

# Hawaii Marine

## Tsunami Scare 2010

Non-event leaves MCB Hawaii better prepared for future emergencies

Lance Cpl. Ronald W. Stauffer  
Combat Correspondent

Service members and families prepared for Mother Nature's wrath throughout Oahu and Marine Corps Base Hawaii after a magnitude 8.8 earthquake rocked Chile. The local and national government feared large tsunami waves would hit the shores of Hawaii late Saturday morning as a result of the quake.

Although no alert was sounded on MCB Hawaii early Saturday morning and no immediate hazards affected the base, Marines and Department of Defense civilians were already prepared in the base Emergency Operations Center for the anticipated disaster.

Jacqueline Freeland, force protection officer for MCB Hawaii, said the tsunami siren system is managed by the state of Hawaii. Although the Aikahi system located outside the back gate was not functioning, she ensured the base was still capable of alerting residents using other means.

"Marine Corps Base Hawaii uses the 'Giant Voice,' which can announce messages in vulnerable areas," Freeland said. "The 'Giant Voice' isn't meant for people to hear indoors. That's why the base also uses television warnings."

Freeland stated the GV speakers are strategically placed on the base and capable of broadcasting in specific areas, if needed.

To help effectively pass emergency information sooner, Freeland said the base should have sent an alert across the entire base to listen to their televisions.

"It's a lesson learned, and we'll use it next time," Freeland said.

Some base residents woke to phone calls from loved ones or viewed the tragedy of Chile on the early morning TV news (and what was to come). Many swept to local grocery stores and gas stations to gather supplies and fuel, then moved inland to higher ground. Others stayed in their homes.

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Shelves once stocked with bottled water sat empty in a commissary aisle after patrons here prepared for the tsunami threat on the Hawaiian Islands Saturday.

## Manana Marine Mart opens

Kristen Wong  
Photojournalist

PEARL CITY, Hawaii — Forgot to fill up on gas and almost home? That's not a problem for Manana Housing residents, who can now make a quick stop at their new Marine Mart.

The \$4.9 million project, which started construction in January of last year and completed Feb. 11, replaced the housing's original Marine Mart of nearly 30 years. A 2004 Marine Corps Community Services survey of Manana Housing residents first indicated a desire for a new store.

"I would say that we're a little more than just a mini mart," said Jason Pinero, retail manager, Manana Marine Mart. "Everybody's been really happy with the appearances and the services that we provide."

Located at Building 854, the Manana Marine Mart is the first structure to the right of the housing gate, and has more to offer than its older counterpart. Pinero said the new sales floor is about 3,000 square feet with wider aisles.

Like most convenience stores, Manana Marine Mart offers many supplies ranging from magazines to frozen foods and household accessories. But housing residents have specifically requested produce items and "ready-to-eat" foods, such as chili, hot dogs, and egg salad sandwiches.

They also requested gas lanes, resulting in four new filling stations in front of the store with two pumps each.

Since the store opened, Pinero said the busiest times have typically been in the afternoon. On average, approximately 300 customers come through its doors each day.

"It's a steady flow of customers," said Donnell

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## Certiably Awesome



Lance Cpl. Vanessa M. American Horse | Hawaii Marine

A hostile enemy role player is captured outside an abandoned barracks next to the Military Police office Feb. 26 during a mock emergency scenario. The exercise was part of the two-week training exercise necessary to certify for the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Special Reaction Team.

## PMO Marines, civilians certify as Special Reaction Team

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Six Military Police Officers and two civilians were selected to become part of a Special Reaction Team this month. The team is the first of its kind assembled and certified at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The team is certified to engage in life-threatening scenarios that previously only larger bases such as Camp Pendleton, Calif. and Camp Lejeune, N.C. had authority to respond to, according to civilian Lt. Lambert Ohia, special operations officer, Provost Marshall's Office.

"It's like the team is non-existent without this certification," Ohia said. "This is a big deal for us here."

In order to be selected for the SRT team, Marine candidates must have recommendations, a first-class physical fitness test, and be an expert rifle and pistol shooter.

The two-week certification course here follows a mandatory two-week SRT course at Army Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

"We learn from the Army but essentially the program is 80 percent Marine Corps order," Ohia said.

During the training, the MPs exercise room clearing techniques, vehicle assaults, personnel recovery drills, evacuations and mission

planning operation briefs.

"We did a mock after-hours sweep of the Headquarters Battalion building," said Cpl. David A. Ramos, marksman observer, SRT, PMO. "There were no blueprints or layouts available, so other than going in for administrative stuff, it was unfamiliar."

The team got to utilize their fine-tuned tactics on the Puuloa Rifle Range in Ewa Beach Feb. 25. They started off with basic weapon re-familiarization, switching off between rifles, pistols and semi-automatic shotguns in full gear.

"We have monthly range training to complete as part of being in the Military Police," said Staff Sgt. Eric A. Aguilar, team leader, SRT, PMO. "This is really in depth here on the range, and we get to focus on working together when faced with an assault."

After quick weapons maintenance and magazine clip refills, the team shot on the move. Time restrictions prevented them from shooting in a stack.

"Once we complete this training, we will achieve full-time status," said civilian SRT member, John Supple. "We are building a solid foundation for all future Marines and civilians going through this certification."

A sweep of the empty barracks next to PMO was ordered on the morning of Feb. 26. A mock

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## Terrorists Beware

Anti-Terror Marines get tactical at MCTAB

Pfc. Tyler L. Main  
Combat Correspondent

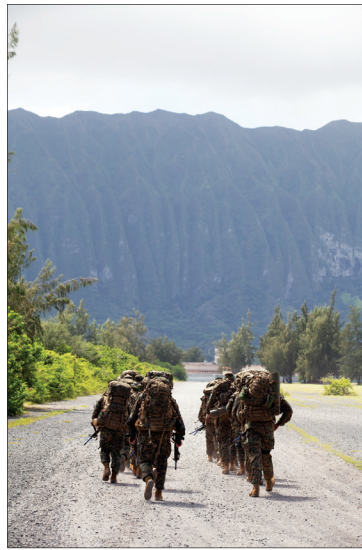
MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS, Hawaii — Marines with 2nd Platoon, Fox Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion practiced land navigation and Military Operations on Urban Terrain training Feb. 26 at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows.

The Anti-Terrorism Battalion is capable of rapidly organizing, training and deploying specially trained and sustainable task forces to detect, deter and defend against terrorism, as well as to conduct crisis response in the event of a terrorist attack.

All of the platoons' Marines were motivated and eager to train during their time in the field. While at MCTAB, Marines conducted day and night land navigation, clearing, and MOUT and urban patrolling.

The platoon's first order of business was land navigation. Once the Marines unloaded the radios, they immediately began setting up and reviewing radio communication and land navigation skills.

"We get issued all kinds of nice navigation toys like GPS and radios," said Lance Cpl. Phil C. Ramil, a rifleman with the platoon. "But these things aren't perfect and sometimes break. When they do break, you still need to know how to navigate from one place to the next as needed."



Pfc. Tyler L. Main | Hawaii Marine

The 2nd Platoon, Fox Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion hikes in column formation toward the MOUT training area at MCTAB.

The next morning, the Anti-Terror Marines went into the MOUT town for some urban combat training. This event was the favorite of most 2nd Platoon Marines and, perhaps, the most important.

"The MOUT town training is fast paced and exciting," said Lance Cpl. Nuutele M. Vagatai, a rifleman for the group. "This training is vital for close quarter terrorist situations where your suspects are hidden in buildings."

The platoon split up and trained against each other in the MOUT town using M16A2 model rifles loaded with simulated rounds. These rounds are training bullets filled with a bright colored liquid in order mark a hit

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New policy allows for social media, provided it doesn't violate OPSEC

## DoD authorizes Social Media

Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON D.C. — Attention all Facebookers, Twitter tweeters and YouTubers: a new Defense Department policy authorizes you to access these and other Web 2.0 platforms from nonclassified government computers, as long as it doesn't compromise operational security or involve prohibited activities or Web sites.

Defense Department officials issued the long-awaited policy Feb. 26, establishing consistent rules for all military members and employers.

Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III, who signed the policy, said it strikes a critical balance between the benefits and potential vulnerabilities of these applications. "This directive recognizes the importance of balancing appropriate security measures while maximizing the capabilities afforded by 21st-century Internet tools," he said.

While authorizing access to these tools, the new policy also recognizes the importance of protecting military networks and operations, explained David M. Wennergren, deputy assistant secretary of defense for information management and technology.

For example, the new policy allows commanders to temporarily limit that access as required to maintain operations security or address bandwidth constraints. It also prohibits malicious activity on military information networks and denies access to sites promoting prohibited activity such as gambling, pornography and hate crimes.

While information sharing may

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## Dragons to the rescue

MCB Hawaii squadron joins mission to aid Taiwanese vessel

Kristen Wong  
Photojournalist

Recently, 28 members of Taiwanese fishing vessel Hou Chun 11 abandoned ship when it caught fire 900 miles away from Oahu. That's when Patrol Squadron Four sprung into action.

Alerted at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, the Skinny Dragons flew a P-3C Orion with a crew of 12 to assist the Coast Guard in keeping watch over the survivors.

Navy Lt. Rafael Andrade, the Powerplants branch officer in charge, was the tactical coordinator for the mission. The Los Angeles native's first task was to ensure the aircraft was stocked with the necessary equipment. Although normally the crews would take three MK 58 Mod 1 Marine location markers aboard the aircraft at a time, Andrade requested six just in case.

Petty Officer 1st Class Joel Davidson, flight engineer, VP-4, said several service members had already gone home and the crew needed to wait for people to return to work. Among the preparations, Davidson said the crew brought along two search and rescue kits. The kits are filled with necessities such as life jackets and water, which the crew can release for survivors.

At 3 p.m., the P-3C Orion departed the base to relieve the HC-130 Hercules, sent by the 14th Coast Guard District Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Honolulu to monitor the survivors.

The aircraft flew in circular and

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### Inside today's Hawaii Marine

**Healthy lifestyles**  
Anderson Hall Dining Facility introduces healthy alternatives to the fast food line, B-2



**Farmers' Market**  
Local farmers and retailers serve up fresh food products weekly in Kailua, C-1



### Weekend Forecast

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Commandant's Town Hall**

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James Conway, will hold a town hall Meeting at the Pollock Theater aboard Camp H.M. Smith today, scheduled from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. open to all personnel.

Also, Mrs. Annette Conway speaks at a town hall at the K-Bay Base Theater to discuss family readiness on Friday, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., open to all military spouses, interested staff members and children.

**See 'The Pacific' today**

Today at 2:15 p.m. at the Base Theater will be a special screening of first episode of "The Pacific," a miniseries about World War II Marines. The episode is about an hour and actors will attend. The event is first come, first served.

**Road Closure Update**

One lane of Maclachlan Street is open for ONE WAY traffic from Cushman to Harris Avenue, and will remain in effect until March 8. Beginning March 8, the open lane on Maclachlan will be ONE WAY in the OPPOSITE direction, from Harris to Cushman Avenue, due to the closing of the southbound lane of Harris Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mokapu Road is still closed between D and E Streets. 3rd Street far right westbound lane will be coned off 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closures are for new waterline construction and worker safety. POC is Philip Lum at 257-6900.

**MCB Hawaii Job Fair March 12**

A job fair is scheduled on Friday, March 12 at the Kahuna's Enlisted Club Ballroom. From noon to 2 p.m., it's exclusively for the military community, dependents with ID Cards, and current federal employees.

At 2 p.m., it's open to U.S. citizens 18 and over from the local civilian community. It ends at 4 p.m. POC is Marine & Family Services, 257-7790.

**Battle Color Detachment**

The Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment will perform on Oahu next week.

On Wednesday, March 10, they perform at Campbell High School at 9:15 a.m. A public performance is at Radford High School at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 11, is a public performance at the Hale Koa Hotel-Kuroda Field at 10 a.m.

On Friday, March 12 is a public performance at MCB Hawaii at 9:30 a.m. at Pop Warner field. They perform at Camp H.M. Smith Bordelon Field at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 13 is a public performance at Kaiser High School at 2 p.m.

**CORRECTION**

Last week's story "NMCRS on full alert to fund-raise for Marines, sailors" inaccurately described the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society as having a monetary goal for the current fund drive and as a resource for those close to poverty.

According to director MartyAnn Grant, "Our goal is to reach every Marine and sailor through education of programs and services, and through budget counseling that will help them become financially self sufficient. We want to provide every active duty member the opportunity to contribute the understanding of taking care of their own. We do not set monetary goals; it is always 100 percent contact and education."

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## RENDERING ONE LAST SALUTE



Cpl. Alesha R. Guard | Hawaii Marine

Sergeant Major Danny D. Duvall, previous Combat Logistics Battalion 3 Sergeant Major, renders a salute during his retirement and post and relief ceremony at Dewey Square Feb. 26. After serving 30 years in the Marine Corps, Duvall relinquished his post to Sergeant Major Angela M. Maness, CLB-3 Sergeant Major.

## Leaders broaden horizons at symposium



Sgt. Juan D. Alfonso | Marine Forces Pacific

Sgt. Maj. James R. Futrell, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, sergeant major, speaks to noncommissioned officers Feb. 11 at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Chapel. Futrell hosted the 2010 MarForPac Senior Enlisted Symposium to bring his top enlisted together, discuss current operations and address issues Marines face in combat and at home.

**Sgt. Juan D. Alfonso**

Marine Forces Pacific

**CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** – U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific's top enlisted leaders recently gathered Feb. 9 -11 for the 2010 MarForPac Senior Enlisted Symposium on Camp H.M. Smith and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Sgt. Maj. James R. Futrell, MarForPac sergeant major, hosted the event to discuss current operations, address issues Marines face in combat and at home, and give the top enlisted throughout the Pacific the "big picture."

"What I've found, throughout my career, is that gathering all the senior enlisted leaders and exchanging information is invaluable to what we do as leaders," Futrell said. "MarForPac's area of operations encompasses two thirds of the Marine Corps. We need to be on the same sheet of music."

What is typically a Sergeants Major Symposium had a unique twist this year. Futrell requested senior master gunnery sergeants, stationed throughout the Pacific, to attend this year's symposium in the hope their feedback would greatly enhance the experience for all involved.

