PacificWarMemorial.org.



Cpl. Dustin Senger

Above — Lieutenant Gen. Frank Libutti, then commander, Marine Forces Pacific, greets the veterans of the Battle of Iwo Jima during the 55th anniversary celebration at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Left — Artist Hitoshi Hida provided the Pacific War Memorial Association his rendering of the completed Pacific War Memorial.

CDC promotes child passenger safety through checkup event



Sgt. Robert Carlson

The Base Safety Center set up its child passenger restraint inspection station in front of the CDC March 1.

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

Volunteers from the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Child Development Center teamed up with the Base Safety Center and Marines from Combat Service Support Group 3 March 1 to host a child passenger seat safety checkup event in front of the CDC.

The event was the first opportunity where parents were able to make appointments to have their vehicles inspected for proper child passenger restraints installation.

The Base Safety Center and certified volunteers from around the base have hosted several events both on and off of the installation, and this latest event was a prelude to many more scheduled checkups coordinated with the CDC.

Kristin Darling, the CDC's Children, Youth and Teens Program training and curriculum specialist,

has been a certified inspector since November and said the program has had a domino effect with other CDC staff members and parents.

"We'll probably schedule four or five of these events a year, and we're already working to educate as many parents as possible about the program."

In addition to getting the CDC staff certified as child passenger restraint inspectors, Darling said the center also plans to conduct special presentations for parents and family child care providers.

With the staff at the CDC, and the family child care providers, Darling and the Base Safety Center have the opportunity to reach 400 to 500 parents with their message.

The Base Safety Center has worked closely with the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) Hawaii to help prevent and reduce injuries to children resulting from improper installation of child pas-

senger seats. Safety checkups are just one way the center helps increase awareness.

To find out more about the child passenger restraint checkup program, contact the Base Safety Center at 257—



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Kristin Darling, Children, Youth and Teens Program training and curriculum specialist, demonstrates the proper child passenger seat installation for one of dozens of visitors to the CDC's event March 1.

PRESSURE, From A-1

Afghanistan aren't "revenge" or "retribution" for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

"Rather, it is to protect our country and our people from further attack," he said. "A terrorist under fire in the mountains of Afghanistan is a terrorist who has bigger problems than trying to plan the next attack on the United States."

He said America's mission hasn't changed since Sept. 11 — to deny safe haven to terrorist networks. That is why U.S. troops are also working to train and equip military forces in the Philippines and Yemen, he said.

"It's to help them eliminate the possibility of their countries becoming sanctuaries for terrorists," Rumsfeld remarked.

He said the "service and sacrifice" of the service members who died and those who continue to put themselves in harm's way should serve as a lesson to those who would attack the United States.

"If you attack the United States, if people try to kill our men, women and children, we intend to stop them. There will be a penalty," Rumsfeld said, adding that the U.S. soldiers are "as relentless as they are courageous."

Single Marine & Sailor Program Funds



Sgt. Roman Yurek

Brigadier Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, MCB Hawaii commanding general, accepts a \$2,000 check, on behalf of the Single Marine and Sailor Program, from Capt. Rex Sappenfield, adjutant for Marine Aircraft Group 24. Sappenfield was part of a group of 30 Marines who volunteered to help the Friends of Hawaii Charity at the Honolulu Garlic Festival and the Professional Golfers' Association of America Sony Open.

Mokapu students deliver award-winning speeches

Children submitted speeches in Mokapu's 'I Have a Dream Too' contest, during African-American Heritage Month activities at MCB Hawaii

Submitted by:
Jan Velasco, 4th Grade
1st Place Speech

I have a dream that one day this nation will have peace and be free of hate-ness and evil.

I have a dream that one day people will live together and treat others as they should be treated.

Not because they are black or white. This is my hope and faith.

With this faith we will be able to change the world and live peacefully.

This will be the day when our country will be free of hate and evil and replace it with hope, love and most important with peace.

Submitted by:
Armani Batoon, 5th Grade
1st Place Speech

I have a dream that one day this nation will treat each other the same and there will be peace.

I have a dream that one day people will be fair to others and respect each other.

This is my hope and faith.

With this faith, we will be able to reach our goals and be proud of what we have.

This will be the day when the whole nation celebrates their color and have freedom.

Submitted by:
Krystian Johnson, 6th Grade
Part I, 1st Place Speech

I have a dream that one day this nation will unite with all other nations and peace will spread throughout the world.

I have a dream that one day people will look up to other people as brothers and sisters not as enemies.

This is my hope and faith.

With this faith we will be able to live our lives peacefully and happily and we will have no trouble with wars and battles.

We will finally be able to depend on others to do the right things and to care



Courtesy of Nico Duncan

Nine winners were selected from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades during Mokapu Elementary School's "I have a dream, too" speech contest.

for you through deaths and difficulties.

This will be the day when people don't discriminate others for their looks, color, religion or any other appearances.

It will also be when people can depend on others and let them be able to trust you.

That's my dream.

Submitted by:
Shevonne Simpson, 6th Grade
Part II, 1st Place Speech

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise with this earth and stop all the discrimination.

I have a dream that one day people will be more respectful to each other.

This is my hope and faith.

With this faith we will be able to achieve our goals and accomplish our missions.

