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3rd Recon Marines aim for excellence



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Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Lucky, the platoon sergeant for third platoon, Bravo Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, shows Cpl. Austin Larkins, a reconnaissance Marine with third platoon, Bravo Co., 3rd Recon. Bn., how to set up a good shooting position during a training exercise Monday at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility. The training helps newer Marines familiarize themselves with the rifles and improve their overall marksmanship.

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Marines from third platoon, Bravo Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, based out of Okinawa, Japan, participated in field and marksmanship training Monday at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The purpose of the training was to effectively train the sniper team, refine the Marines' current skill sets and help familiarize the newer Marines with the rifles.

Cpl. Cody Sperle, also known as "Slow-choke," serves as the platoon leader of the sniper team with Bravo Co. He said the training was also meant to test the Marines in field craft and

spotting, and to help improve their overall marksmanship.

"We started zeroing in with the rifles," Sperle said. "After we have effectively zeroed in (on the targets), we moved on to short-range accuracy drills, data collection and multiple target engagement. After shooting, the Marines went on to various observation exercises such as working on range estimation,

concealment and finding an effective final firing position."

The training also helps solidify the team's standard operating procedures, Sperle said.

"I was there to help organize the drills, teach the Marines and pass on knowledge for general marksmanship

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Heather Johnson, an aviation electronics technician with Patrol Squadron 4, greets her husband and sons at Hangar 104, Saturday. Sailors from VP-4 recently returned from a seven-month deployment to the Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility.

'Skinny Dragons' return to K-Bay

Kristen Wong

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With loud engines roaring, the "Skinny Dragons" touched down on the flightline, and taxied to Hangar 104, where families came with cameras, flower leis and happy tears in their eyes for their loved ones, Saturday.

The sailors of Patrol Squadron 4 deployed in June 2014 for a seven-month deployment, operating in the Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility, in the African and European regions. The squadron of

more than 300 service members divided into detachments and combat aircrews, visiting multiple countries including Greece, Scotland and Spain; as well as installations such as Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Crete and Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.

Main missions centered on anti-submarine warfare as well as intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The aircrews also conducted overland surveillance, maritime patrol and supported tasks from European and Africa Commands.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jon Vanecko, an administrative officer and pilot with VP-4, returned with the squadron Saturday on the first flight. The native of Metamora, Ill., was the officer in charge of the detachment in Djibouti, Africa and mission commander for Combat Aircrew 2.

Overall, he said it was rewarding to see the squadron successfully transport more than 300 sailors from Hawaii to central Europe and complete their missions. He said it was impressive to see

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Marines with third platoon, Bravo Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, participate in snug-and-tow exfiltration technique training for submarine operations.

Marines with 3rd Recon dive into training

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines with third platoon, Bravo Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion participated in submarine operations and amphibious reconnaissance training Saturday in the Kaneohe Bay area near Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The purpose of the training was to prepare and rehearse submarine insertion techniques for the sub commander's course, a naval course meant to teach commanders and executive officers how to command submarines.

Gunnery Sgt. Jeremiah Dare, the operations chief for third platoon, Bravo Co., 3rd Recon. Bn., said the objective of the training was to successfully insert three reconnaissance teams from a submarine, any distance from a shoreline, into enemy territory and to be able to recover those teams.

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assistance of the Veterinary Treatment Facility officer in charge, Hawaiian Humane Society and Game Warden.

The base order also details required controls, immunizations, licensing and registration. For a complete copy of the order, please contact the Base Inspector's Office at 257-8861 or the Animal Control Officer at 257-1821.

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ICE COMMENTS

COMMENT: I would like to take the time and thank Communication Information Systems Directorate/S-6/BCO for the outstanding response I received in regard to two of my work requests. We are a new directorate and had to move phone lines so we could bring a new employee over. All the individuals involved in the process were extremely professional and helpful with this internal project. I look forward to working with them in the future for the next big move of a phone line, as the move went smoothly.

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This week in Corps history

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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII EVENTS

TODAY

The Swamp Romp Health, Fitness and Wellness Expo is scheduled today at the Semper Fit Center from 3 to 6 p.m. Swamp Romp participants will be able to pick up their race packets at this event.

The expo features more than 20 health, fitness and wellness vendors displaying unique products, workshops and services. For more information, call the Health Promotion Office at 254-7636.