"These are the duty experts and senior enlisted advisors in their fields. My intent was to bring them in so they have a better understanding of what MarForPac expects, and so the (Marine expeditionary forces), bases and stations can come together as one team to support the war fighters. We need their experience to succeed."

It was sentiment shared by the master

gunnery sergeants.

"The best part of it was getting to work with our peers and opening the lines of communication," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Steven M. Williams, MarForPac operations chief. "It was an opportunity to get the peers together, sergeants major and master gunnery sergeants, to discuss what concerns MarForPac and prepare for the Headquarters Marine Corps Sergeants Major Symposium later this year. It's all about being one team."

During the first day of the symposium, officials with MarForPac's headquarters element explained how they support the subordinate commands throughout the Pacific region through communications, intelligence and planning support, in addition to the multitude of services MarForPac provides.

"A lot of sergeants major opened their eyes when they saw those briefs from the (different sections)," Williams said. "A lot of Marines don't know what a headquarters unit does and this was our opportunity to show them how we support them."

In addition to numerous discussions, such as improving the Marine Corps' award system and professional military education, Futrell invited officials from various agencies within Headquarters Marine Corps to show the leaders how the Marine Corps is tackling issues with personal protective equipment, weapons, suicide awareness, family readiness and several other topics.

"The information we received from Headquarters Marine Corps was definitely the highlight of the symposium," Futrell said. "We discussed a great deal of issues

Marines worry about on a day-to-day basis. It was very valuable.

"The information they take back is going to help the Marines and aide their commanders with deciding how to tackle some of those issues."

One issue in particular piqued the interest of leaders attending the symposium. The Marine Corps is over its 202,000 manpower limit.

"We're going to be taking a hard look to ensure we are re-enlisting the best of the best," Williams said. "We are doing well as a Marine Corps. We need to trim some of the fat, but it's going to ensure only the best, competitive and qualified Marines continue to serve. That's just one example of the issues we discussed."

The three-day event culminated with a period of instruction for noncommissioned officers stationed throughout Hawaii.

"They received a lot of similar, and in some cases, the exact same briefs we received," Futrell said. "It was also a great opportunity for Headquarters Marine Corps to get feed back and take it back with them."

When all was said and done, all involved received much more than they had bargained for.

"I got far more out of this symposium than I intended," Futrell said. "One sergeant major came with an empty note pad and by the time he was done, there were only two or three pages left. The wealth of experience in those rooms was worth it in itself. I can't wait until we do this again."

Futrell hopes to conduct numerous symposiums throughout the year.

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## This week's top story

### East Coast



Cpl. Priscilla Sneden | Headquarters Marine Corps

#### Corps cracks down on excessive tattoos

**ARLINGTON, Va.** — Maintaining high standards of military appearance is a pillar in the Corps' history that has distinguished Marines for more than two centuries. Today, as the tattoo trend continues, the Corps still strongly supports the notion that excessive tattoos detract from the professional appearance expected of a Marine. Recent guidance issued by the commandant is not intended to discourage Marines from decorating their bodies.

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### West Coast



Capt. Patrick Kinser | Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center

#### The making of a Mountain Warfare instructor

**MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, Calif.** — Since 1951, the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center has trained Marine, joint and coalition forces how to more effectively operate in complex and compartmentalized terrain at medium-to-high altitudes in a multitude of weather conditions.

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### Overseas



Lance Cpl. Claudio A. Martinez | Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Iwakuni

#### Service members bring laughter to local kindergarten

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan** — Station service members dance with the children of Marifu Hoikuen, a Kindergarten school in downtown Iwakuni, during a game designed to teach the children how to count in English, Feb. 18.

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Lance Cpl. M. C. Nerl | Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms

Coyotes with the Combat Center's Tactical Training Exercise Control Group demonstrate how to properly navigate a Tactical Modular Foot Bridge Feb. 18 at Op Barma, the installation's newest training venue.

#### Marines sweep through new counter-IED training lane

Lance Cpl. M. C. Nerl

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms

**MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.** — The Combat Center opened its newest training venue here Feb. 18 when the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group ran one of the very first units through Op Barma in an effort to prepare Marines and sailors deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Elements of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, from Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp

Pendleton, Calif., received training which was formerly conducted only in Afghanistan during Enhanced Mojave Viper, said Capt. Edward Rushing, the officer in charge of TTECG's engineer shop.

"The Marines get outstanding training in the new Tactical Modular Foot Bridges, Compact Metal Detectors, PackBots, [Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare systems], and other counter-IED equipment and [tactics, techniques and procedures]," said the Knoxville, Tenn., native. "This program was taken from Afghanistan, where it had previously only been offered to units once they were in country. Now, we've moved the exact training and information to here, where Marines have the opportunity to focus entirely on training."

"One of the primary purposes of Op Barma at TTECG is to allow units to receive critical counter-IED training before they get into Afghanistan," Rushing said.

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## Top story from the front



Sgt. Dorian Gardner | 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

Lance Cpl. Charles New cuts a piece of wood to construct a rifle-rack for the administration office. Marines and sailors have been working constantly to construct working quarters as well as furniture, enabling Marines and sailors of Regimental Combat Team 2 to successfully carry out their mission.

#### RCT-2 puts boots on ground in Afghanistan

Sgt. Dorian Gardner

2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

**CAMP DELARAM II, Afghanistan** — While gentle winds blew through the rotors of a CH-53 D helicopter, the final group of Regimental Combat Team 2 Marines and sailors dismounted, completing the unit's transition into Camp Delaram II, Feb. 27.

Marines with RCT-2 deployed to Afghanistan in support of a troop-surge in Helmand province, working by, with and through the Afghans and Afghan national security forces to rid outlying areas of insurgent groups and Taliban presence.

Though a large threat lies outside the rows of concertina wire and dirt barriers that surround Camp Delaram II, regimental personnel are prepared to dig in, and begin their year-long

deployment. While 12 long months lie ahead, RCT-2 has big plans for the province.

"The RCT exists to provide operational guidance and logistical support to the subordinate units so they can fight the enemy," said Capt. Larry R. Iverson Jr., Headquarters Company commanding officer, RCT-2.

The regiment can support an infantry battalion in many ways, from providing food and water, to ammunition and fuel for their vehicles.

Within the unit, it is the job of the Headquarters Company to ensure Marines within the RCT are receiving the support they need so they can conduct their daily operations to support other units, according to Iverson.

At the moment, Marines are focused on finishing construction and connectivity, ensuring Marines can communicate through the phone lines, radio equipment and e-mails.

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# “Lie on it”

India Company proves there’s no ‘I’ in team during company assault

**Sgt. Mark A. Fayloga**  
3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

**MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.**  
— It’s about teamwork.

It’s about other things of course; like learning to use combined arms effectively, and how to maneuver under fire and the importance of communication. But at its base, the company assault exercise at Range 400 here is about working as a team, seeing how more than 200 individuals all contribute to the whole.

If there’s one person who knows what it’s like to give of yourself for the big picture, it’s Lance Cpl. Justin M. Bator.

An hour into the two and a half hour assault, India Company ran into an obstacle. Razor-sharp concertina wire lay across their path. Marines from 2nd Platoon threw down a breacher’s blanket, a foam sleeping mat no thicker than a half-inch. The wire barely drooped under the weight of the mat. Marines and sailors needed to cross the wire, sooner than later, so Bator, an engineer attached to 2nd Platoon, took one for the team.

“The first thing that came to my mind was lie on it, get everyone through quicker,” the Youngstown, Ohio native said. “The machine guns were running out of ammo for suppression, so that was the quickest thing I could think of — just lie down on it.”

At least twenty sets of boots crossed the human bridge, by then there was a pause in movement and the wire had been trampled down into place.

“It didn’t feel too good, but it got them through, so that’s the biggest thing; I’m glad about that,” he said. “I was able to get right back up and fall back in with the squad I was in.”

Bator is new to India Company, which is the case with most of the company’s Marines. He’s only been with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment for three months. The company commander Capt. Francisco X. Zavala estimates that most of the men in India Company have either joined the company or battalion within the past six months, maybe 20 or 30 percent of the men have previously deployed with the battalion.

With so many new joins, the company assault was even more important. “This is the most robust company attack we’ve done to date,” Zavala said. “The company assault challenges the leadership at all levels to assess and make decisions in a chaotic environment, especially when the plan changes as a result of enemy contact. It teaches small unit leaders from the fire team leader all the way to the company commander to communicate not just up and down the chain of command, but laterally to all adjacent forces. The bottom line is it helps you realize that you must understand how your plans and actions are going to affect Marines to your left and right.”

India Company ended up with an average rating during the assault exercise. Lt. Col. Giles Boyce, Tactical Training Exercise Control Group Team East officer in charge, said their performance was, “fairly consistent with what we see out here on this range.” He said they did some things very well and were challenged by other aspects.

The rating is impressive when the average experience of Marines in the company and the four month turnaround from the last deployment is factored in. India Company’s commander is happy with the results.

“They did very well,” he said. “I’m impressed by how aggressive they were and at the same time how controlled they were with their decisions. As a company commander, I couldn’t ask for much more.”

Zavala wasn’t the only one pleased. Staff Sgt. Daniel S. Cassel, 2nd Platoon sergeant, was impressed with what he saw during the challenging exercise.

“Out here is the best training that we’ll get before we go to combat anywhere,” the Norristown, Penn. native said. “Squad leaders surprised me. They were all on point. Everything went smooth exactly like we rehearsed. Range 400 is obviously the most difficult course at Mojave Viper, but it all came together. We rehearsed and rehearsed and rehearsed and because of the rehearsals, everybody from the fire team level up had their plan and scheme and maneuver together. There wasn’t confusion at all and everything fell into place where it needed to be.”

There are still 13 days left in the Enhanced Mojave Viper exercise, still more training to go through. Training that Bator calls, “A real kick in the b---s. Really good training, more realistic than most training I’ve been through.

“It’s challenging, mentally and physically, you know,” he said. “As much as I’d like to say I love being out in the field, no one loves being out in the field. You’re worn out, but at the end of it you feel better. You know you did something and you’ll be ready to go to country.” India Company is getting ready to go — as a team.



Photos by Sgt. Mark A. Fayloga | 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

Pfc. Corey J. Bishop, a machine gunner with Weapons Platoon, India Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and an Alexander City, Ala. native, lays down suppressive fire during a company assault exercise at Range 400 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. Feb. 28.



A fire on Range 400 Feb. 28, caused the exercise to end about 20 minutes early.



Lance Cpl. Raymond Weeks, a Marine with India Company, makes his way up Machine Gun Hill during a company assault exercise.



Interpreters from Lima Company, make their way to the staging area before the start of the company assault exercise.

## TSUNAMI, from A-1

To help those looking to stock, the commissary opened early at 8 a.m. Emergency shelters were set up at the Semper Fit Center, Kauai Lounge, Koa Malina and Kahuna's Recreation Center and Sports Bar and Grill.

According to Lt. Col. Glen G. Butler, operations officer for MCB Hawaii, many of the tenant units, including Combat Logistics Battalion 3, 3rd Marine Regiment and others, played a large role setting up the emergency shelters and arranging medical aid as a precautionary measure.

Julia Whitaker, a spouse who recently relocated to MCB Hawaii, said her brother-in-law called from Chicago at 4:30 a.m. to see if she was alright. From there she took action, packing belongings and moving to an evacuation point. She said she arrived at Kahuna's around 6:30 a.m. and tried to stay updated by watching the television.

"I wasn't prepared," Whitaker said. "My in-laws are visiting, and my husband's [gone on temporary duty]. I'm just trying to get everything together. Thankfully his parents were here. They helped out a lot."

Whitaker said the support her family received from the people at Kahuna's was comforting.

"They let us make ourselves at home, and the little bit I've been exposed to has been great," Whitaker said.

CLB-3's Motor Transportation Company also staged potable water units around the base, and staged humvees as ambulance safety vehicles at the shelters in case of emergency.

"This is a safety precaution, and one of the safest ways to transport someone off the base," said Sgt. Matthew Cregger, Motor Transportation Company police sergeant, CLB-3. "It'll be a vital part because the vehicle weighs so much that if the water happens to rise, we can drive them out instead of an actual ambulance trying to come in."

As the estimated arrival time of the tsunami counted down, some individuals waited atop Puu Hawaii Loa to get a better view of the tsunami, while the Military Police Department closed roads and evacuated some residents from their homes.

The GV was also utilized to announce some evacuations from the Pa Honua housing area and the Cabanas, which are areas vulnerable in case of a tsunami.

"There was good support from all elements across the base," Butler said. "It was an all hands effort with people doing things before they were asked to do it to make sure the base was able to function and support the personnel."

He said the air station had personnel on standby to fly and conduct disaster relief operations if necessary, as well as a plane from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Two in the air to observe from the sky. Patrol Squadron Four launched a P-3 Orion minutes before the anticipated tsunami was expected to hit Oahu. VP-4 was preparing for relief efforts Saturday hours before the civil defense warnings went out.

Col. Robert Rice, MCB Hawaii commanding officer, who was on the mainland, was also in touch with the base for support and guidance.

"I think the communication flow was good up and down the chain," Butler said. "I think for a while the country and the world were glued to their computers and [televisions] to see what was going to happen."

As the news of small waves measuring three foot hit the big island of Hawaii and no damage reported, the base received an all-clear message at 1:45 p.m. and was able to return to its regular activities by 3 p.m.

"I think everyone on the island and in the state of Hawaii is grateful that the events occurred as they did," Butler said. "We were fortunate that things were not the catastrophe they could have been. I think [the] Marines, sailors, dependents and family members really did a fantastic job coming together and being prepared."

Butler feels the planning wasn't perfect, but it gave the EOC an opportunity to test their emergency operations without the tsunami hitting the island.

"We have a few pages of notes so if it happens again, we'll be better prepared and execute," Butler said. "It was a good test of the systems that are in place not only on the base, but across the state."

He said the base has a plan in place but there's always a way to make it better. He also encourages feedback from anyone who would like to help with the process. Ideas can be e-mailed to jacqueline.freeland@usmc.mil.