This will be the day when our world will be filled with happiness and be powered with joy.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place Winners

4th Grade

- 1st Jan Velasco
- 2nd Vince Palacios
- 3rd Shawn Voutour

5th Grade

- 1st Armani Batoon
- 2nd Brianna Nieland
- 3rd Shaina Foster

6th Grade, Part I

- 1st Krystian Johnson
- 2nd Kirk Birkin
- 3rd Marlene Garcia

6th Grade, Part II

- 1st Shevonne Simpson
- 2nd Ashley Shaffer
- 3rd Jasmine Goodrich

'Girls Day'



Sgt. Robert Carlson

Maria Parker, 6, shows off her family's Doll Festival display aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, March 1. The dolls are dressed in ancient Japanese court costumes and are thought to bring good fortune and health. Japanese people around the world celebrated Girls Day Sunday, and dolls like these are traditionally displayed as part of the celebration. Maria, who is Japanese-American, said she always shares her cultural background with her friends and classmates.

PACDIV, From A-1

of marksmen who will compete in the Marine Corps Championships taking place from April 4 to May 7 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

This year's competition posed a unique, yet surmountable obstacle for shooters and instructors alike.

Normally, the championships have distinguished shooters participating in the program who help with the ranges, and assist with coaching younger shooters. Due to events brought on by Sept. 11, many of those distinguished shooters were unavailable for the event, according to Gunnery Sgt. David S. Myers, Operations Chief for Puuloa Training Facility.

"Most of the shooters we had this year were relatively inexperienced," said Myers. "This year we didn't have any experienced, distinguished shooters to help assist with the range."

Since none of the Marines in this year's championship were prior distinguished shooters, it leveled the playing field, giving young Marines the confidence, and room to step up and improve their performance, added Myers.

The Competition in Arms Program was started more than a hundred years ago to bring young and old riflemen together so they could share and pass on marksmanship knowledge.

At the end of each CIAP, those Marines who participated in the program returned to their units full of marksmanship information to pass to others.

"I think the competition builds

their confidence as marksman, because they learn (tips and advice) from the more experienced shooters," said Gunnery Sgt. Tamara L. Fode, Legal Chief for Headquarters Battalion Legal Services Center.

Although Fode did not enter the competition as a distinguished shooter, she was an exceptional marksman as a rifle expert (10th award), and a pistol expert (6th award).

Younger Marines who participated in the two weeks of marksmanship instruction and competition of the Pacific Division Championships, found it to be a productive and informative time.

"I learned physical fitness plays a key role in the firing of the pistol, especially in the off-hand position," said Cpl. Ivan Del Valle, a Javelin section leader for 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

As a first time participant in the championship, Del Valle was able to understand why there is a Competition-in-Arms Program.

"It's a good program," said Del Valle. "Because people who come



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

The CSSG-3 rifle team poses with Colonel Paul D. Adams, their commanding officer, and the Smith Trophy, which is given annually to the top rifle team in PACDIV. From left to right are CWO Parker, Staff Sgt. Schardein, Adams, Gunnery Sgt. Lobes, Sgt. Joseph M. Abrams and Cpl. Luis A. Bazan.

here are able to take back valuable information to their units and pass it on to other Marines."

"A lot of Marines don't realize the important benefits and opportunities the CIAP has to offer," said Fode. "Because they feel there isn't enough time to get away from their units to participate in the program."

"Commanding officers and staff noncommissioned need to push Marines towards this program more. Who knows, they could be sending the Marine Corps' next number one shooter."

No matter how many Marines participate in the Competition-in-Arms Program every year, they return to their units with greater confidence in their marksmanship abilities.

AAVS, From A-1

"With these heavy vehicles, they can crush the weeds, but they can also shape the mud flat in such a way that it makes it a nicer place to nest and feed," said Driggot. "By disturbing the mud, it kicks up the little fish and the insects they live on. So, when it's under controlled conditions like this, it's actually helpful for the birds."

The population of Hawaiian Stilts nesting at the ponds, in 1984, was approximately 60. Almost 20 years later, with the annual assistance from the Marines, that population has more than doubled.

The state's total estimated number of Hawaiian Stilts is between 1,500 to 1,800

birds, making the Nu'upia Pond stilts almost 10 percent of Hawaii's total population.

Since adult Hawaiian Stilts tend to nest in the area where they were born, the importance of providing these endangered birds with a suitable breeding environment is beneficial not only for the birds, but also the Marines.

"It's a good idea that we are able to



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Marines from CSC Co., 3rd Marine Regiment, crush mangrove and pickle weed with their AAVs, to help improve endangered birds nesting grounds.

growth of endangered species within the Nu'upia Ponds. But, the two days of training the Marines received operating

something to help out the environment and the local wildlife," said Pfc. Phillip A. Troop, an AAV crewman and driver for Combat Support Company. "It's cool, what we are doing."

The main focus of the "Mud Ops" is to preserve and promote the training the Marines received operating

the AAVs in this sanctuary is invaluable, according to Staff Sgt. David R. Hickman, platoon sergeant, Combat Support Co.

"The Marines get the opportunity to learn how to negotiate difficult, muddy terrain and perform vehicle recovery if one gets stuck."

"This is the only area in Hawaii where the AAVs can conduct this type of open terrain driving," he added.

After two days of churning and tearing up mangrove weeds, both the Marines and the birds have something valuable to show for it: The Marines received much needed open terrain driving and the Hawaiian stilts received a better environment to breed.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

31st MEU intensifies training during MEUEX II

Lance Cpl. John Hoellwarth
31st MEU Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan — The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently completed MEU Exercise II (MEUEX), moving a step closer to reaching its special operations capable (SOC) certification.

The MEUEX II was conducted here Feb. 19-22 in various Okinawa training areas.

The bi-annual exercise is the third of four major training evolutions the MEU will undergo in preparation for Special Operations Capable Exercise 01-2 (SOCEX). It focuses on SOCEX mission profiles in day and night environments, ensuring that the basics of Marine air ground task force (MAGTF) mission execution are fully understood and practiced in a safe training environment.