Cycling class is scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Semper Fit Center. This class uses specialized stationary exercise bikes that help burn a large amount of calories and tone up thighs and lower-body muscles while improving your core strength.

The Maximum Aerobic Definition Step class is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Semper Fit Center. The hourlong session introduces body-sculpting moves combined with aerobic moves as well as the use of resistance exercise equipment.

The High Intensity Tactical Training Workout of the Day is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the HITT Center. The class will follow the HITT program manual by Headquarters Marine Corps. This class is taught at an intermediate to advanced fitness level.

SATURDAY

Prepare to get dirty for the 2015 Swamp Romp race. Registration is still open for individuals or teams, and the late fees have been waived. For more information, call 254-7590 or visit www.mccshawaii.com/swampromp/.

The next Aqua Aerobics class is scheduled for Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. 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. Call the base pool at 254-7655 for more information. Semper Fit Group Exercise tickets do not apply for this class.

SUNDAY

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii library supports the educational, recreational, and lifelong learning needs of all service members and their families. The base library provides materials for circulation, space for studying and browsing, and a variety of programs designed to encourage literacy for all ages. On Sunday, the base library is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 254-7624.

MONDAY

The next Transition Readiness Seminar is scheduled Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the second deck of building 279. This five-day TRS is mandatory before separating or retiring from the military. Receive in-class Veterans Affairs and Department of Labor employment workshops and transition information, plus an overview of additional tracks: education, career technical, and entrepreneurial. TRS will be your temporary additional duty for the week with 100 percent in-class attendance. There will be no outside appointments or being pulled away.

Service members must contact their career planner, unit transition counselor or command career counselor and complete the required pre-work to enroll.

The next Command Financial Specialist training class starts Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in classroom E of the Education Center.

The class caters to Marines and sailors, E-6 and above with at least one year remaining with their current command. The Personal Financial Management Program offers this four-day training for all units aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and Camp H.M. Smith. The CFS shall function as the command's principal adviser on policies and matters related to personal financial management. Each command should have at least one CFS per 75 Marines or sailors. To become a CFS, you must be designated in writing by your commanding officer. Class size is limited to 25 participants; reservations are required due to limited seating. Register at www.mccshawaii.com/pfmpworkshops or call the PFMP office.

Gut Cut is scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Semper Fit Center. This 30-minute abdominal class is designed to strengthen your core muscles.

Ab Express is scheduled from 5 to 5:30 p.m. at the Semper Fit Center. The class is open to gym users of all fitness levels.

TUESDAY

The next Armed Forces Classification Test is scheduled Tuesday at 9 a.m. in classroom A of building 220.

This is an opportunity to re-take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test to earn higher scores for advancement, lateral moves, officer candidacy, etc. Classification Test Registration Form for AFCT available at www.mccshawaii.com/ectesting. For more information, call Maria Fullenwider at 257-2158.

The next Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills for Spouses class is scheduled Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the conference room of building 244. This event is provided from spouses to spouses to help acquire the knowledge and develop the skills to successfully meet the challenges ahead and make new friends. Open to all active-duty Marine Corps/Navy spouses. Reservation required. For more information, call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 257-2657.

WEDNESDAY

The next College 101 Education Brief is scheduled Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in classroom G of the Education Center, building 220.

This weekly brief explains tuition assistance policies and procedures, center services, available testing and education/career opportunities. Mandatory for all active duty planning to use TA benefits. For more information, call Craig Lockwood at 257-2158.

Extreme 60 class is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Semper Fit Center. The class is a 60-minute full-body workout designed to build strength and endurance through high intensity interval training. This class uses the 20-second workout, 10-second rest method to improve both aerobic and anaerobic exercise while building strength and endurance.

The next Permanent Change of Station and Moving Workshop is scheduled Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon in classroom 7 of building 1090. The program is designed to give an out-bound member and families the information, resources, and tools needed to plan their move.

The workshop is open to all active-duty service members and their spouses; three to four months prior to departing island is highly recommended. Registration is required. Service members and spouses may register at www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops. For more information, call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program & Relocation Services at 257-8354.

The next Book Club meeting is Wednesday at the base library on the second floor of building 219, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This month's book is "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel Brown. The club is open to all adult members of the MCB Hawaii community. For more information, call Meri Healey at 254-7420.