"From the dark spots there's always a bright spot, and we're all breathing a sigh of relief here," Butler said. "Our hearts go out to the families in Chile. Now the world can turn their attention back to what happened there with the earthquakes."



Lance Cpl. Vanessa M. American Horse | Hawaii Marine

**Forming a "stack," members of the Special Reaction Team on MCB Hawaii engage in a mock scenario as part of their training to become the first certified SRT unit here Feb. 26. The MPs exercised room clearing techniques, vehicle assaults, personnel recovery drills, evacuations and mission planning operation briefs.**

## SRT, from A-1

scenario was presented to the team. Hostiles and non-hostiles were tactically subdued from the three-story building, SWAT team style.

Confirmed terrorists were thrown to the ground and their hands were zip-tied together as the team captured one suspect trying to flee in a vehicle.

SRT members were expected to demonstrate their training

proficiency to Lt. Col. Karla M. Jessup, Provost Marshall, MCB Hawaii, Wednesday, in the form of three different scenarios. They won't be revealed until the team is randomly called out to assess each situation.

Graduation follows their successful completion of the scenarios and an evaluation from Jessup.

The team continues to train for dangerous situations.

## MCTAB, from A-1

target.

Being a reserve unit, the platoon doesn't have as many opportunities to get drilled in these situations.

It was apparent the Marines knew every chance at Bellows was key to their performance during the real thing.

"We're all excited to finally get back to training," said Lance Cpl. Scott S. Argue, rifleman with the Anti-Terrorism platoon. "We are 0311s, and we haven't been getting as much training as we would like. Being reservists, we don't train as often and therefore need the best training and to take advantage of opportunities like today."

The Anti-Terror Marines also got some practice with urban

patrolling.

Many of the Marines patrolled and trained all day and night in full combat loads.

"A unit that can patrol well can do anything well," said 2nd Lt. Justin Naish, the platoon's officer in charge for last weekend's training. "A high awareness of urban surroundings in a combat environment is important for us."

Although these Marines have no deployment scheduled in the near future, it was critical to utilize last weekend's training for maintaining a constant state of readiness.

"The things we are doing here are imperative to work on any chance we get," said Staff Sgt. Charles Berger, platoon sergeant. "Maintaining readiness is always a must."

## POLICY, from A-1

seem the polar opposite of security to some people, Wennergren said the Defense Department can no longer afford to consider just one or the other.

"If you look at either one individually, you will fail," he said. "You will have great security, but no ability to access information sharing. [Or], if you think only about sharing, you will run into issues of operational security and letting bad things into your system. So you can no longer think of them as two separate subjects."

The new policy promotes what Wennergren calls "secure information sharing," providing the balance needed to tap into the capabilities social media networking provides without compromising security.

He emphasized the importance of personal responsibility in using unclassified military networks to access these tools, and said the department will continue to evaluate the policy after it takes effect.

"There's a huge imperative for security," Wennergren said. "It is everyone's responsibility in the department to make sure they are doing all that they can to protect our information and our information systems."

Ultimately, he called responsible, security-conscious use of social media networks a win-win proposition for the Defense Department and its members, enabling them to take full advantage of the power of social media networking.

"The world of Web 2.0 and the Internet provides these amazing opportunities to collaborate," Wennergren said. It not only promotes information sharing across organizational boundaries and with mission partners, but also enables deployed troops to maintain contact with their loved ones at home.

"So if you work on those two pieces" — access and security — "this really is giving people this avenue to do amazing things in terms of getting the information shared and making decisions happen much more rapidly," Wennergren said.

Until now, most service members have been able to access social media platforms from their government computers, but policies have not been consistent across the department. The Marine Corps instituted a policy in early 2007 blocking Marines from accessing these sites through the Marine networks. Marines have, however, been permitted to access the sites from personal computers.

## MART, from A-1

Williams, a receiver at Manana Marine Mart.

Williams said both patrons and staff are adjusting to the improved facility. For example, this Marine Mart opens four hours earlier than the original store.

"This is very different," said Diane Weaver, a sales leader at Manana Marine Mart, who worked at the old store for the last 23 years. "It's a beautiful store, a lot more stuff than we had before."

In the new store, Weaver said some customers come right before closing, stocking up on chips and frozen dinners.

"It's pretty awesome," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Jessie Arnold, crew chief, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, shopping with his son. "There's no tax; gas is a lot cheaper."

A native of Huntington Beach, Calif., Arnold recently moved into Manana Housing. He shops at the Manana Marine Mart at least once a week.

Lyzel Moreno, a native of Salinas, Calif., lives at Manana Housing. She said she shops at the Marine Mart for last minute purchases, and appreciates its convenience and the low prices.

"We don't have to deal with going through the gate," Moreno said.

Before the gas lanes opened, the closest pumps were at a nearby Sam's Club, which required a membership, according to Debbie Bookatz, the marketing director of MCCA.

"[Marine Corps Community Services] is pleased to offer a conveniently-located, first-class facility that meets the needs of our Manana Housing residents, as well as the surrounding military community," according to Bookatz. "You can start your day with a quick bite, hot coffee, and friendly greeting as you fill your tank with our competitively-priced fuel. Or, pop in at the end of the day to pick up dessert — such as fresh cake or pie — for the family."

The Manana Marine Mart is open from Monday through Thursdays, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 to 8 p.m. On Sundays and holidays, the store is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Active duty service members, retirees and dependents are authorized to use the store.

For more information, call 455-7866.

## DRAGONS, from A-1

figure eight patterns, monitoring the location of the life rafts and dropping markers each hour.

"Our main goal was to just keep eyes on these people, to make sure that they didn't drift off," Davidson said.

Davidson, a native of Helena, Mont., was one of two flight engineers aboard the P-3C Orion, in charge of monitoring fuel and the aircraft's equipment.

Each marker could last anywhere from 50 minutes to little more than an hour and needed to be replaced. During the day, the marker was easily visible from the smoke it emitted. At night, the marker is visible by a flare. When placed, these markers allow the crew to mark the rafts' location.

"I can't imagine the feeling those guys had," Davidson said. "I know that between the [HC-130] circling around and us circling around, seeing us I know they felt a lot better than if no one was there."

As evening approached, the darkness made the crew's job more difficult.

Davidson said the infrared cameras, designed to find targets through heat, could not always pick up on the survivors, due to interference from the ocean waves. Andrade estimates the waves were about 10 to 15 feet high.

"The swells were pretty tough," Andrade said.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Ann Reid, also a flight engineer on the mission, remembers seeing a lot of strobe lights shining from the life rafts.

"Once it got dark, we could see the fire from the ship and we could see all the strobe lights from the people in the rafts," Reid, of Suwanee, Ga., said. "There were flashing lights all over the ocean."

The fire on the ship continued for a considerable amount of time. Andrade said he was surprised the ship did not sink or even list.

"There was nothing left of the ship but the bow," Andrade said. "Everything after the midship was blazing hot."

After more than five hours of circling, the P-3C Orion was relieved by the Coast Guard and arrived back on island at 2:13 a.m. Eventually, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alex Haley picked up the survivors, two of whom were treated for burns.

"The collaborative efforts between VP-4 and the U.S. Coast have resulted in numerous rescues throughout the years," wrote Lt. j.g. Michael Holland, public affairs officer, VP-4, in a press release. Holland, a native of Gilbert, Ariz., was also one of the pilots on the mission.

"Should the need arise today, VP-4 stands prepared to answer the call," he said.

# Basic Scout Sniper School plays hide and seek

**Lance Cpl. Ronald W. Stauffer**

*Combat Correspondent*

**WAIPIO PENINSULA, Hawaii** — Marines at the Basic Scout Sniper School at Marine Corps Base Hawaii conducted sniper stalking training during the school's second phase of its training course at the stalk lanes on the Waipio Peninsula Feb 12.

Twenty-four students donning camouflaged ghillie suits and their M40A5 rifles took to the grass for nearly four hours in an attempt to find their perfect shot.

"Stalking is the basics of camouflage that can be used throughout any type of hide or position [the students] might find themselves in, in combat," said Sgt. Brandon A. Standridge, instructor. "It's very useful and vital information to take from the sniper school."

The students walk back 300 to 600 yards away from their objective point, to a vegetation site, where the shooters use the natural surrounding to cover their suits.

According to Maj. John Allsup, Basic Scout Sniper School's commanding officer, the students start stalking or creeping on the ground toward the target using a compass and must get within a certain distance before they can shoot.

"The snipers move slowly, sometimes inches at a time," Allsup said. "It takes three or four hours for them to get close to their target. Once they're close enough or they think they're close enough, they start peeking through their veil, while dragging their rifle under them."

When the shooters get close enough, they try to spot the target. Once identified, the shooters will try to find a good shooting position.

Allsup said the shooters will get behind a log or piece of terrain to make their rifle look like a branch. Once they spot the target, they'll take a shot.

The only thing stopping the shooters from achieving their mission are instructors spotting from behind the "glass," or binoculars.

Standridge said their job is to observe the stalk lane and make sure the students are applying the correct camouflage and utilizing the proper moving techniques.

According to Cpl. Jeffrey T. Majke, student from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, the spotters are good at what they do.

"Stalking could be easy depending on who you are and how patient you are, but everybody on the glass is very good," Majke said.

The spotters sit in a truck and glass the area. They know which way the students are coming from and if they see any movement, the spotter yells "freeze," and everybody stops.

Using radios, the spotters will contact the walkers, like Gunnery Sgt. Larry Maupin, instructor, and will try and step the walkers onto the shooters using verbal commands. Once the walker is stopped the spotter will say "the sniper is at your feet." If the sniper isn't there, the walker "incorrect."

The spotter gets three tries to get the stick on top of the target. If he can't, the sniper is clear, but if he does the shooter leaves the lane.

The students are afforded 15 graded stalks during the second phase of the course.

Majke said he was busted on his first stalk because he set up in a lane without a screen and was caught because of his movement. He said he uses screens or natural cover on his stalks to block him while he bounds from place to place before setting up his final firing position.

"[The training] shows you how slow and deliberate you need to move through the area," Majke said.

He said he learned his lesson the first time and has been successful since, scoring 100 points on his last four stalks.

According to Maupin, who is able to see the shooters as they crawl around in the lush overgrowth, most of the snipers get caught for movement or things that don't look natural.

Those who make it past the spotter and take a shot using a blank round of ammunition aren't immediately cleared. Once a shot is taken, everything freezes. At that point, the spotter attempts to walk onto the target. If they can't walk him onto the shooter, the walker will check the deflection, settings on the rifle's scope and shooter's camouflage.

If these are good, the shooter must verify seeing a lettered card to ensure the target is visible. The shooter gets two attempts to identify the card. If the shooter passes all the criteria he gets 100 points, but if he misses anything, his grade will drop.

Majke was the first of three to shoot after a two-hour span that morning. Some shooters weren't as lucky. Standridge said the spotters found 15 of the 24 students crawling around in the lane.

"It was a bad day for the students, but a good day for us," Standridge said. "Most of them weren't using their heads correctly today, so it wasn't that hard."

The school supports 3rd Marine Regiment and 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, but they have students from 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, S.E.A.L. Team 3 and

more. The school takes up to 32 students at a time under the supervision of the seven instructors who run the course.

"We produce basic trained snipers," Allsup said. "It takes your basic trained infantryman and turns them into an advanced infantryman or a scout sniper who has better-than-average marksmanship skills from 200 yards to 1,000 yards."

During the nine weeks of training, the students learn two main skills of shooting and stalking, but Allsup said the students also learn a little bit of land navigation, mission planning and observation exercises.

"If you get a student who's in the correct position and final firing point, utilizing proper vegetation and camouflage, there will be absolutely no way you can see them," Standridge said.



**Lance Cpl. Britt Sullivan (left), student from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, freezes as spotter maneuvers a walker past his location at a sniper stalking exercise.**



**Sullivan hides behind the vegetation of his ghillie suit, while setting to fire.**



Photos by Lance Cpl. Ronald W. Stauffer | Hawaii Marine

**Lance Cpl. Eric Arthur, student from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, tries to locate the objective with binoculars from a hidden position at a sniper stalking exercise, during the Basic Scout Sniper School's second phase of training at Waipio Peninsula, Feb 12.**

# Sports & Health

## Trojans too hot FOR Dragons

**Pfc. Tyler L. Main**  
Combat Correspondent

The 3rd Radio Battalion Trojans and the Patrol Squadron Four Dragons scored back and forth until the final seconds in an Intramural Baseball League game Monday at Riseley Field. The Trojans one-upped the Dragons with an RBI winning 11-10.

The Trojans can credit Michael "Jaco" Jacobellis' pitching for a great start. Jacobellis struck out two batters, and the team threw one out giving them the bats. The Trojans jumped to an early lead scoring three runs in the first inning from RBIs. The Dragons only answered two of those points at the plate in the second inning. The run margin increased by one when the Trojans went up to bat in the second making the score 4-2 Trojans.

Although there were no runs scored in the third or fourth inning the bats came to life in the fifth inning when the Dragons took the plate. Consecutive base hits loaded up the diamond for multiple runs. Dragon infielder Devon Copsick batted in two runs and teammate Nathan Blair blasted the ball to the fence, which brought in three more runs. The Dragons scored a total of six runs with RBIs during the fifth inning, leaving the score in their favor 10-5.

The Trojans had their work cut out for them and responded at the plate, battling back one run at a time.

The Trojans answered in the fifth inning with three RBIs bringing the score to 10-8.

Still down two runs, the Trojans held the Dragons scoreless in the sixth and final inning. This set them up for the win having the last batting opportunity of the game. They utilized it. The Trojans scored another three runs in the last inning to secure a victory.

"We made the pitcher pitch to us and ran the bases well," said Trey Moehle, Trojans' coach and outfielder. "We found a way to win."



Pfc. Tyler L. Main | Hawaii Marine

The VP-4 Skinny Dragons pitcher Justin Adkins winds up to pitch during Monday's game against the 3rd Radio Battalion Trojans at Riseley Field.

Having built a solid record, the Trojans got a boost of confidence Monday with the play-offs fast approaching.