"The MEUEX is designed to expose our Marines to every potential mission they may see during a SOC qualification

exercise. As separate units, each MEU element works hard to ensure it is ready to fulfill its role. The team did well in this respect," said Col. James M. Lowe, 31st MEU commander.

Interoperability between the MEU's major subordinate elements (MSE) is the key to simultaneously executing multiple missions, according to the MEU commander.

"Every individual and assigned team brings a lot to the fight, but interoperability is the name of the game at the MAGTF level. This is where the Navy/Marine Corps Team is joined at the hip," Lowe said. "When each unit and detachment reaches the point where it realizes interoperability at the tactical level equates to increased combat capability and greater operational tempo, I know we have achieved success. That's when the 31st MEU/Phibron-11 team becomes a dangerous organization with which to wrestle."

During MEUEX, the MEU conducted

mission planning and execution while using the Rapid Response Planning Process (R2P2) to further facilitate full integration as a MAGTF and to improve overall proficiency in the planning and execution of MEU(SOC) missions. Understanding the team concept was imperative, as the MEU's overall success was dependent on the MSEs working closely together.

The relationship between the MSEs was good and steadily improving, according to Lieutenant Col. Carl E. Mundy, commanding officer, Battalion Landing Team 3d Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.

"The MSEs have established a good working relationship with each other. Every mission reinforces the critical importance of working together as one team; last week highlighted that fact," Mundy said.

The MEUEX II combined a multitude of training evolutions, ranging from boat landings, helicopter-borne operations and operational ground maneuver. The MEU carried out a full range of MAGTF mission profiles to include: a noncombatant evacuation operation; a visit, board, search and seizure; flight operations; tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel; a mass casualty situation; a mechanized raid; and an amphibious boat raid on simulated enemy training sites.

Marines of III Marine Expeditionary Force's Special Operations Training Group administered the training package for each event during the MEU Exercises. In addition to serving as site controllers and evaluators of the training, these Marines focused on the MEU's ability to carry out mission profiles as a MAGTF during day and night operations.

The MEU's training follows the crawl-walk-run method. Upon successfully completing the crawl and walk stages, MEUEX I and II, the MEU is now ready to take to sea all that it has learned and practiced during its land-based exercises. It will do this during Amphibious Ready Group Exercise (ARGEX), its next



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Petty Officer Second Class Christopher Hansen, 31st MEU, Combat Service Support Element, conducts triage of simulated casualties during massive casualty drill Feb. 21. The drill was done to evaluate the MEU's ability to respond to an incident involving numerous casualties.

major training exercise.

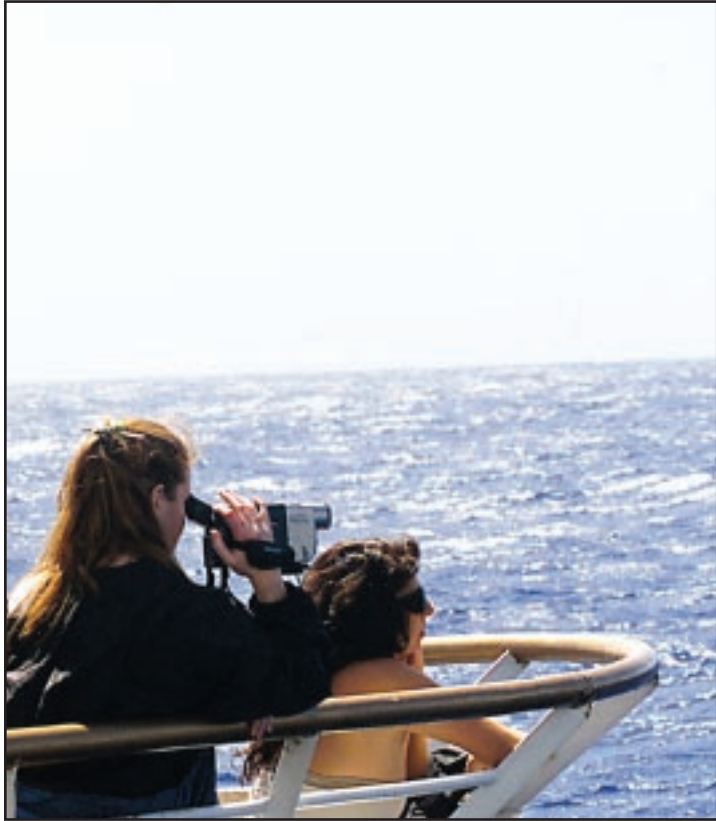
"Based on the present world situation and the 31st MEU's mission as a primary contingency response force, our normal training program this cycle was accelerated even more so than normal. Still, the MEU met every challenge and, in some critical areas, exceeded my expectations," Lowe said. "The Marines and Sailors of the MEU know what may be required of them in the immediate future and they are ready to demonstrate their considerable capability."



Lance Cpl. John Hoellwarth

Corporal Arzina Brown, 31st MEU combat service support element, attends to a simulated casualty during massive casualty drill Feb. 21.

LIFESTYLES



Many guests record the whales on video tape as they come up for air. Some just use the zoom feature on the camera to spot a whale off in the distance.



One humpback whale surfaces for air nearly 50 yards in front of the Navatek before diving for another 28 minutes.



The Navatek I passes by the lighthouse below Diamond Head twice during the journey to find whales.



Guests disembark from the Navatek I after a three-hour whale watching journey.

Ahoy there! Whale watching off Waikiki Coast

Story and Photos
Sgt. Roman Yurek
Lifestyles Editor

Hawaii is considered one of the most popular vacation spots in the world.