Core Strengthening Class is scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This Pilates-style class includes a series of non-impact exercises for total bodysculpting. Please bring your own mat. Call 254-7597 for more information.

THURSDAY

The next Breastfeeding Support Group meets Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the toddler room of the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel.

Learn about breastfeeding while meeting other breastfeeding moms in a supportive atmosphere facilitated by a certified lactation educator. Babies and expectant mothers are welcome. The group is open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians. For more information, call the New Parent Support Program at 257-8803.

Preschool Storytime offers stories and crafts every Thursday at the base library from 9 to 10 a.m. on the second floor of building 219. The activity is open to all Department of Defense dependents. For more information, call Merri Fernandez at 254-7624.

AROUND THE CORPS

2nd Assault Amphibious Bn. faces harsh weather, enemy forces during exercise

Lance Cpl. Sullivan Laramie

II Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibious Battalion faced rain, mud and simulated enemy attacks during a weeklong battalion field exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 22 through 28.

The exercise helped the battalion get into the swing of things after a pause in training seen by many units in the Marine Corps around the start of the new year. The operations began with movement over water and land in the unit's amphibious assault vehicles to train for and simulate ship-to-shore transportation.

During the exercise, the Marines encountered obstacles in their communications and logistical operations such as heavy rain and low temperatures, lending more credence to the old military saying, "If it's not raining, we're not training."

"We're getting back in the saddle after the holiday break and starting the year off with some good training," said Cpl. Maximilian Musick, an electronic systems technician with the battalion. "We're getting uncomfortable, cold and wet, but we're getting the job done in spite of that."

Attacks by insurgent roleplayers using blank ammunition and small explosives to simulate artillery rounds added stress to the exercise. Smoke grenades replicating chemical and biological weapons added complexity to the defensive maneuvers forcing the Marines to quickly don their M40 field protective masks to protect them from the potential threat.

A perimeter of vehicle-mounted sentries with Mk 19 automatic grenade launchers, armed logistical convoys and constant communication helped defend against such attacks. Though the grenade launchers were not used in the defensive scenarios, looking out from the turrets and understanding the angles from which they can be fired was an important step toward qualifying with the weapon systems for the newer Marines.

"If you don't have security, you can't operate anywhere," said Cpl. Christopher Berneski, an AAV crewman. "You always have to be watching and aware of everything that's going on. You have to train like you fight or you're going to get lazy."

Maintaining amphibious units is vital to the naval expeditionary nature of the Marine Corps, and maintaining the readiness and standards of



Lance Cpl. Sullivan Laramie | II Marine Expeditionary Force

Capt. James Smith, an amphibious assault vehicle officer with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, runs for cover during a simulated attack during a weeklong field exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Jan. 24. The battalion faced insurgent roleplayers during the exercise, which simulated an ongoing conflict to maintain combat readiness within the unit.

every Marine ensures high performance and fast deployment capabilities.

"Assault amphibian battalions are absolutely important," said 1st Lt. Andrew Dibble, the adjutant of Headquarters Company, 2nd AA Bn. "They allow Marines to get from ship to shore, establish a strong position and continue the fight. These exercises allow us to know that we can fight and deploy at any time, on really short notice."

The exercise tested the battalion's operations skills when operating together, which is uncommon for a unit that usually trains as individual companies and operates with infantry units.

"Training as a battalion requires the companies to be more flexible," Dibble said. "They cannot just plan their own exercise and go execute. (The exercise) confirms that this battalion is ready to fight and win in any clime or place. It confirms that we are able to command and control ourselves and are not limited to just sending our companies out to the infantry battalions."

This was the first training exercise of the year, and later operations will include more amphibious landings, operations with U.S. Navy ships and weapon qualifications with Mk 19s to provide a greater range of learning opportunities for Marines of all experience levels.

1ST BN., 3RD MARINES WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER



ABOVE: Lt. Col. Quintin D. Jones, the incoming commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, addresses guests during a change of command ceremony at Dewey Square, Jan. 30.

RIGHT: Jones (left), receives the unit colors from Lt. Col. Christopher L. Medlin, outgoing commanding officer, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines. During the change of command ceremony, Medlin received his third Meritorious Service Medal. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., previously served as the 3rd Marines operations officer.