"We want to keep getting better so that we can compete in the playoffs," Moehle said. "Ultimately, we want to compete in the season championship."

The Dragons, however, are still trying to work out the bells and whistles of fundamental baseball.

"Improving fundamentals and establishing a solid team is what we need to work on," said Frank Valez, the Dragons second baseman. "Errors, walks and loss of focus are what it came down to tonight."

The outcome of Monday's game leaves the Dragons record 0-4 and the Trojans 3-1

The Trojans had a tough time with the suffering Dragons but proved they could bring it to the plate.

If they hope to have a shot in the season championship they better tighten all the loose odds and ends lest they be beaten by the undefeated, 5-0 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines ball club.

To catch the Intramural Baseball League action, check out Riseley Field most nights at 6:30 p.m.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Reece E. Lodder | Hawaii Marine

Dizzying his defenders, CLB-3 #2's Jeremy Winkfield explodes to the hoop during a regular season game of the spring intramural basketball league against VPU-2 at Semper Fit Gym Monday. After an intense, fast-paced overtime, VPU-2 emerged victorious, winning 68-67.

## VPU-2 triumphs after intense battle against CLB-3 #2

**Lance Cpl. Reece E. Lodder**  
Combat Correspondent

Sweat seeped and shoes squeaked during a high-energy spring intramural league basketball game between Special Patrol Squadron 2 and Combat Logistics Battalion 3's #2 team at the Semper Fit Center Monday.

The game marked the first time the teams have

faced each other this year. The 68-67 victory for VPU-2 brought them to 7-3 while CLB-3 #2's loss rendered them a record of 3-2.

"I'm proud of every one of my players for not quitting," Lash said. "They fought until the end, just like Marines should."

VPU-2 player Rico Ibanez, a native of Houston, Tex., described the showdown between the two teams as intense.

See VPU-2, B-5



VPU-2's Moore works his way past CLB-3 #2's Jeremy Winkfield during a regular season game Monday. By the end of the fast-paced three-minute overtime, VPU-2 pulled ahead and won the game 68-67.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Colby W. Brown | Hawaii Marine

Scott Lemcke, first baseman, Eagles, catches a heater and secures another hit and out for Steel Reign.

## 1/12 'Steel reign' supreme

**Lance Cpl. Colby W. Brown**  
Combat Correspondent

First Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment Steel Reign defeated the Command Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 Eagles at Riseley Field Tuesday night during an Intramural Baseball League regular season game.

Steel Reign scored five runs early and lead the whole game, winning 9-5, and ending their previous three game losing streak.

Batting first, Steel Reign produced three runs and set the tone for the rest of the ball game.

"Tonight, we are pretty serious and I think we are going to keep it that way," said Jacob Miller, shortstop, Steel Reign.

After the Eagles pitcher got into his groove, striking out two of Steel Reign's players they took bat. Steel Reign's defense proved itself, allowing none of the Eagles past second base and executing a double play off of a pop fly to finish the first inning.

"That double play - it was good," Miller said. "Our guys were keeping their head in the game and that's exactly what we're trying to do."

There wasn't much action in the second as Steel Reign scored once for the only run that inning.

In the third inning, Steel Reign failed to send the ball past the gloves of the Eagles' defenders. Finally, a Steel Reign batter snuck a line drive past the Eagles infield and got on base. He was able to steal his way home scoring the only run for the third inning.

The Eagles finally scored in the fourth. They started the inning with two consecutive walks and took advantage of having runners on base, sending them across home plate and closing the gap.

At the top of the fifth it was 5-2, Steel Reign. A drought had come over the batters of Steel Reign as they closed the inning with zero runs, courtesy of the Eagles' defense.

"When the ball is hit in the infield, I know it is coming to me," said Scott Lemcke, first baseman, Eagles. "I know I have to make the play, they are going to come to me for the out and they have to rely on me."

In the opposite dugout, the Eagles continued to lessen the lead, scoring a single run.

The Eagles momentum carried through the sixth inning as they scored two more runs, leaving the score at 6-5, Steel Reign.

The game ended the same way it began with the Steel Reign dominating home plate. They were able to bring three runners home stretching the lead. As the Eagles took bat, their momentum was left in the dugout as they went three up, three down ending the ball the game.

"We're still coming together as a team. Everyone is still coming together," Lemcke said. "People are still learning how to play together. A team plays better when they have been together for a while."

Even though there was one winner at the end of this game, both teams carry the same mindset while continuing their baseball season.

"We're playing one game at a time," Miller said. "We're just having fun and as the season progresses we will get a little more serious each game. But we are just playing baseball. Most of us have been playing since we were little kids and it's great to come out and just have fun."



"I have been at all the 1/12 football games and all the baseball games - hell yeah! Let's go!" yelled Richard Mahaffey, No. 1 fan of Steel Reign.

# The *fast* and nutritious

**Kristen Wong**  
Photojournalist

What's for lunch? Marines and sailors aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii have eight new options at Anderson Hall Dining Facility as of Feb. 17, just in time for National Nutrition Month in March.

Anderson Hall is offering three new wraps, two sandwiches and two salads to the snack line, Monday through Thursday, during lunch

and dinner.

"We're raising the bar and providing healthier alternatives that the patrons have asked for," said Master Sgt. David Delcambre, mess hall manager, Anderson Hall Dining Facility.

Delcambre, hailing both from Abbeville, La. and Oceanside, Calif., said the initiative came after a monthly meeting with the Single Marine and Sailor Program. Many of the Marines and sailors who attend school in the evening wanted alternative options than the usual hamburgers and hot dogs, although they have also added a bigger burger, too.

"They've been going very quickly," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Sekeres, food service technician, MCB Hawaii, of West Bend, Wis. "We can't make them fast enough. The response has been incredible. Hopefully this will increase our patronage."

"I try a new one everyday," said Pfc. Wesley Farmer, operator, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, sitting down to the new tuna fish sandwich for lunch.

Farmer, who comes from Biloxi, Miss., described the new food items as "fulfilling" and "flavorful."

"I like it a lot," said Napa, Calif. native Pfc. Nicholas Brennan, operator, CLB-3, digging into an egg salad sandwich at Anderson Hall. "Not the same old hot dogs and burgers."

The hall offers a chicken Caesar wrap, ham and cheese wrap, and a turkey club wrap. The wraps come in three different tortillas: spinach, garlic and herb, and tomato. Ingredients include four ounces of meat in each wrap, tomato slices, either romaine or iceberg lettuce and cheese.

Pfc. Ignacio Reyes, a cannoneer for 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, tried a ham and cheese wrap, which starts at 234 calories. Reyes, a native of San Antonio, said the new items were a "nice little change of pace."

The most popular wraps are the chicken Caesar and the turkey and cheese club wrap, of which the staff makes 80 each a day, according to Cpl. Kevin Hamilton, a cook on watch for Headquarters Battalion.

Pfc. Colby Brackenridge, a rifleman for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, tried a wrap for the first time, calling it "fresh."

"It was actually really good," Brackenridge, a native of Searcy, Ark., said.

Navy Cmdr. Mike Ryan, supply officer, Installations, Environment and Logistics

Directorate, dines at Anderson Hall at least twice a month, and has tried all of the wraps. Ryan, a native of Cincinnati, called the wraps "spectacular," and "exploding with flavor."

"This is the first time I heard of any [military] dining facility offering healthy alternatives in the speed line," Ryan said. "I think it's a testament to the creative thinking and focus on Marine support of our Marine Corps Base Hawaii food service experts."

Delcambre said in the past not many people were heading for the salad bar. Now the hall sells anywhere from 40 to 50 of the new pre-packed chicken Caesar and chef salads daily — a far cry from the previous two or three sold daily. Delcambre said on the chef salad's first day, the first batch of 15 salads sold in the first 35 minutes of the meal hour.

Although the hall has the new larger burger with a 5.3-ounce patty, Delcambre's staff reports burger production has decreased almost by half in the past two weeks.

While patrons enjoy the newest food items, the staff at Anderson Hall continues to explore the possibilities. They are considering featuring a sandwich or wrap "of the month."

"It was great to have better food quality," said Chicago native Lance Cpl. Efen Castaneda, a cannoneer for 1/12. "Healthier choices, too."



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

There are three wraps, two salads and two sandwiches and a larger burger featured at Anderson Hall Dining Facility available in the snack line, or "fast chow."

# Camp out!

*Activities abound in April at Camp Erdman*

**Kristen Wong**  
Photojournalist

**WAIALUA, Hawaii** — Kathryn Kuhar, 11, remembers climbing the 50-foot Alpine Tower at YMCA Camp Erdman for the first time.

"It was kind of scary because it's pretty high up and really windy," she said. "It's challenging."

But the climb is just one more story she can share with her father — when he returns from deployment.

The deadline is Friday, March 12 for Operation: Military Kids family camp at the YMCA Camp Erdman in Waiialua.

Applicants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for the April 9 – 11 camp. Families of active duty service members, National Guard and reservists soon to deploy, already deployed or returning from deployment are eligible to register.

"It gives the family time to connect with each other, to get their minds off the issues that they are facing," said Claire Nakatsuka, the military 4-H liaison for the state of Hawaii.

With cabin accommodations, a variety of activities and food, as many as 100 participants have attended each of the five previous camps.

"It made us feel really special," said Julie Kuhar, of Ewa Beach. "We were pleased with the whole experience."

Julie Kuhar has attended OMK Family Camp three

times with her children while her husband was deployed. Some of her camp memories included celebrating her son's birthday and watching her children conquer Alpine Tower.

"It wasn't easy but they persevered," she said. "They just knew their dad would be so proud. They couldn't wait to tell him about it."

Kuhar's daughter Kathryn said she enjoyed the beach and the food.

The camp also had a giant swing, which she called both "horrifying" and "fun." But the activities were not the only main attraction of the camp.

"It was so peaceful out there," Kathryn Kuhar said. "It felt like there was no one else around. It was very beautiful."

Some families were able to spend time with their loved one at the camp before deployment.

Waimanalo native Traci Carvalho-Mattos said she found Operation: Military Kids while researching online prior to her husband's deployment.

Carvalho-Mattos' husband was able to camp with the family before deploying. She had many memorable experiences including her family's kayaking adventure.

"We kept spinning," Carvalho-Mattos said, laughing. "My husband always brings it up."

Her five-year-old daughter was able to do activities with other children in the camp's "keiki club," which allowed

her to spend quality time alone with her husband as well.

"It was the most relaxing time we had before the deployment," Carvalho-Mattos said.

While at camp, her eldest daughter, Kawena, 17, said she spent at least 45 minutes writing "aloha cards," which went into "hero packs,"— special backpacks filled with gifts — for other military children with deployed parents.

But what she enjoyed most were singing songs and putting on skits with her family at the campfire.

"It was like a little mini-vacation for our family together," Kawena Carvalho-Mattos said. "It was nice meeting other people that were in the same situation as us."

Operation: Military Kids was established in April 2005 by the U.S. Army. Through various activities, OMK supports families with deployed loved ones.

The organization has also given many military kids "hero packs" and offers training sessions for military families as well.

Available funding determines how many camps are offered each year. To apply, visit <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/4H/OMK/education.htm>. For more information, call 956-7196. To find out more about OMK, visit <http://www.operationmilitarykids.org>.



Courtesy of Operation: Military Kids

Operation: Military Kids will be holding a family camp from April 9 to 11. The camp is open to military families with loved ones getting ready to deploy, already deployed or returning from deployment. The camp, which will be held at YMCA Camp Erdman in Waiialua, offers kayaking, crafts, archery and other activities.

## 3RD MARINE REGIMENT SATELLITE GYM OPEN

For service members who prefer to exercise indoors, the 3rd Marine Regiment's Satellite Gym reopened its doors as of Feb. 23. The gym is open to active duty, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and dependents from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sgt. Aaron Quiroz, the platoon sergeant for the Satellite Gym, said they hope to get two new machines soon, including a rolling stair climber. Quiroz, a Fresno, Calif. native, said there is also a shower available and new furniture for people to rest in between workouts.



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## Commander's Fitness Series

To register for events in the Commander's Fitness Series visit the Semper Fit Center or go to the MCCS Web Site at <http://www.mccshawaii.com/cgfit.htm>. For more information about the events, call Tina Lui at 254-7590.

### SM&SP Surf & Turf 5K Saturday, March 13

One of MCCS' most scenic races, the SM&SP Surf & Turf takes runners to the reaches of MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, including stretches down our most panoramic beaches. This race begins at the Koa Malina Officers' Club and winds down through the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course and beyond.

### 3rd Marines 10K Run Saturday, April 10

Can you handle a 10-K? If so, then put your feet to the test, and sign up for the 3rd Marines 10-kilometer race.

This CO's Fitness Series race is a real challenge. Avid runners will love this course designed to test novice and trained long-range racers. If you're ready to take on the challenge, we'll see you there.

### HQBN Sprint Triathlon Saturday, May 8

Bike, swim, or run to MCB Hawaii and grab your registration form for the most hardcore event held on the windward side. You had better be ready, because the HQBN Triathlon is right around the corner.

The Triathlon consists of a 500-meter swim in the waters of Kaneohe Bay, an 11-mile bike race circumnavigating the entire base, and ends with a 3.5-mile run, concluding at the Base Marina.

Participants may enter individually, or in three-man relay teams. For the relay teams, one person will swim, one person will bike and one person will run.

### VP-47 5K Runway Run Saturday, July 4

All of Oahu is invited to get physical and enter the VP-47 5k Runway Run at 7 a.m. The race starts and finishes at Hangar 104, and takes runners along the MCB Hawaii Flightline, catching glimpses of historic Pyramid Rock. MCCS will present awards to the top three finishers in various age groups, as well as, to the top three overall men and women finishers.

### HSL-37 Splash & Dash Biathlon Saturday, Oct. 16

Enter the HSL-37 "Easyriders" Splash & Dash Biathlon. The race begins with a 500-meter open water swim, then grab your running shoes and head around the flight line for the five-kilometer foot race.

Running by the flight line enhances the race by giving participants a military feel during their run.

The scenery is beautiful and runners get a chance to run on an active taxiway and see military aircraft.