It is so popular, some visitors swim close to 3,000 miles from Alaska to mate, nurse and give birth in the tropical Hawaiian waters.

Many of these 'visitors' can weigh between 25 and 35 tons.

During winter months, humpback whales can be found off the Oahu coast. To get a better look at these gentle giants, tourists can hitch a ride aboard the Atlantis Cruises' Whale Watching Cruise.

Guests board the Navatek I at Pier 6, next to Aloha Tower. Once on board, guests are treated to a three-hour tour in search of the humpback whale.

Accompanying the cruise, a whale expert provides guests with tips on spotting whales.

One way of spotting these magnificent animals is by looking for their 10-foot high spout that shoots out of its blowhole. A mature humpback whale can stay under water for close to 30 minutes.

Though seeing a spout is the easiest way to spot a whale, there are other ways to sight one of the 40 to 60-foot-long mammals.

Tourists love to see the tail of these incredible creatures roller coasting out of the ocean.

On occasion, these gargantuan creatures propel themselves almost completely out of the water and then crash back into the sea. As they fall back, a wave once again engulfs them.

During the course of the search with Atlantis, the Navatek will trav-

el past Diamond Head. This span of ocean between Diamond Head and Koko Head is considered a sanctuary for these animals.

Here, whales can mate, nurse their young and give birth. It is estimated there are approximately 10,000 humpback whales worldwide, making them an endangered species.

After three hours looking for, finding and watching these enormous creatures, the Navatek turns around and follows the coast past Diamond Head, parallel to the Waikiki coast and back to Pier 6.

Atlantis Whale Watching Cruise guarantees guests will receive a free return trip if no whales were spotted during their journey.

To schedule an afternoon aboard the Navatek in search of humpback whales, call the Information, Tickets and Travel Office at 254-7653.



After passing Diamond Head, guests aboard the Navatek I enter a sanctuary for the endangered humpback whale. The whales are here to mate and give birth.

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POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Debbie Baker, MCCS Public Relations

MARCH

Today

NCO Appreciation — For the countless orders they carry out and for the various ways in which they make you shine, they certainly deserve some recognition.

All Staff NCOs are encouraged to bring their NCOs to NCO Appreciation Night at the Rocker Room, from 4 – 6 p.m.

Get out of the shop and

head for the Rocker Room's NCO Appreciation Night to enjoy plenty of free pupus, drink specials and billiards.

For more information, call 254-5592.

Base Library Exhibit — The exhibit "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds," will be on display today through March 15.

This exhibit will focus on 100 black women from various areas in science, politics, humanities and more.

For more information on this or other exhibits, contact the base library at 254-7624.

Friday Night Pau Hana Party — All staff noncommissioned officers and their guests are invited every Friday night to the Rocker Room for a Dance Party featuring DJ Brian.

Guests will enjoy free pupus from 5 – 7 p.m. The billiards and dancing continue until 1 a.m.

For additional details, call 254-5592.

11 / Monday

Transition Assistance Program — All Marines and Sailors separating from the service must attend this seminar March 11 – 14 at the Base Theater. Spouses are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact the Career

Resource Center at 257-7790.

15 / Friday

Get Lucky — Even if you're not Irish, St. Patty's Day parties are happening at both the Officer's Club and at the Staff NCO Rocker Room.

During this pre-St. Patty's Day celebration, the clubs will boast plenty of green beverages, pupus, dancing & billiards.

For more of the shamrock skinny, call the O'Club at 254-7650 or the Staff NCO Club at 254-5592.

19 / Tuesday

Spring Community Aloha Fair — All base residents are invited to the annual Spring Aloha Fair inside the Enlisted Club Ballroom from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Inside this Information Expo, guests will have an opportunity to meet their new neighbors, discover a variety of on and off base business services, win fabulous door prizes and enjoy free, delicious Aloha Fair pupus.

Be sure to watch for your mailed invitation.

For more information, call 254-7653.

Batter Up — Camp Smith is getting into full swing, with softball that is.

Camp Smith will host

aa Intramural Softball League, beginning in May.

An organizational meeting is scheduled April 9 in Bldg. 9, Room 129, at noon.

All team rosters must be submitted to the Camp Smith Athletics Office no later than April 30.

For more information regarding the league, call Angela Pittman at 477-0498.

More Softball — A Spring Fling Softball Tournament is also scheduled at Camp Smith, April 27 and 28 aboard Bordelon Field at 8 a.m.

The entry fee per 15-player team is \$150.

Awards will be presented to 1st and 2nd place.

The Spring Fling Softball Tourney is open to all authorized military ID cardholders who are 18 years and older.

For more information regarding the tournament, call Angela Pittman at 477-0498.

All-Marine Athletics — Any Marine interested in trying out for the All-Marine Triathlon, the Armed Forces Cycling Team or the Armed Forces Skeet Championship should contact the Semper Fit Athletic Office.

For further details regarding command sponsorship and resume requirements, call the Athletic Office at 254-7590.

LINKS — The next LINKS day session is set for March 19 – 21 at the LINKS House, Bldg. 3074 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. All spouses interested in "getting in the military know," are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 257-2368.

20 / Wednesday

Before You Say, "I Do," — All newlyweds are invited to the two-day "Marriage Skills Workshop," March 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Bldg. 216.

Couples in this seminar will benefit as they focus on communication skills, budgeting techniques, and the secrets of a successful military family lifestyle.

Spaces are limited and reservations are required to attend.

For more information, call 257-7780.

21 / Thursday

Spouses' Aloha Orientation — All military spouses are invited to the quarterly Spouses' Aloha Orientation in Bldg. 267 Room 2 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

This seminar will provide spouses new to the island an opportunity to meet and interact with other spouses as well as discover the many base and MCCS resources

available to them.