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine



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Time-honored traditions: Marine Corps ceremonies reflect past

Lance Cpl. Brittney Vella

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The United States Marine Corps takes pride in its ceremonies and traditions and continues to keep them alive even after almost 240 years.

Whether it's a re-enlistment ceremony, change of command, colors, change of charge, mess night, retirement or birthday, the Marines put a lot of dedication and practice into the event, said 1st Sgt. Jody G. Armentrout, Headquarters Company first sergeant.

"(Ceremonies and drill) set a uniformity standardization for the Marine Corps as a whole," Armentrout said. "We are known for our drill, we are known for our ceremonies, we are known for the way we carry ourselves. The reason is because of the time and practice we put into it."

Logistically, the ceremony needs to be planned out to make sure the time is sufficient to ensure a strong

representation of the unit is present, said Sgt. Maj. Mitchell Green, Headquarters Battalion sergeant major.

The Marine Corps has many different ceremonies each with a specific and precise procedure, according to Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual.

The manual outlines specific steps for each occasion.

For example, a typical mess night calls for invitations to be sent two weeks prior to the event. A chaplain needs to be arranged for the invocation. A seating diagram needs to be designed, and the success of the mess night is put on the vice president, who is a junior officer or noncommissioned officer.

"I think our ceremonies, our drill and our customs and traditions really sets us apart from everybody else," Green said. "When you have a ceremony and the crowd is watching the Marines and sailors when they drill I think it is very impressive. (Those watching) may not see how long it took to get to that,

and the hard work, but the Marines look sharp."

In ceremonies throughout the Marine Corps, Marines are brought back to what was emphasized at recruit training, close order drill, Armentrout said.

Close order drill teaches discipline by instilling precision and automatic response to orders, he said. It enhances the confidence of noncommissioned officers and junior officers to give commands to their Marines.

Noncommissioned officers have a huge role in ceremonies to ensure everything runs smoothly, he said. The NCOs are normally the platoon commanders, and it's their job to pass on what they know to the junior Marines for when they pick up their NCO stripe, he said.

"It's our corporals and sergeants that pave the way (for the future of the Marine Corps)," Armentrout said.

Not only do ceremonies help shape

Marines into better leaders but it brings out a sense of pride, Armentrout said.

Marine Corps ceremonies also come together by the music played during it. Armentrout said that the music tells a story. When Marines are singing the "Marines' Hymn" they are thinking about the Battle of Iwo Jima and the raising of the flag, he said. The music gives it that feeling of tradition that makes Marines proud of who they are.

"The Marine Corps isn't just known for the battles that we have fought and won, or the ones we are going to fight but we are also known for our high standards of professionalism and our sharp, personal appearance," he said. "When we walk around, we walk around with our chest out, we take that full 30-inch step because we know who we are and it's all due to the uniform that we wear. That's the pride in the foundation of the Marine Corps. What we carry around on our chest everyday."

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and field craft," Sperle said. "I hoped we could get as much trigger-time behind the (rifles) as possible and hoped everyone would be comfortable enough behind the gun to be able to make those long-range shots."

Sperle also said he hoped the Marines would improve their skills in camouflage, concealment and stalking exercises but, regardless, there was no such thing as too much practice.

"It's important that they get more trigger-time and continuously practice," Sperle said. "If you don't shoot very often, you begin to lose the skills you have acquired. However, if you're able to practice, you're able to stay fresh and work at everything — that way, when it comes time to be deployed, you're able to make that shot and get your team in and out alive."

Sperle said he thinks the Marines can always improve their basic marksmanship skills. He said that, oftentimes, they may start worrying and over-thinking things. When this happens, it's important to stay calm and apply the fundamentals.

"For a recon Marine, the job of being a scout sniper is a secondary job to their initial purpose, reconnaissance," said Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Lucky, the platoon sergeant for third pl., Bravo Co., 3rd Recon Bn. "It's important that the Marines have the time to maintain the skill sets they

have acquired in the Scout Sniper Basic Course and be able to pass (those skills) to the Marines in their platoon and unit."

Lucky said the Marines faced some difficulties on the range, such as stopping for the protected wildlife and dealing with the strong winds, but the Marines did pretty well. He said the key, for them, is the repetition of training — about constantly evaluating their shortfalls and improving on those.