### MCAS Tradewind Triathlon Saturday, Nov. 7

The MCAS Tradewind Triathlon is the final triathlon offered in Hawaii this year, so get registered early. The Tradewind Triathlon hits the shores and streets of MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay with a 500-meter swim followed by an 11.1-mile bike course, and ending with a 5-kilometer run.

This event is ideal for amateur or experienced triathletes, and even serves as the official Hawaii Senior Olympian Triathlon for 2010.

# Spotlight On Sports

## Sports Briefs

### MCB Hawaii Female Basketball Tryouts

There will be tryouts for a Marine Corps Base Hawaii female basketball team.

For more information about the team or the tryouts, call Joe Au at 254-7591 or Tina Lui at 254-7590.

### All-Marine Trial Camps

Women's soccer camp will be held May 20 to June 7. The location is to be announced. Applications are due April 30.

Marines interested may complete a resume/ application online at [www.usmc-mccs.org/sports](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/sports) or by contacting Tina Lui at 254-7590.

### Men's Varsity Softball

Men's Varsity Softball tryouts will be held March 1 through today at the Annex field from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information call 254-7590.

### Personal Trainers Available at Semper Fit

For those looking to get into a tailored exercise regimen, or just looking for good advice on weight management and weight control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

You can schedule an appointment with a trainer who will take body fat measurements, blood pressure and heart rate readings.

They will do all this and tailor a program, based on your physical needs and ambitions.

For a small fee per workout, a professional trainer will actually work with you to ensure maximum efficiency. Patrons may sign up for an initial assessment and one session a week up to three weeks.

Because of a high demand for personal trainer appointments, patrons must wait four weeks between sessions following the initial three visits. For more information, contact Semper Fit at 254-7597.

### Semper Fit-For-Life Program

A year-round program promoting fitness for the entire family, this motivational program is designed to encourage patrons to incorporate fitness into their daily routine.

Participants log their mileage/hours in any of the following activities: running/jogging, walking, swimming, cross-country, rowing/kayaking, bicycling,

rollerblading aerobic activity, weight training, martial arts, basketball, racquetball and soccer.

Awards are given when a Semper Fit-For-Life milestone is reached. For more information, contact the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

### Adventure Training Program

Designed to promote unit cohesiveness and enhance confidence in the water, Adventure Training is a fun alternative to regular unit workouts. Learn different water sports and do P.T. at the same time.

Classes are offered in scuba, kayaking, power-boating and water skiing.

Adventure Training is offered at no charge to all Marine Corps Base Hawaii units. Training NCOs and SNCOs should call the Base Marina at 254-7667 for more information.

### Satellite Fitness Centers

A Satellite Fitness Center is located in Building 1033 and the Flightline Mini-Gym, Building 301. Free weights and weight machines are available for use at these locations. Hours vary due to operational commitments. Call 254-7594 for more information.

### The Health Promotion Program

The Health Promotion Program at MCB Hawaii is a branch of the Semper Fitness Division of MCCS and is under the direction of HP Coordinator, Dan Dufrene.

The Health Promotion Program umbrella embodies nine key elements, which guide patrons to live a healthy lifestyle.

Education sessions on the material are available to active duty service members, family members, retired military, civilian employees, units and organizations. Informational displays and literature are also available.

To find out more, please call the Health Promotion Program at 254-7636 or e-mail [dufrened@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:dufrened@usmc-mccs.org).

### Massage therapy

Certified massage therapists, are available here at MCB Hawaii. The massage therapy program will help relieve your mental and physical fatigue and improve overall circulation and body tone. Appointments are available by calling they Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

## Semper Fit Group classes

### Boot Camp

This class is an extremely intense cardio workout with a tough strengthening portion that is sometimes held in the basketball court for a more intense workout.

### Cardio Kick

If you're trying to get rid of pent up frustration or just looking for an awesome workout, this is the class for you! This high-energy class incorporates punches and kick combos to improve endurance, speed and agility, while burning calories and increasing muscle tone.

### Cycling

Tired of those boring three-mile runs? Well, come for a ride with us. This class uses specialized stationary bikes to help you burn a large amount of calories and tone up while improving your core strength. Set to specialized music as you pedal off the pounds.

### Gut Cut

You've heard the stories. Come experience it for yourself — or are you scared? This 30-minute abdominal class is designed to strengthen your core muscles.

### High Intensity Circuit Training

Put the "fun" back into functional training! This is a great workout for people on the go. This hour-long class will incorporate a series of circuits designed to challenge your muscular endurance and will strengthen your cardiovascular system.

### Lower Body Blast

Want to tone up your legs? This class targets all the major muscle groups in your legs, including your core muscles. Strengthening these muscles will not only help firm up those areas but also maintain a healthy posture.

### Keiki and Me

Don't have a sitter? This class is designed for the active parent done in an outdoor setting involving the kids. Build strength and cardiovascular endurance during this fun group setting. With the use of resistance bands, body weight exercises, abdominal work and plyometrics this can help strengthen your body and mind. Bring your own stroller.

### Muscle Conditioning

Not coordinated for a traditional aerobics class? This class has minimal choreography so this is safe. A muscular endurance workout using hand weights and bands to work all muscle groups.

### Pilates

This amazing class uses a powerful series of non-impact exercises for total body sculpting. This class will help develop strength, flexibility, balance, and weight loss to sculpt lean, long muscles and reshape your body from head to toe.

### PiYo

If pilates and yoga were mixed together, this is what you would get. This class will help develop strength, flexibility and balance to sculpt long, lean muscles. With pilates, yoga and a combo of upbeat moves, this mat class will get your blood flowing while re-shaping you from head to toe.

### Power Yoga

If you're looking for a class to increase strength, stamina and flexibility, this class is for you. They use yoga postures that are an excellent cross-training routine for athletes, along with poses to calm the mind and body.

### Speed and Agility

Swifter, Higher, Stronger ... Train like an athlete. This class focuses on developing strength, power, balance and agility while maintaining flexibility. Dynamics of this class include plyometric type exercises designed to produce fast, powerful movements and improve functions of the nervous system while increasing foot speed.

### Step

This is a tried and true classic. Fads come and go, but step endures all. This fundamental class focuses on getting a great workout on the steps with basic choreography — nothing fancy — just hard work and a ton of sweat.

### Step and Tone

The best of both worlds in one class! A great step class and some resistance training in an hour and 15 minutes. Get your heart pumping with an upbeat step session that will tone your muscles.

### Step Challenge

To step it up even more. This class is for the seasoned stepper or for those just looking for a challenge. This class is a full hour of fun and challenging choreography.

### Water Aerobics

This non-impact workout is excellent for cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility and strengthening. Aqua training is a terrific way to gain fitness without the stresses of gravity experienced in land-based training. Classes will start again in May.

### Zumba

This is a Latin inspired, dance-fitness class incorporating international music and dance movements. It includes a combination of fast and slow rhythms, that tone and sculpt. The class integrates aerobic, interval and resistance training. Dancers and non-dancers will have a blast while getting an incredible workout!

**Normal hours of operation:**  
Monday-Friday, 4:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Sunday and holidays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## 2010 Intramural Baseball Standings

TEAM	WON	LOSS
2/3	5	0
MALS-24	4	1
3RD RADIO BN	3	1
CPRW-2	3	3
MCAS	2	3
3rd Radio Bn	3	1
777 (1/12)	1	3
VP-4	0	4

## 2010 Intramural Winter Basketball Standings

TEAM	WON	LOSS
CPRW-2	8	0
MALS-24	7	0
CAMP SMITH	7	2
KLIPPER	6	2
777(1/12)	6	3
VPU-2	6	4
CLB-3 #2	3	2
VP-4	3	2
VP-9	2	4
LEGAL/MP's	2	4
HQBN #1	3	5
HMH-362	2	5
2/3	1	3
CLB-3 #1	1	4
S-6 (2/3)	1	5
HQBN #2	0	6

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# The Big Dance doesn't involve a dog and pony show

**Lance Cpl. Reece E. Lodder**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Besides Snickers, barbecue sauce on a hamburger and March Madness, few things in this world truly rock my socks off.

The annual NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship, colloquially known as March Madness, is highlighted by fast breaks, "Cinderella stories," and more competition than the U.S. and Canadian hockey teams in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Since 1939, it's separated the weak sauce from the collegiate hot sauce.

The tournament's rounds — the 32 opening round match-ups, the Sweet 16, Elite 8, Final Four and the National Championship game — feature more than just an epic name. They allow the Big Dance's breakdown to make sense.

Now, as timely as ever, the NCAA is talking about expanding the tournament's 65-team pool to either 68 or 96 teams.

You've got to be kidding me. If something is perfect, why mess with it?

Whoever had the brilliant idea of taking the world's most incredible sporting event and turning it into a dog and pony show should probably find a cave and hibernate — for a really long time.

At its inception, March Madness featured a pool of eight teams. By 1985, the pool had grown to 64 teams, and it stayed this way until 2000.

With the dawn of 2001's Big Dance, an opening round play-in game was created. This expanded the tournament field from 64 to 65 teams, with the game's winner earning a spot in the tournament's first round.

While maintaining the aforementioned breakdown, this addition has enabled one more team a chance at bringing home basketball's bacon. Great, but we need not go further.

Ask if an Oreo fanatic enjoys his Oreos with a glass of oyster

juice, a grill master if he marinates his steak with bleach or a scrub squad if they want to lose against the NCAA elite. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, right? Let's be sensible, folks.

Don't get me wrong. I love the regular season, but March Madness tops it off like a thick barbecue sauce completes that perfect, savory hamburger.

Diluting the field makes the regular season less meaningful and may even cause people to not embrace March Madness as much. But whatever, it's not like the tournament is a classic American event, says the NCAA.

Think about how filling out your blank bracket would go with a field of 96 teams. Imagine night firing with iron sights and without a rifle combat optic or night vision goggles, or trying to make curling enjoyable for people who love real sports, like college basketball. Good luck.

You know what? Forget it. Maybe the NCAA will allow all 347 Division I teams to play in the tournament. It can just eliminate the regular season and give all the teams their piece of the stage at the Big Dance. We all know every single one of the teams has earned it. This way nobody gets left out or upset.

If the tournament does get expanded, it won't be March Madness anymore. Without the Sweet 16, Elite 8 and Final Four, the true madness will be going to all the wrong places. The NCAA might need to rename it March and April Madness. Heck, Spring Madness sounds pretty good too. The wisdom exercised in trying to expand the tournament should reflect in the ridiculous new name it may bear.

Tell me March Madness, la crème de la crème, needs an expansion and I will call your bluff.

Few things in this life are as perfect as the Big Dance.

## VPU-2, from B-1

During the first half, both teams moved the ball down court quickly, powering it into the key and swinging it out for back-and-forth 3-pointers. The better portion of the half was played in the paint, and this was illustrated by the amount of fouls between the teams.

By the end of the first half, the score was close, with VPU-2 holding a small lead of 31-26 over CLB-3 #2.

After a second half marked by fast breaks and strong defensive play on both sides of the court, VPU-2 watched as they squandered a 20-point lead. With VPU-2 leading by two points and only 2.3 seconds left in the second half, CLB-3 #2's

Cornelius Powell was fouled hard and sent to the free throw line. After missing his first shot, he managed to snag his own rebound.

He quickly stepped out toward the three-point line and launched a prayer, a final attempt at evening the score. A VPU-2 defender jumped to block the shot, but it was to no avail.

The fade-away jump shot swished in the net as time expired, sending CLB-3 #2's players into an uproar and leaving VPU-2's shaking their heads. The game, now tied 62-62, was sent into overtime. Despite its length of three minutes, the overtime wasn't short of excitement. For the first two minutes, the two teams went back and forth in possessions and fouls, bringing the score to 66-64 in favor of VPU-2. After CLB-3 #2 was fouled at the final minute mark, they came within one

# VS

## NCAA Expansion

VS is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by e-mailing their ideas to [hmeditor@hawaiimarine.com](mailto:hmeditor@hawaiimarine.com). If there's a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your "opinion," regardless of how wrong it is, below. suit up ladies ... it's game time.



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# Bigger is Better

**Cpl. Daniel H. Woodall**  
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For the past few years, the National Collegiate Athletic Association has been mulling over the idea of increasing the length of their annual basketball championship tournament ("March Madness") by permitting the entrance of more teams.

Currently, 65 men's collegiate basketball teams begin the single-elimination tournament. The NCAA proposes bringing up the total number of teams to 96 to give more schools a shot at a national championship. This in turn would promote a higher viewership thus increasing revenue.

Though I was initially a staunch critic of the potential increase, it's clear to me now how a 96-team tournament betters the sport and our nation.

Critics of the expansion claim it's primarily for monetary reasons. These detractors often imagine a rotund, cigar-smoking businessman sitting in some lofty office and laughing as he collects money as these kids hit the court, playing their hearts out.

It's most likely true the initial impact will be seen in the billfolds of network and NCAA executives. Extra games necessitate a longer television contract, which in turn will bring more advertisements (money!) for the massive March Madness audience to see.

However, a portion of the revenue also goes to the schools represented in each game. The more games a team plays, the more money their athletic department receives to use for sports cars — I mean scholarships — in the hopes of luring prospective high school athletes to their programs.

Smaller schools will also benefit in the national exposure they otherwise wouldn't receive when they're overlooked every year by more prominent athletic departments such as Duke or North Carolina. The inclusion of more teams will improve, or in some cases, create, each school's national image while simultaneously edifying a generation of college basketball fans with little or no knowledge of schools

outside of the Big East or Atlantic Coast conferences.

Who knew about George Mason University before their 2005 Final Four appearance? For that matter, who knew anything about the real George Mason? He's either a 19th century statesman and Virginia delegate (Wikipedia), or a 19-year-old college sophomore declaring "The Fast and the Furious" as his favorite film (Facebook). You decide!

Some feel the expansion would cheapen college basketball's biggest event and subsequently lose viewer interest in the long run. During the past few years, however, March Madness ratings (especially with regards to the championship game) have been declining steadily.

Fans of a team knocked out of a previous round will most likely tune in to the following round in hopes of seeing their team's antagonist eliminated as well, but generally refrain from watching further.

Unfortunately for the NCAA, fans of teams who do not get selected are far less likely to watch the tournament.