Reservations are required and childcare is available, if requested when making a reservation.

For more information, call Marie Jesus at 257-7788.

23 / Saturday

Makin' a Dash for the K-Bay Spring Splash — Grab your suit, suntan lotion and — oh, yeah — the keiki and head to the K-Bay base pool for an open house Spring Splash.

Jet down the giant water slide, cannon ball off the high dive or simply relax in the Olympic-size pool.

Water Safety will provide introductory swim, surf, and diving lessons and swim assessments.

Manana Housing will have a Spring Splash March 30 at the base pool.

For more information for either K-Bay's or Manana's Spring Splash, call 254-7655.

25 / Monday

Spring Adventure — Youth Activities is accepting applications for children in grades K – 6 for Spring Adventure March 25 – 29. Keiki will enjoy supervised sports, arts & crafts and field trips. Spaces are limited.

For more information call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

SM&SP



All events are open to single, active duty military. The SM&SP Office is located in Bldg. 219. Call 254-7593, for more about events.

Program Review

Saturdays: Oceanside Paintball lets your "inner-predator" come out to play on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays, noon – 5 p.m.

Call for equipment rental fees.

Tuesday-Friday: Participate in the March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the Main Gym from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Double elimination applies, cost is \$8 per team, and awards will be provided for 1st and 2nd place. Registration forms are available at SM&SP.

April 13: The Spring Flag Football Classic will take place from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Pop Warner Field. Teams will be 10-person with two subs, and cost is \$15 per team. Registration forms are available at SM&SP.

April 20: Interservice Paintball Tournament at the M C B H a w a i i Oceanside Paintball Field. Cost is \$175 per five man team, each team may have two substitutes. Registration fee includes prizes and all-day air. Awards will be given to the top three teams. Teams must register by April 18.

April 26: Shank & Slice Tournament at the Klipper Golf Course. Awards will be given out by a blind draw.

May 25-27: Start making plans to jet set to Molokai over Labor Day weekend. Spaces are limited.

Spring Community Aloha Fair returns

Debbie Baker
MCCS Public Relations

All base residents are invited to Marine Corps Community Services annual Spring Community Aloha Fair, Tuesday in the

Enlisted Club Ballroom from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All guests will have an opportunity to win island getaways courtesy of Outrigger Hotels and Pleasant Island Holidays. With plenty of free pupus and door prizes that include gifts from Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Creative

Memories, the University of Phoenix and more, this information expo will showcase over 40 on and off base resources and business. Be sure to watch for your invitation.

For more Spring Aloha Fair information, call 254-7679.



Photo courtesy of MCCS

Patrons of the Spring Community Aloha Fair enjoy some free pupus inside the Enlisted Club before going back into the information expo.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free.

Matinee prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for "R" rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger.

For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons.

Please show your ID at the box office.

Phone 254-7642 for recorded info.

The Royal Tenenbaums (R)
A Beautiful Mind (PG13)
Brotherhood of the Wolf (R)
Kung Pow (PG13)
Orange County (PG13)
A Beautiful Mind (PG13)
Snow Dogs (PG)
Black Hawk Down (R)
Brotherhood of the Wolf (R)

Today 7:15 p.m.
Today 10 p.m.
Saturday 7:15 p.m.
Saturday 10:30 p.m.
Sunday 3:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.
March 15, 7:15 p.m.
March 15, 10 p.m.

Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

B-3, Hawaii Marine Sports Page

March 8, 2002

Hawaii teens test physical fitness at Pop Warner field

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

More than 15 Hawaii high schools consisting of 180 students participated in the 31st United States Marine Corps Youth Physical Fitness festival on Friday, at Pop Warner field.

The festival tested students in different exercises and registered their performance.

Students rotated between five exercises that included a 200-yard shuttle run, broad jump, pull-ups, sit-ups and push-ups.

See *YOUTH, B-6*



Joshua Cariaga, a freshman from Farrington High School, launches himself 8-feet, 6-inches during the broad jump stage of the festival.



Corporal Robert J. Parks, an aircraft firefighting and rescue specialist from Marine Corps Air Facility, provided some Marine Corps motivation to Aiea High School senior, Brian Mogote during the sit-up portion of the festival.



Nicole Fonda, a junior at Kahuku High School, focuses as she performs pull-ups.



The 200-yard shuttle run challenged the participants of the festival to push themselves past their endurance limits.

K-Bay chaplain carries Olympic torch

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

More than 13,000 people helped bring the Olympic flame from Greece to Salt Lake City, Utah, for the 2002 Winter Games.

The torch traveled through all but two of the states in America.

Since Hawaii was one of the states skipped, a chaplain from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, traveled to California to be a part of the ceremony.

Commander Jeffrey Rhodes was nominated to be a torch bearer by his family, and took leave from his duties as MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, base chaplain, to run the torch for a quarter-mile stretch through Pacific Grove, Calif., Jan. 17.

This was Rhodes' first time participating in Olympic festivities, and he said the best part was meeting all the other torch-bearers on his journey.

During the bus ride, as runners were staged along the route stretching from Salinas to Seaside, Calif., Rhodes met Dorothy Garcia, wife of Sept. 11 victim Andy Garcia.

Garcia was one of the passengers who struggled with the hijackers on the flight which crashed in Pennsylvania, and his wife said she wanted to carry the torch during this particular leg of the trip because she had met her husband in Pacific Grove.

Rhodes not only brought back memories of the cold weather and his conversations with the other torch-bearers, he also got to keep the torch he carried and the suit he wore during the run.

Carrying the Olympic torch fit in nicely with what Rhodes does for a living.

"The theme for the Olympic Games was 'Light the Fire Within,' and that's what I try to do everyday as a chaplain. It's important to me to inspire people both athletically and spiritually."



Photo courtesy of Cmdr. Jeffery Rhodes

Commander Jeffrey Rhodes, the base chaplain at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, runs the Olympic Torch through the streets of Pacific Grove, Calif., Jan 17, before the start of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Five steps to 'Heaven' in the morning

North American Precise Syndicate
Featurette

For most people, mornings are tough. The morning rush includes everything from taking a shower to getting dressed to packing lunch and checking homework. Eating a basic breakfast and spending quality time with family seems to be nearly impossible these days. However, nutrition experts say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, especially for kids.

Research shows breakfast helps restore energy (glucose) that diminishes at night during sleep. That energy ultimately helps improve performance, creativity, memory and problem-solving skills.

Even a simple breakfast like a bowl of cereal and a glass of orange juice can provide a full day's supply of many of the

necessary nutrients and key vitamins for a healthy diet.

"Everyone wants to spend more time with their families-and breakfast can be a good time to accomplish that," says Ronni Eisenberg, an expert in organizing the home and family and author of *Organize Your Home*. "It's important to set a morning routine. Begin with prioritizing what you have to accomplish in the morning and then determine what can wait until later in the day or week."

Here are some simple tips to help you make the most of your morning:

1. Start your morning the night before.

It may sound crazy, but the best time



Photo courtesy of NAPS

The simplest of breakfasts can satisfy daily needs.

to get a jump-start on your morning is the night before. After you've relaxed from your hectic day, start planning for tomorrow.

Lay out clothes, pack lunches, set the breakfast table or pick out the next day's menu before you go to bed.

You'll wake up refreshed for the new day with extra time to spare.

2. Time out. Make a list of your morning tasks, then time how long it takes to complete each one.

Wake up at least that much earlier and add an extra 15 to 20 minutes, built-in for surprises. Your routine will run more smoothly and you'll stay on schedule.

3. Put the focus on "you." Get yourself ready for the day before waking up

the kids and getting them ready.

You'll be much more relaxed and efficient without the pressure of getting yourself ready. You'll also have an extra few moments to yourself before the family's daily routine begins.

4. Get the kids involved. Don't put the burden completely on yourself.

Having the kids pour their own orange juice or bag their own lunch gives you a free hand to pack your briefcase or fill the dishwasher while teaching kids valuable lessons on nutrition and responsibility.

5. Plan your menu. Preparing a well-balanced breakfast doesn't have to be a big production.

Before you go shopping for the week, plan your breakfast menu. You'll have all your breakfast needs in stock and you won't have to worry about running out of orange juice in the morning.

Financial tip of the day: Viewing, paying bills online



Photo courtesy of NAPS

An increasing number of Americans are eyeing the idea and the convenience of paying their bills online.

North American Precip Syndicate Featurette

With the start of the new year, millions resolve to improve the everyday things of life. You may not know that you can streamline the conventional process of paying bills: sorting bills, writing checks, buying stamps, licking envelopes, making the trek to the mailbox and sometimes paying late fees.

Waiting for your bills to arrive in the mail, then opening each envelope to see how much the bill is for and when it is due, can be a tedious and time-consuming chore—except for those who have already discovered electronic bill payment and presentment services.

Receiving and paying bills online, including common monthly expenses such as cable and telephone bills, has never been easier.

By signing up for the secure, electronic bill payment and presentment services of a local financial institution or other service provider, consumers streamline the monthly chores of reconciling bills and expenses.

It's easy to see why electronic bill payment and presentment services are gaining popularity and piquing the curiosity of the consumer seeking a simplified bill payment process.

The advantages of online bill-presentment solutions at your fingertips offers convenience and flexibility 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

No more waiting for statements to arrive in the mail.

Once logged on, using your individually-selected ID and password, access to the electronic bill payment and present-

ment service is granted.

Depending on the level of service available through your financial service provider, you can view the bills that have arrived and when they are due.

In addition, some services provide a record of when past bills have been paid or the added convenience of setting up automatic monthly payments for common recurring bills, like insurance premiums.

The pre-authorized payment amount is determined by the consumer and can be a fixed dollar amount in a quarterly, monthly or weekly time frame, or it can fluctuate like a phone bill.

The service is flexible and the choice is yours; any user can stop automatic payments at any time or employ this bill-payment method indefinitely.

Recent research indicates the average U.S. resident receives, on average, 12 bills each month, for a total of 21 billion bills nationwide each year. It's also estimated that about 90



million households use the Internet in some form, making it possible for most consumers to access the benefits of electronic bill payment and presentment.

To learn more about electronic bill payment and presentation services, ask for additional details at a bank or financial institution. Account fees may apply in certain instances. A new, free brochure about online bill payment and bill-presentation services is also available from MasterCard by sending an e-mail to billsonline@mastercard.com.

Check with your financial institution to see how you can access the benefits of online banking.

COED SOFTBALL 2002 STANDINGS

As of March 3, 2002

	<u>WIN</u>	<u>LOSS</u>
21 ST DENTAL	5	0
VP-9	4	1
SY	4	1
1 ST RADIO BN	2	3
UNTOUCHABLES	1	3
FOOD SERVICE	0	4
G-6	0	4

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL 2002 STANDINGS

As of March 4, 2002

<u>RED DIVISION</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
OLE SCHOOL	6	1
DIRTY THIRD	4	0
UGLY ANGELS	4	1
WARRIORS "A"	4	3
T-WOLVES	3	2
ANDERSON HALL	3	5
1 ST RADIO	2	5
VP-9 "E'S"	2	5
VP-47- TERROR SQUAD	1	6
<u>GOLD DIVISION</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
MARFORPAC	6	0
ISLAND WARRIORS	6	2
21 ST DENTAL	5	2
SHOW STOPPERS	3	3
MCAF	3	4
VP-9 OFFICERS	3	4
BASE FACILITIES	2	3
KILLERZ	2	5
WARRIORS "B"	0	7

YOUTH, From B-3

More than 30 Marines and Sailors from various units took time from their schedules to volunteer with set up and monitoring of the event.