The expansion will also help to quell the annual complaints of several Division I coaches who thought their teams were deserving of tournament selection but were subsequently snubbed due to a lack of ratings appeal. Their performance in the tournament would finally determine if their protests are warranted. Sadly, teams with a stronger pull for ratings will always win a tournament selection tiebreaker against a slightly unknown school with an uncharacteristically good season with something to prove.

Theoretically, the expansion would give these "bubble teams" a chance at tournament fame ... and Corvettes.

point by a successful foul shot. From a missed shot, possession came back to VPU-2, but they weren't able to capitalize on their possession after being fouled hard twice.

A jump ball followed an intense struggle between two players with 12.2 seconds left on the clock. CLB-3 #2 gained possession and moved the ball down the court.

In the dying seconds of the game, a half-court shot was launched, only to thunder off the backboard. Both teams battled until the end, but when the buzzer sounded, VPU-2 was victorious by a single point. James Lash, CLB-3 #2's coach, had mixed feelings about the game.

"We didn't play our game," Lash said. "We were sluggish the whole first half and most of the second half until the last five minutes of the game."

Nevertheless, Lash said his team's comeback in the second half was something to be proud of.

"When my team is 20 points down with five minutes left and a running clock, and we come back to push it into overtime," Lash said, "I'm happy."

While the beginning of the game was important, the end told the story of how his team performed, Lash said.

"It's not how we play right now that counts," Lash said. "It's how we play when the tournament comes."

Although CLB-3 #2 proved challenging, the game turned out better than expected, Ibanez said. The win added a victory to VPU-2's wins column, but the score got closer than it should have. "We normally play with our heads more in the game."



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# Hawaii Marine Lifestyles



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The Big Wave Tomato tent displays a fresh-made tomato pesto pizza at the Kailua Farmers' Market Feb. 25. As the most popular vendor, Big Wave serves lightly fried tomatoes and zucchini, pizza and raw vegetables as a lighter option for a meal. The line for a taste of their prized island-grown tomatoes extends throughout the market. "People love the tomato-pesto pizza we serve," said Kristen Betts, employee. "We used handmade pesto, hand-stretched mozzarella, fresh basil and tomatoes on the pizza that we grill so it has a fresh, crispy elegance."



At the Just Add Water organic produce stand, locals can find a variety of vibrant fruits and vegetables showcased by an energetic staff. Marines returning from deployment in Afghanistan have worked on the farm to help regain focus from engaging in the battlefield, according to Kimberly Clark, owner of Just Add Water.



Local favorites and healthy options are available to appease different tastes. "My husband and I are leaving Hawaii in May so we want to make it every week before we go, if we can," said Staff Sgt. Alora Carter, career planner, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362.

## A Heavenly, Healthy Experience

*Secluded Kailua farmers' market sprouts each Thursday evening*

**Lance Cpl. Vanessa M. American Horse**  
Combat Correspondent

**KAILUA Hawaii**, — The more than 30 eclectic vendors contained under the concealed and covered Kailua parking garage is a farmers' market heaven. As the only evening farmers' market on the windward side of Oahu, this Thursday night event has blossomed throughout the past five years.

"We come every Thursday night," said Brian Sable, a market attendee from Kaneohe Bay. "The food is fantastic; the people watching is interesting, and it's great to strike up friendships with the local vendors."

Everything from dinner entrees, flowers, candy, fresh produce, ice cream and even sushi-grade fish can be found at the Kailua Farmers' Market each week, located at the Kailua Town Center parking garage behind Longs Drugs.

The most popular stand is the Big Wave Tomato tent. They serve lightly fried tomatoes and zucchini, pizza and raw vegetables as a lighter option for a meal. The line for a taste of their prized island-grown tomatoes extends throughout the market.

"People love the tomato-pesto pizza we serve," said Kristen Betts, of Big Wave Tomato. "We use handmade pesto, hand-stretched mozzarella, fresh basil and tomatoes on the pizza that is grilled so it has a fresh, crispy elegance."

Organic produce is always available at the farmers' market. At the Just Add Water organic produce stand, locals can find a variety of vibrant fruits and vegetables showcased by an energetic staff.

"Besides from health benefits for the consumer, organic

farms help restore the fertility of our ecosystems," said Kimberly Clark, owner of Just Add Water organic farms. "With 40 percent more antioxidants in the produce and no genetic modifications, eating organic has unsurpassed benefits."



"We come every Thursday night," said Brian Sable, a market attendee from Kaneohe Bay. "The food is fantastic ... it's great to strike up friendships with the local vendors."

This local farm also has an interesting tie to the Marine Corps. Marines returning from deployment in Afghanistan have worked on the farm to help regain focus from engaging in the battlefield, according to Clark.

"They found it to be really inspiring since working the

land clears their mind and reminds them of the simple things in life," Clark said.

Service members can be spotted throughout the market sampling the wares and stocking up on groceries.

"My husband and I are leaving Hawaii in May, so we want to make it every week before we go, if we can," said Staff Sgt. Alora Carter, career planner, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362. "This has become our Thursday night dinner and Friday morning breakfast stop."

One family was spotted eating at a picnic table set up in the bed of their pickup truck, just outside the market.

"This is weekly family time for us," said Mitch Pang from Pearl City. "My family and I just sit in the back of the truck and eat dinner together — my kids love it."

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation sponsors the market. They provided a grant to kick-start the farmers' market and since then, vendor fees cover any additional costs according to Eleanor Mitsunaga, director of community relations, HFBE.

"The community has really pushed this event by word of mouth since we have virtually no paid publicity or promotions," Mitsunaga said. "We are exploring the possibility of expansion since the event has flourished, but we don't want to sacrifice the loss of any more parking spots."

Plan to get to the market early, because of limited parking. The Thursday event runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Many market-goers bring their own reusable shopping bags as a commitment to stay eco-friendly and lawn chairs are recommended for seating, unless you snag a seat with the Pang family in the back of their pickup bed picnic area.

# PASS IN REVIEW



## Apocalyptic Crazy Shenanigans

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Combat Correspondent

"The Crazies," directed by Breck Eisner, is a movie about death, destruction and death. It takes place in a small Iowa town where everyone knows each other's names. The people are unsuspecting as a plague drives the town mad and takes control of their lives by directly and indirectly killing everyone.

David Dutton (Timothy Olyphant, "Hitman") is the town sheriff whose only goal is to save his pregnant wife from the plague and death.

It starts with a homey baseball game attended by the whole town.

A man everyone knows walks onto the field with a shotgun and attempts to shoot Dutton. Dutton reacts quickly shooting him dead. After this altercation, the movie escalates quite quickly, leaving viewers in the dust.

"The Crazies" is a simple motion picture, banking off the popular trend of apocalyptic world wide epidemics. So, if you want to buy in to the latest movie trend and have viewed other films like "2012" and "The Road," this cinematic adventure is for you.

The plot of this movie is outlandish, but entertaining. It reminded me of SyFy channel movies at midnight on a weekday. Although the action was good and there was plenty of blood, it wasn't innovative in any sense of the word.

This film is a remake of the 1973 original. The story was altered and contained similar content to the original but didn't bring any revolutionary

ideas to the table. It's just another crazy movie with a zombie story line.

During the movie, suspense is the only kind of entertainment.

If you're a jumpy person this film may have you bouncing around like a jumping bean. Dramatic music and tricky camera angles setup numerous amounts of Bam! Pow! and Wham! scenarios that will have you looking over your shoulder the whole film.

There's a love story, which doesn't subtract from the overall death toll. Although, it does add sponginess to the film, soaking up some of the blood, it also makes this movie corny.

This movie is rated R for gore and some offensive language so I wouldn't recommend bringing younger children.

Another downside to this movie is lead actor Olyphant.

Throughout the movie, it nagged at me that he would

recite his lines to the camera. His star role in "Hitman" may have been an emotionless assassin but it seems he failed to drop that character when he stepped on the set of "The Crazies."

His delivery was monotone and I don't think he moved his lips when he spoke. His eyebrows didn't move and he was never overcome by emotion. His lackadaisical performance took away from the movie, which was an overall bust to start with.

There is nothing new that comes from this film. It's just another "oh my gosh the world is going to end" movie.

2/4

(High and to the Right)

## Your weekly guide to all aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your number one source for cinema, music, videogame and book reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week's critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn't, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you're not familiar, here's a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

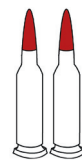
### 1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.



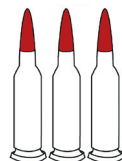
### 2/4 — High And To The Right

Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if you have nothing better to do.



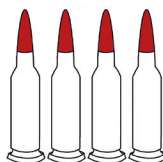
### 3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.



### 4/4 — Confirmed Kill

Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.

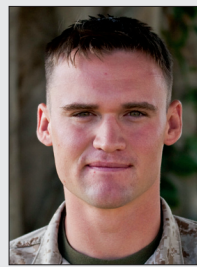


So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, The Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm feel free to submit your own reviews. Or, if you disagree with a review published and want fellow readers to know the real scoop, send in a condensed review and we'll run it as a second opinion.

## Better Know A Critic



**Lance Cpl. Colby W. Brown reads on his free time and during down time on the weekends.** His favorite type of book is adventure and action. When reading, he not only wants a book to capture his imagination but one that will keep his mind thinking about the characters and plot. Currently, books he is reading are "The Picture of Dorian Gray" and the "Richard Bolitho" series.

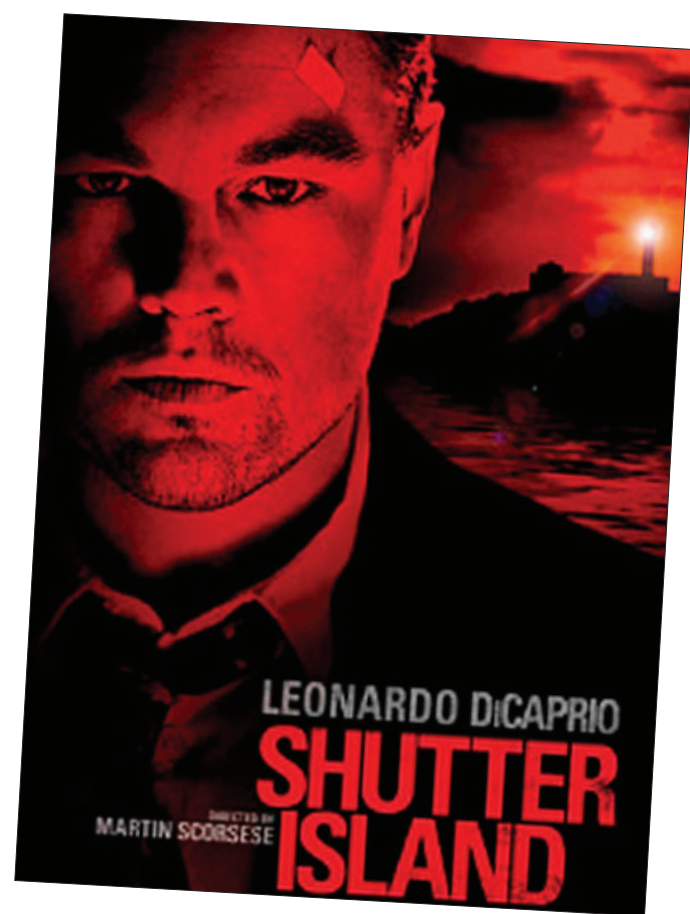


**A good film is one that serves its purpose, which is to allow its viewer a chance to escape from reality even for a brief two hours.** He hates going to see a movie only to find his mind occupied with the next day's schedule rather than the film itself. He believes the greatest film of all time has yet to be made, that is, until James Cameron directs "Stuart Little 4: Rise of the Machines."

## Second Opinion "Shutter Island"

Walking into the theater, I was expecting a horror movie. Little did I know "Shutter Island" would do so much more than send goose-bumps down my arm. Martin Scorsese had me sitting on the edge of my seat, completely enthralled in the twists and turns of his dark thriller. Leonardo DiCaprio took me on a journey into Teddy Daniels' tragic life, drawing me into the complex, ingenious plot and left me spell bounded. While "Shutter Island" is no "Titanic" in my book, it was one of the best films I've seen in a very long time. I'd definitely recommend it to anyone of age.

— Cpl. Alesha R. Guard



## Scorsese scores again

Cpl. Daniel H. Woodall  
Combat Correspondent

Refreshing, albeit predictable, "Shutter Island" offers audiences a film with plenty of style without sacrificing substance — a rare quality among modern releases.

In this psychological thriller, adapted from the book of the same title, director Martin Scorsese ("The Departed," "The Aviator") teams up with actor Leonardo DiCaprio for the fourth time. From its snappy dialogue to its often dimly-lit scenes, "Shutter Island" plays out to be a true film noir — an attempt to pay homage to the genre rather than reinvent it.

Set in 1954, the film follows U.S. Marshall Teddy Daniels (DiCaprio), a short-tempered World War II veteran, and his partner as they attempt to investigate the disappearance of an inmate at Ashecliffe Hospital, an isolated mental institution for the criminally insane.

The film suggests, through the passive aggressive mannerisms of Ashecliffe's chief psychiatrist (Ben Kingsley) and surrounding staff, the investigation may be more than a routine missing persons case.

Their activity on Shutter Island is met with disdain. The institution's guards immediately confront the duo. In one of the film's most memorable lines, Daniels responds (in his over-the-top, yet brilliant Bostonian accent): "We are doo-ly appointed Federal Mah-shals."

Kingsley's character describes the escaped patient as dangerous, suffering from psychotic delusions after drowning her three children. Inclement weather lengthens the pair's stay on the island as Daniels becomes increasingly suspicious of everyone around him — believing the disappearance is merely a front for a much larger conspiracy

possible involving the notorious House Un-American Activities Committee.

Most films surrounding the events of mentally unstable characters pit the protagonist, who is more or less sane, against an institution overrun by the insane. Interestingly, the film's narrative structure isn't that black-and-white.