"I had a good time helping out everybody and making the event for the kids," said Sgt. Timothy B. Gilbert, a crypto-technician for Combat Service Support Group 3.

Their efforts to make the festival run smoothly and safely were noticed and appreciated by everyone from the students to their JROTC instructors.

"I think the facilities and support from the Marine Corps here is outstanding," said retired Army Colonel Charles Lee, senior Army instructor for the JROTC at Kamehameha High School. "It's great for the kids to be exposed to the Marines and their military facility."

"The Marines had a positive influence on the kids just by coming out here supporting and motivating them to do better," said Lee.

Grit and determination were the order of the day during the festival as the teenagers who participated in the events pushed their bodies to the limit to achieve good scores for themselves and their

schools.

Despite the demanding physical exertion, the students had a good time at the event.

"I didn't want to take it too seriously and get mad at myself," said Natasha Wedge, a freshman at Kalaheo H.S. "I just wanted to keep a smile on my face. It was fun."

At the end of the day Lanai High School stood out from all others, winning top honors in all four categories; top male indi-

vidual/ team, and top female individual/ team.

The Physical Fitness Festival was a time for the JROTC cadets to interact with students from other schools and get a taste for athletic competition, according to retired Cmdr. John Hutchinson, senior Naval science instructor for James Campbell H.S. NJROTC.

"They get the enjoyment of competition 'The thrill of victory, the agony of defeat,' so to speak."



Richard F. Lindley, a senior from Campbell High School, looks almost super human as he propels himself through the air for the broad jump portion of the event.



Felipe Damien of Lanai High School scored 469 points out of a possible 500 points to take first place in the men's individual competition. Here he poses for a picture with Hutchinson after receiving his trophy at the awards ceremony.

WORD TO PASS

USAA Financial Planning

While thousands of U.S. troops have been called into action, thousands more stand ready to deploy, leaving their families to handle the daily routine.

The spouse must tackle everything from taking care of the children to paying the bills, yet USAA is able to make things easier for deployed military personnel — ensuring families aren't fighting their own financial and legal battles back home.

Get your copy of the Deployment Guide, which offers members of the military help in arranging their personal finances before they leave home for military commitments abroad. The guide contains helpful tips on preparing financially, legally, and emotionally for separation from loved ones. Also in this booklet is a two-page checklist for important arrangements that are best made before a servicemember leaves for duty, and a list of important business and emergency contacts to complete and leave with loved ones.

Call toll-free 877-2DEPLOY or 877-233-7569 to get your free publication. The caller must verify that he or she is a servicemember.

A member-owned association, USAA has served the insurance and financial services needs of U.S. military personnel since 1922.

Free Hiking, Camping, Hunting Class

Hunter education classes are being offered by the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, rules and regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility. Attendance for all sessions is required for certification.

The class is open to anyone age 10 and older who enjoys the outdoors.

To sign up for the class contact the Hunter Education Office by calling 587-0200.

Hawaiian Islanders 2002 Schedule

The Hawaiian Islanders Arena Football team will kick off its inaugural season on Saturday, March 30, when they host Fresno at the Neal Blaisdell Center at 7 p.m.

Season tickets are now on sale, and you can join the Hawaiian Islanders at the "Pick-a-Seat Party" on today at the Blaisdell.

"Pick-a-Seat" is an open house for season ticket holders, sponsors, the media, and any individuals interested in reserving seats for the football season.

The general public is welcome to see first-hand the

field, field goal support systems, the scoreboard and the dasher boards.

Come see the Hawaiian Islanders players and the Islander Girls dance team.

For more information and the season schedule, call 53-ARENA or 532-7362.

Arena Football is a newly launched franchise in one of the world's fastest growing sports.

MS Walk 2002

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Hawaii is now accepting registration for teams, families and individuals to participate in this year's MS Walk 2002, April 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park.

Teams of 10 or more are eligible to participate. Free food and entertainment will be available for all who participate.

Register at www.NationalMS-Society.org or call 532-0811 for more details.

Youth Day of Caring

On the morning of April 20, Oahu's youth in seventh grade through college level will be participating in several volunteer service projects.

Aloha United Way and YMCA Youth Mapping will collaborate to present "Youth Day of Caring."

This event has grown to 1,000 youth participants, and you can be of great assistance by getting involved in the vicinity of your neighborhood.

Contact Judith at the Aloha United Way at 543-2214 or email Judith@auw.org, for more information.

Disney Salute to Armed Forces

Active duty, U.S. servicemembers can enjoy free admission to any of Disney's U.S. theme parks or on its Disney Cruise Line, through April 30.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" will honor America's men and women who are fighting for freedom. It's part of Disney's commitment to support U.S. troops at home and abroad.

The program offers one complimentary, seven consecutive days ticket for the active member and up to five special, 50 percent discount tickets for family and friends of the active duty member.

All special offer tickets must be used within seven days of purchase.

Discounts, beginning at \$49 per night (plus tax), are also available for the Disney resort hotel accommodations.

All offers can be obtained at Disney theme park entry windows with a valid military ID card. For more, call (407) 939-7424.