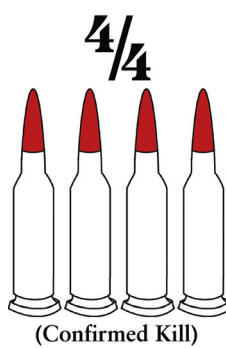
From a disturbing concentration camp liberation to scenes of a woman burned alive, Daniels is constantly plagued by memories of his own unsettling past. These flashbacks, peppered throughout the film, reveal Daniels' own insecurities and forces us to question his sanity. This internal character struggle keeps the audience guessing as the story unfolds.

Despite a semi-predictable "twist" ending, "Shutter Island" stands as one of the few films released in the last year, adapted or not, with beautiful (though creepy) imagery while retaining every shred of its creative screenplay.

In 2009, several films, including "Transformers 2" and "Avatar," earned hundreds of millions of dollars at the box office by simply vomiting as many computer-enhanced images onto the screen. The final products, though aesthetically pleasing, lack any semblance of an original plot. Instead of seeing "Avatar" for the fourth time, just rent "FernGully: The Last Rainforest" or "Dances with Wolves."

"Shutter Island" is a departure from the Hollywood norm — a smart, R-rated film, which doesn't pander to key "money making" demographics. However, it's on track to become Scorsese's highest-grossing film. The people have spoken!

Hopefully, the film's influence will extend to Hollywood executives. If it doesn't, prepare yourself for "Rush Hour 4: The Squeakquel."



(Confirmed Kill)

## TALK\* STORY

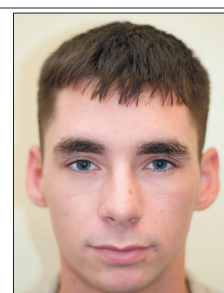
The religious observance of Lent is well underway this month. Catholics everywhere have temporarily given up meat, and perhaps more. If you had to give up one kind of food, what would it be and why?

\*[tòk stòre] Hawaiian slang for an informal, lengthy conversation. Often used as a method to bond, or a good way to kill time.



"[Meals, Ready to Eat]. Because they are not food."

— Petty Officer 2nd Class Scott McClelland



"Broccoli. Because I don't eat it anyway."

— Lance Cpl. Chris Barnes

"Okra. It's too slimy. Okra makes me want to throw up even to think about it."

— Staff Sgt. Brandi Mack



# MCB Hawaii volunteers serve hope

*Base Chapel helps feed homeless in Honolulu*

**Christine Cabalo**  
Photojournalist

**HONOLULU** — At least 5,295 people who live on Oahu's streets are hungry and homeless, according to 2009 reports from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Every month, the Marine Corps Base Hawaii chaplain's office tries to help by serving food, like they did Feb. 20. For the last three years, the Base Chapel has cooked up hot meals to Honolulu's homeless through the Institute of Human Services.

"What [the Base Chapel] provides, a whole meal once a month, puts a lot of savings in my budget," said Ana Iose, meal program manager, IHS. "Each time we have groups that provide the meal, serve and cook, it's a big plus for the meal program."

With the support, Iose said she hasn't had to layoff any of her staff to continue providing services to the homeless. Having steady donations of time and food is invaluable, she said, especially during times when her office has no donations.

During each visit, Base

Chapel volunteers feed more than 200 people and donate 500 pounds of foods as part of their "Feed the Homeless" program. One of those initial volunteers, Petty Officer 2nd Class Brett Martinez, religious program specialist, Base Chapel, now is coordinator.

"My parents were both poor," said Martinez, of Yorktown, Va. "They made sure I didn't have to go through that. Now that I'm here, it's a good opportunity to give back. Anyone is just one big event from being right in their shoes."

Funds for the program come from contributions collected during weekly church services. With food purchased straight from the base commissary, the volunteers serve lunch or dinner on the third Saturday of each month. During their last visit Feb. 20, the volunteers began working at 9 a.m. to get lunch ready.

"We usually end up cooking stir fry," he said. "So we get beef, chicken, onions,

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Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Desserts are arranged by Sgt. Crystal Black, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Defense specialist, Marine Air Group 24. Black was one of a group of volunteers for the Base Chapel's "Feed the Homeless" program, which serves and prepares meals for Honolulu's homeless once a month. Meals are served through the Institute of Human Services.

## Top Kahuna

*MCB Hawaii manager named one of best in Marine Corps*



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Jim Hamachek, Kahuna's Complex and Enlisted Club manager, serves food during the Feb. 25 lunch rush at Kahuna's Sports Bar and Grill at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Hamachek was recently chosen as the Marine Corps winner of the 2010 Irving Rubenstein Memorial Award.

**Christine Cabalo**  
Photojournalist

It's Jim Hamachek's mission to ensure good service is always on the menu at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. For his work as Kahuna's Complex and Enlisted Club manager, he's earned the 2010 Irving Rubenstein Memorial Award as one of the top new professionals in the Marine Corps.

On any given week, Hamachek is in charge of serving more than 5,000 junior Marines and sailors, and with great success.

"The restaurant takes on its own attitude or atmosphere just by its customers and its employees," said Hamachek, born in Milwaukee and a Honolulu resident. "You need to make sure both of them are happy."

Managing between the two is a balancing act he's honed as the former director of operations of Honolulu restaurants Auntie Pasto's and Dixie Grill.

In addition to upgrading the training of his staff at Kahuna's with online courses, Hamachek is also credited for direct hands-on instruction to workers.

"I've learned so much from Jim," said Frank Nagamine, assistant manager, Kahuna's Complex. "He's taught me a lot about running an individual business in the Marine Corps, which is a lot different than private sectors."

Valuing staff morale and reminding customers they're important, Hamachek also assigned new comfortable uniforms emblazoned with club's slogan: "Your club, your call." Since he's taken over managing Kahuna's in August 2008, food sales increased 36.7 percent in November 2009.

"There's a saying in the restaurant business, 'Every problem in a restaurant is solved by sales,'" he said. "Most everything that's an issue or challenge, if your sales are higher, eventually those problems will go away."

With the profit from those sales, the Kahuna's

manager has re-invested them into improving both the complex's bar and recreation area.

Patrons can watch sporting events on five additional flat-screen TVs and have more options for food at the recreational center. With an increase of patrons, Hamachek said his next goal is expanding the outdoor area for more seating and entertainment.

Another goal on his plate is regularly updating the Kahuna's menu twice a year, catering to customers' appetites. As manager, Hamachek also serves up daily specials to offer diners food besides what's on the normal menu.

"Your customers' desires do change a lot," he said. "So you always have to keep on top of it and see what's new or exciting out there."

Taking care of customers is something Hamachek constantly strives for, and he said it's especially important since he started working at MCB Hawaii.

"Every once in a while, you'll run into

someone who's been through a lot," he said. "You don't know where they just came from or their last deployment. A lot of things are going through their head. You try to be a friend and listen."

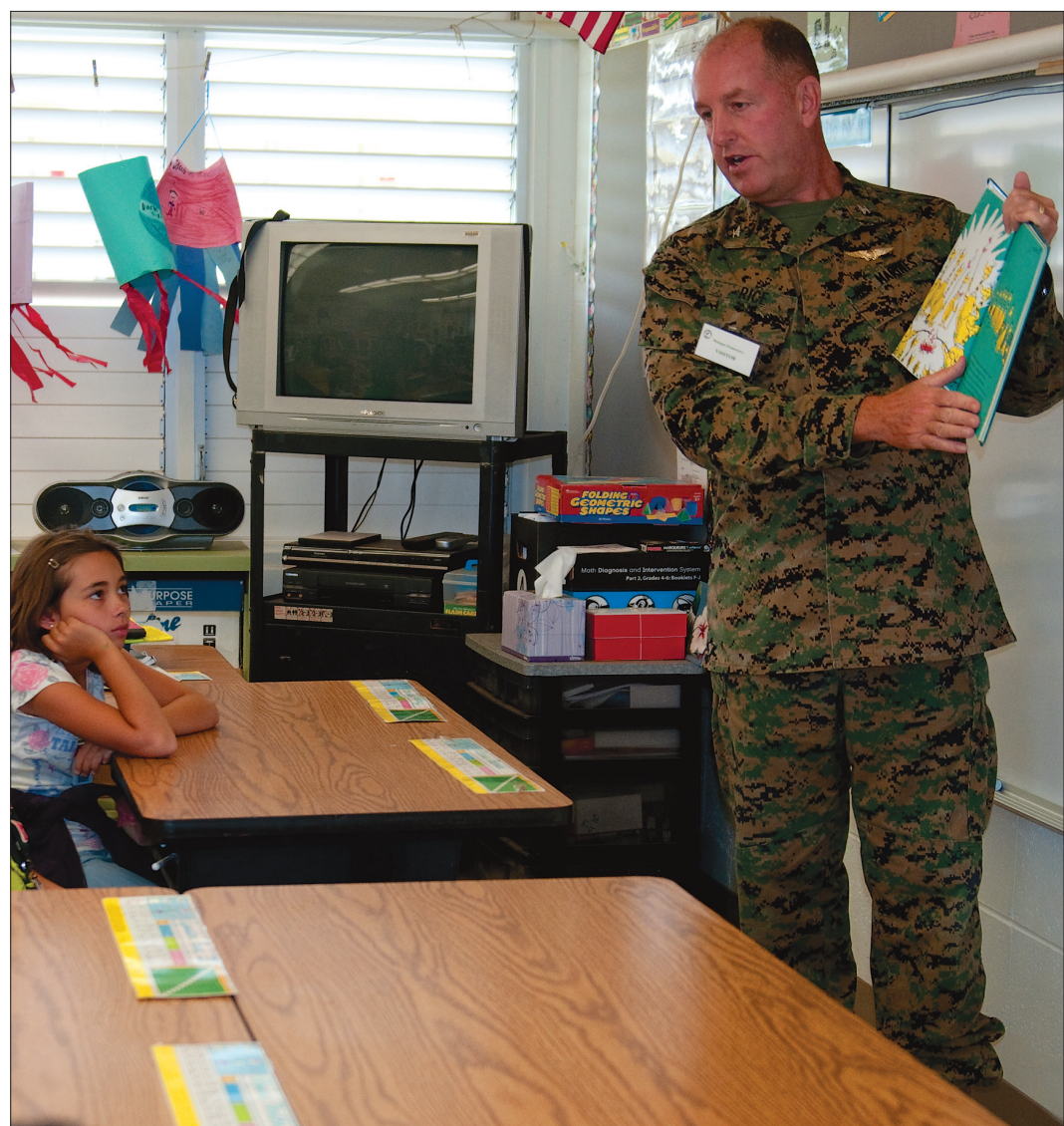
His attitude has inspired customers and co-workers, including server Kim Conners. She started working there in 1974, and has been there regularly for the last 17 years. Conners has worked for eight managers at the club and said Hamachek is one of the best.

"I've never thought about leaving," she said. "I hope Jim keeps on going, and I'd like to see the club continue to improve. And if he needs any help from me, I'll do what I can."

Hamachek credits his passion for running restaurants as a critical factor of his success and said happy customers make his job like being at a continuing party.

"Our whole purpose is to take care of Marines and their families," he said. "And we need to remember that. It's job number one."

## SEUSS GETS BIG BOOST



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

With "The Sneetches and Other Stories," Col. Robert Rice, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, reads to fourth graders Tuesday at Mokapu Elementary School. Rice and other volunteers, including Chief of Staff Christopher Blanchard, read to students as part of the "Read Across America" celebration. The annual event is held every year on the birthday of author Dr. Seuss.

# Marine rose to heroism in Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima

**Maj. Andrew Belovarac**  
Base Historian

Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone was born in 1916 in Buffalo, New York, one of 10 children of Salvatore and Dora Basilone. Reared and educated in Raritan, New Jersey, he gained local attention as a light-heavyweight boxer. He enlisted in the Army when he was 18 and served in the Philippines, where he picked up the nickname "Manila John." He was honorably discharged in 1937, but, anticipating World War II, he enlisted in the Marines in July 1940.

On Oct. 24-25, 1942, Sgt. Basilone was in charge of two sections of heavy machine guns defending a narrow pass to Henderson Airfield on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. "Manila John" had little to think about except an overwhelming force of Japanese.

Basilone fought valiantly those two days and was the recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Medal of Honor citation:

"For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action against enemy Japanese forces, above and beyond the call of duty, while serving with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division in the Lunga Area. Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on 24 and 25 October 1942. While the enemy was hammering at the Marines' defensive positions, Sgt. Basilone, in charge of 2 sections of heavy machineguns, fought valiantly to check the savage and determined assault. In a fierce frontal attack with the Japanese blasting his guns with grenades and mortar fire, one of Sgt. Basilone's sections, with its guncrews, was put out of action, leaving only 2 men able to carry on. Moving an extra gun into position, he placed it in action, then, under continual fire, repaired another and personally manned it, gallantly holding his line until replacements arrived. A little later, with ammu-

munition critically low and the supply lines cut off, Sgt. Basilone, at great risk of his life and in the face of continued enemy attack, battled his way through hostile lines with urgently needed shells for his gunners, thereby contributing in large measure to the virtual annihilation of a Japanese regiment. His great personal valor and courageous initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service."

At the end of those two days on Guadalcanal, "Manila John" had fired so many rounds that the heat from the machine gun blistered his hands and when it was all over, he had held the line. At dawn, he rested his head on the edge of the pit he had defended and nearby laid 38 enemy bodies.

For proving the Japanese not invincible, Basilone came home with the Medal of Honor. The government sent him across the country on a tour that prompted \$1.4 million in war-bond pledges.

The Corps offered to make him an officer and let him spend the rest of the war in Washington, D.C., but Basilone declined and requested to be sent back to the fight ending up at Iwo Jima.



Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone

Minutes later he was killed by an enemy artillery round. Basilone was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross and Purple Heart, making him the only enlisted Marine in World War II to receive all three medals.

Navy Cross citation:

"For extraordinary heroism while serving as

Medal of Honor recipients are generally not allowed to return to combat. However, Basilone requested a return to the fighting in the Pacific theatre. Basilone was serving with the 27th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division during the invasion of Iwo Jima. On Red Beach II, he and his platoon were pinned down by enemy gunfire. He single-handedly destroyed an enemy blockhouse, allowing his unit to capture an airfield.

a Leader of a Machine-Gun Section, Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Shrewdly gauging the tactical situation shortly after landing when his company's advance was held up by the concentrated fire of a heavily fortified Japanese blockhouse, Gunnery Sergeant Basilone boldly defied the smashing bombardment of heavy caliber fire to work his way around the flank and up to a position directly on top of the blockhouse and then, attacking with grenades and demolitions, single handedly destroyed the entire hostile strong point and its defending garrison.

Consistently daring and aggressive as he fought his way over the battle-torn beach and up the sloping, gun-studded terraces toward Airfield Number 1, he repeatedly exposed himself to the blasting fury of exploding shells and later in the day coolly proceeded to the aid of a friendly tank which had been trapped in an enemy mine field under intense mortar and artillery barrages, skillfully guiding the heavy vehicle over the hazardous terrain to safety, despite the overwhelming volume of hostile fire. In the forefront of the assault at all times, he pushed forward with dauntless courage and iron determination until, moving upon the edge of the airfield, he fell, instantly killed by a bursting mortar shell. Stouthearted and indomitable, Gunnery Sergeant Basilone, by his intrepid initiative, outstanding skill, and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of the fanatic opposition, contributed materially to the advance of his company during the early critical period of the assault, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout the bitter conflict was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant Basilone and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

## Guam buildup may increase risk of snake hitchhiking to Hawaii

**Priscilla Pérez Billig**  
Hawaii Invasive Species Council

Listed among the top 100 worst alien invasive species worldwide, the brown tree snake thrives in tropical and subtropical regions throughout the world where it can be found in natural forests, grasslands, and agricultural and urban areas. Like Guam, Hawaii offers suitable climatic conditions and habitats with plentiful prey while having no predators that might keep the brown tree snake in check. Eight brown tree snakes have been found in military cargo entering Hawaii over the past decade.

Thought by researchers to have been a stowaway aboard U.S. military equipment cargo ships from the New Guinea area, the brown tree snake established itself on Guam after World War II. Its quickly growing populations degraded the island's native biodiversity, wiping out flying foxes, small terrestrial mammals and lizards and driving 10

of 13 native bird species to extinction.

Today, the brown tree snake lies at the heart of severe socioeconomic impacts. Each year on Guam, hospitals treat about 150 victims of brown tree snake bites — mostly toddlers and infants. The brown tree snake also causes island-wide power outages that result in substantial repair costs, lost revenue and work productivity.

The planned Guam Military Buildup Program of the III Marine Expeditionary Force will place 8,000 Marines and an additional 9,000 dependants on Guam, plus a construction workforce numbering in the thousands. The additional influx is expected to increase Guam's current population of 178,430 by more than 79,000 by the year 2014 on an island just over 341 square miles in size.

"We can expect increased movement of workers, raw materials and goods back and forth through Hawaii associated with population growth and construction on Guam," said Earl Campbell, with the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service. "This increase in movement increases the risk factors for the brown tree snake to enter Hawaii."

Also expected are changes in shipping and airline routes to and from Hawaii. Currently, no laws exist to require the inspection of cargo or conveyances leaving Guam.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture quarantine inspectors currently face new challenges by recent budget cuts that have eliminated 28 positions statewide. Still, the current levels of inspectors using existing inspection facilities are tasked with handling the increase in military and civilian cargo arriving from Guam.

HDOA's Detector Dog Program, previously used to inspect 100 percent of incoming military and civilian flights from Guam to help sniff out onboard snakes, also has been eliminated.

The program has been replaced by visual inspections of 100 percent civilian and 98.3 percent military carriers.

Using Guam as a case study, researchers have found that if the brown tree snake were to become established in Hawaii, estimates of its potential economic damage could be as high as \$2.14 billion. Ranked according to annual costs, tourism would suffer the greatest impact with loss estimates of almost \$1.4 billion; power outages could cost the state \$761 million; and medical treatment could reach as high as \$383,040.

The Hawaii Invasive Species Council, a multi-agency group that addresses alien pest problems, asks for the military's help in reporting brown tree snakes or any invasive pest.

Everyone is encouraged to surrender illegal pets without questions or fear of prosecution. Call Hawaii's toll-free pest hotline: 643-PEST (643-7378).

For more information about invasive species visit online at <http://www.hawaiiinvasivespecies.org>.



Courtesy photo

The brown tree snake thrives in tropical and subtropical regions throughout the world where it can be found in natural forests, grasslands, and agricultural and urban areas. Found in Guam, Hawaii agriculture officials are worried that it may move its way here.



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**The All Enlisted Spouses' Club is holding its next Bag Sale Day on Saturday, March 6th from 10 am to 2 pm. As many items that fit into a large grocery store brown bag may be purchased for only \$5 (excluding specially marked items and merchandise in front glass case). Active duty ID is required to purchase military uniforms. Please call the Thrift Store at 254-0841 for more details. Profits from the Thrift Store are donated to non-profit organizations that benefit MCBP military members and their families.**

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# WORD TO PASS

## On Base

### Spring Fling March 13

Let's "spring" into the season by planting flower seeds to care for and watch grow throughout the spring season while time passes during a deployment.

Other fun craft projects include leaf collages, bouquet of flower pins and bookmarks. Gardening and crafts will be at the Marine Corps Family Team Building courtyard Bldg. 244 from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) Ongoing

PREP is a one-day couples problem-solving workshop offered at Base Chapel. Participating couples receive a copy of the book "Fighting for Your Marriage," two PREP one-day notes for couples, and a magnetic speaker/listener technique floor tile.

Materials and lunch are provided at no cost at the Base Chapel. Call 257-3552.

### New Parent Support Program Monday through Friday

The New Parent Support Program is a professional team of nurses, pediatric nurse practitioners and social workers who provide supportive and caring services to Marine Corps families through home visitation and free parenting and childbirth preparation classes here in Building 216. Classes are Monday through Friday. Call 257-8803.

### Family Child Care Program Ongoing

FCC trains and certifies spouses to provide child care in their base quarters. Classes are Monday through Friday. Call 257-8803.

### Personal Financial Management Program Ongoing

Learn new skills to help manage money and expand existing knowledge and capabilities. Assistance is available on a one-to-one basis to guide you through challenging money-management issues. For more information call 257-7787.

### CHAPEL, from C-3

mixed vegetables and things of that nature."

Freshly made food is important for Iose, because she often receives donations from canned food drives. But that's not enough for a complete meal, so she needs to buy produce with department funds.

When enough people help, the Base Chapel sends female volunteers to serve at the women and children's branch of the institute. If more volunteered, the Base Chapel could send even more help to the local community, said Niokee Brown, command chaplain secretary, Base Chapel. Brown noted there's a great need for help, especially when she's seen how people suffer.

"Some of them have lost faith in everything and hope in anything," she said. "They need encouragement. So we try not only to fill their stomachs but give them encouragement that there are people out there who genuinely

## In the Community

### Honolulu Family Festival March 25 - March 28

The Honolulu Family Festival at Magic Island is coming early this year, featuring thrilling rides, live entertainment, games, food booths, and more.

Live entertainment includes specialty acts and various local artists and bands in the community tent.

Entrance to the festival is free and everyone is welcomed. Scrip for food and rides are available for purchase. Money raised will go toward the refurbishment of Ala Moana Beach Park.

### Relive the Plantation Days First Saturday of every month

A living history museum and ethno-botanical garden is on a 50-acre site dedicated to the legacy of immigrant workers from the sugar plantation era. There are 32 authentic and replica structures furnished with artifacts placed in original settings. Hawaii's Plantation Village is located at 94-695 Waipahu St. For reservations or more information, call 677-0110.

### Guided Tours of the Hawaii Theatre Tuesdays

The one-hour tour offers a unique insight into the history, art, architecture and restoration of the beautiful Hawaii Theatre in Chinatown, including a performance on the 1922 Robert Morton theatre organ. There is a fee for admission.

For more information, call 528-0506.

### Straub/Kapiolani Women's 10k March 7

Hawaii's premier women's race starts at 7 a.m. The 6.2-mile race from Kapiolani Park goes through Diamond Head and Kahala and back to the park. For more information, call 524-6755.

### Hawaii Nature Center Every weekend

Ongoing nature classes and hikes for children and adults are held at 2131 Makiki Heights Drive, Honolulu.

For more information, call 955-0100.

care whether or not they eat, because most of these people are pretty much alone."

Base volunteers weren't deterred when the IHS kitchen wasn't available. Iose recalled when her department had to shut down their kitchen for needed repair work.

The Base Chapel volunteers still provided 300 sack lunches for the institute. Martinez and all the volunteers said they feel great satisfaction from helping those who need it.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated, Martinez said. "Usually people there are really thankful," he said. "I've had some come up and yell an 'Ooh-rah!'"

For more information about volunteering, call Martinez at 257-5138. Volunteers do not have to attend Base Chapel services to sign up. The Base Chapel will continue to collect donations for the program and will next serve the homeless March 20.



### Volunteers Needed Ongoing

The selfless act giving back to your community is good for one's soul. There are many ways to give back by volunteering within Marine Corps Community Services. Youth Activities (254-7610) and Intramural Sports (254-7591) are always looking for coaches.

The Single Marine and Sailor Program puts on events that call for volunteers. Call 254-7593 for more information. The departments within Marine and Family Services have volunteer opportunities all year long. For more information call, 257-7790.

### Commander's Fitness Series Ongoing

All events for the Commander's Fitness Series are open to the public. A portion of the proceeds benefit the unit sponsoring the race or event. Marine Corps Community Services is

always looking for volunteers to help with the races. For more information about upcoming events contact Tina Lui at 254-7590.

### Oahu High School Robotics Ongoing

Mentors are needed for Oahu's high school robotics teams and upcoming events. Military and civilian personnel have volunteered with robotics programs, finding it a wonderful opportunity to encourage students to go into math and science fields, to stay in school, and connect what they are learning to real world applications.

Large-scale robotics competitions have started. Hawaii students have participated in VEX and FIRST contests, competing at national events. Call Ashlee Snodgrass at 473-8000, ext. 5173, for more information or to volunteer.

### Youth Sports Volunteer Coaches Ongoing

Youth Sports is constantly on the lookout for volunteer coaches.

For more information, contact Clark Abbey, the Youth Sports Coordinator at 254-7473, or e-mail clark.abbey@usmc-mccs.org.

### Feed the Homeless Ongoing

Program volunteers are needed to help feed the homeless. The Base Chapel is looking for volunteers to serve and prepare hot meals to the homeless through the Institute of Human Services in Honolulu. Volunteers do not need be attendants to chapel services. Call 257-5138 for more information.

## MARINE MAKEPONO

HAWAIIAN FOR 'MARINE BARGAINS'

### Miscellaneous

**Exercise equipment for sale.** Pro-Form GL 105 Interactive Trainer Cardio Bike. Features include CD player and pulse sensor. \$150 or best offer. Please call 254-2133 for more information.

### Sporting Goods

**Orange kayak for sale.** Bought brand new and still in great condition. Paddle included. Asking \$500 or best offer. Please call 381-0668 if interested or for more information.

*If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, please stop by the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in Building 216. Please have with you your military ID and a short write-up of what you'd like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it later. E-mails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.*

**ALOHA ISLAND TOUR**

**Come Join us in a FREE Island Tour!!!**

**Learn about the culture of Hawaii past and present. Attend a fun, fact-filled tour of unique places on the Island.**

**Registration is required**

**Children 5 and older allowed**

**Please call Marine & Family Services for more information:**  
**808.257.7790/87**

# Mokapu Beat

What's happening at Mokapu Elementary School

**PCNC Coffee Hour**  
March 10

Parents please join us for a morning chat in P-6, 8-9 a.m. Meet the principal and PTA representatives. We will talk about Mokapu SCC Information and Recruitment of Parent Representative and Community Representative for SCC Committee.

**Mokapu School Carnival**  
March 13

The carnival will go from 9a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone at Marine Corps Base Hawaii is welcome to the carnival. If you're looking to help out with the event, volunteers are still needed.

All parents are encouraged to volunteer for one hour. For more

information please contact Joanne at mokapu\_pta@yahoo.com.

**Nominations for School Coummunity Council**  
March

This commitee works with the School Administration on policies at the school.

Parent and community volunteers can gain more information about responsibilities and duties by asking questions at the coffee hour, PTA meeting or sending an e-mail to mokapu\_pta@yahoo.com.

Nominees/candidates for the two role groups (parent role group and community role group) will be introduced and voted upon at the PTA meeting March 25.

**Drama and Chorus After-School Enrichment**  
Ongoing

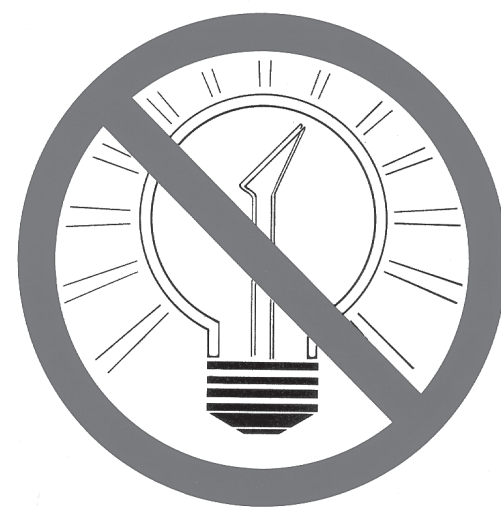
Our new Spring Drama and Chorus Programs began this week. We still need more students to join the fun!

The students will perform a modern take on a classic fairytale in May.

Chorus sessions for first to sixth grade students are held on Tuesdays in P-3 from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 for the semester.

Drama sessions for third to sixth grade students are held on Mondays 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

The fee is \$40 for the semester. Registration forms are in the front office and P-6. Students can bring them the first day they attend the club.



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## Movie Times

**Prices:** All shows are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

- "Leap Year" - PG
- "Youth in Revolt" - R
- "The Lovely Bones" - PG-13
- "Up in the Air" - R
- "The Spy Next Door"- PG
- "Daybreakers"- R
- "Leap Year"- PG

- Today | 7:15 p.m.
- Today | 9:45 p.m.
- Saturday | 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday | 9:45 p.m.
- Sunday | 2 p.m.
- Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.