Marine Corps Scholarships

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is looking for students who qualify for Academic Year 2002-2003 scholarships.

You may be eligible, if you meet three parameters.

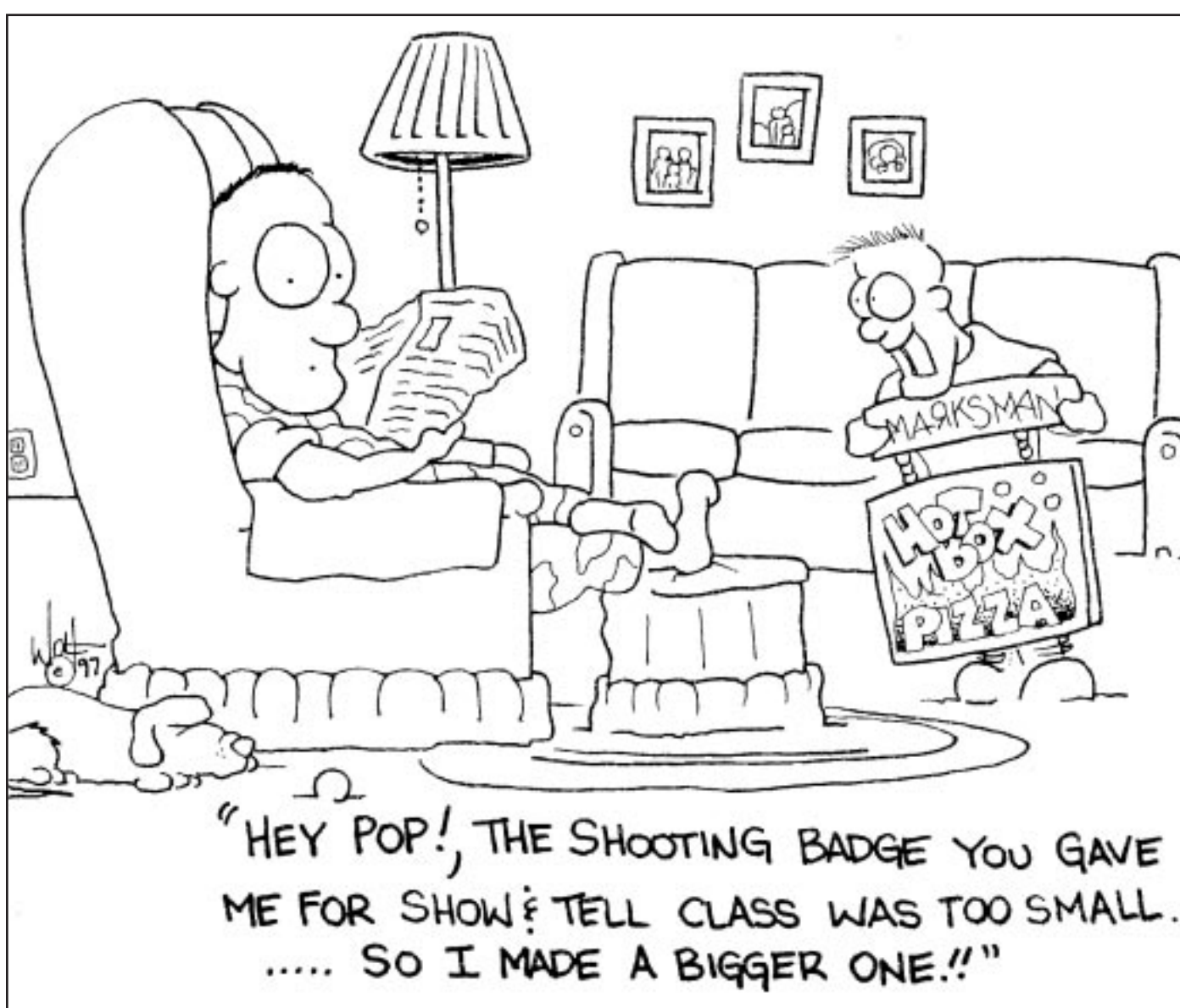
(1) You are:

- the son or daughter of a Marine on active duty or in the reserves;
- the son or daughter of a former Marine or reservist who received an honorable or medical discharge, or who was killed while on duty;

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•or, the son or daughter of an active duty, reserve, or former corpsman who is serving or has served with Marines.

(2) *You must also be*

- a high school senior,
- a high school graduate,

• currently enrolled as an undergraduate at an accredited university,

• or currently enrolled at an accredited vocational or technical school.

(3) *Your 2001 family income must be less than \$49,000*

Qualifying students may obtain an application packet by visiting www.marinescholars.org or writing to Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation; P.O. Box 3008; Princeton, NJ 08543-3008. The application deadline is April 1.

WAVES Membership

Women in the sea services are invited to join the local chapter of WAVES, Na Nalu O'Hawaii. Meetings are the second Saturday of each month. Call 623-4735 for details.

Hawaii Maritime Center Welcomes Reenlistments

Will you be reenlisting soon? Are you looking for a special place to hold the ceremony? Consider the historic "Falls of Clyde" ship, the first, four-masted ship ever to fly the Hawaiian flag, now docked at Pier 7, next to the Aloha Tower Market Place.

The \$50 fee includes 10 free, same day-admissions (a \$60-\$75 value). Fees are used to help promote Hawaii's rich ocean heritage. For more details, call 523-6151.

Key to 1st Bn., 3rd Marines



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

The 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, Key Volunteers received awards and recognition Feb. 28 by Lt. Col. Joseph Osterman, 1/3 commanding officer, for the support they provided throughout 1/3's recent deployment.