"Deployments and rigorous training are what these Marines signed up for — it's what they expect," Lucky said. "When it comes to their job as snipers, it's necessary to make sure they don't become stagnant and aren't just satisfied with what they have done so far. They have to constantly want to improve upon their accomplishments and continue to train other Marines, passing on what they've learned."

Once the Marines become stagnant, think they've made it or are good enough, the Marines would no longer want to learn then, closing off their minds to what they can do and improve upon, said Lucky.

"As you become stagnant, others begin to pass you by, the world changes, tactics change and you fall by the wayside," Lucky said. "You would then, basically, be putting yourself behind the power-curve. It's important for the Marines to continuously improve and pass on their knowledge, improving the next generation of snipers."



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Marian Spore waits for her father to disembark from the plane at Hangar 104, Saturday. Sailors from VP-4 recently returned from a seven-month deployment to the Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility.

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the squadron come together as a team each day to work on the planes.

Petty Officer 1st Class William Stewartrodriguez, an aviation machinist's mate with VP-4, fixed aircraft issues during the deployment. His wife was pregnant when he left, so he came

home for 10 days during the deployment for the birth of his son. He said not everyone gets to come home during a deployment, so he was appreciative to the squadron for the opportunity.

But in addition to the family back home, the Carolina, Puerto Rico, native also gained a new family with his fellow sailors, with whom he worked for 12 hours each day.

"The people you work with become your family," Stewartrodriguez said.

A fellow sailor who also considered the squadron like family was Petty Officer 1st Class Andy Malone, naval aircrewman avionics, VP-4. Malone, of El Toro, Calif., is in an in-flight technician in charge of maintenance, avionics and ordnance. This was his fifth deployment in a familiar area, so Malone spent his free time trying new restaurants and revisiting Europe's historical ruins.

"You can go see them 100 times and still see something new," Malone said.

Malone said he is happy to be back in the islands safely with all his fellow sailors.

"It's tough to be away from Hawaii," Vanecko said. "To see the islands pop up on the wind screen, to know your family's down there, makes it all worthwhile."

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"It gives recon teams another method of insertion that's clandestine and provides more options to get a team into enemy territory," Dare said. "This training and the preparation is extreme, to say the least. There are so many different entities you have to call and gain relationships with. You have to ask for things from people you don't know. It takes a lot of time, frequent calls and a lot of patience."

Sgt. Raphael De Hoyos, the assistant team leader with third pl., Bravo Co., 3rd Recon. Bn., said the training was also meant to train the newer members of the platoon.

"We knew that the new guys needed to learn some new things," De Hoyos said. "While we were taught things in our basic course, we had to show them how we operate. We knew they were

going to be a little hesitant, maybe even a little scared, at first, but our expectations were to make them better and more confident in the water, and more confident operating the boats we were in."

De Hoyos said his expectations have definitely been met so far and the Marines were coming together as a unit. He also said that while the Marines were successful, there would always be room for improvement.

"We want to make sure that, through us and through this training, that the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion would be able to come back out here," De Hoyos said. "We wanted to be more efficient so future Marines can learn from our mistakes. That way, they (could) build up from there and continue with better training."

Dare said the Marines function well as a whole and he hopes they continue

to develop their relationships.

"They haven't had a lot of time together as a platoon, and, to be perfectly honest, it's kind of amazing how well they've all gotten along and how well they work together," Dare said. "You can't ask for more than just liking the people you work with, it makes your job a whole lot better."

Dare said the Marines are expected to work together to develop standard operating procedures for submarine operations.

"Since we've been at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, these types of skills have been put by the wayside — they haven't been necessary for the last decade or so," Dare said. "We're trying to rebuild and develop those skills and understand them better. The Marines are able to work through the pressure, but that's part of their training. Their training is meant to put them into stressful

situations to see how they do when that happens. You actually want to make it as stressful as possible (now). So when the time comes and they actually have to do this in combat, it's not a problem for them, it's just everyday work."

Dare said all of the Marines rise to the occasion and are excited about all the training they have been doing, Dare said. He also said he'd like to strengthen their mindset so, when the time comes for them to go to combat, they'll be ready.

"It's (my) job to make sure they understand what is expected of them," Dare said. "They need to understand there's no such thing as enough — they could never be too good at their job. The bottom line is, somebody's life could be resting upon whether or not you are good at that skill. The minute you think you're good enough, you should probably stop doing this job."

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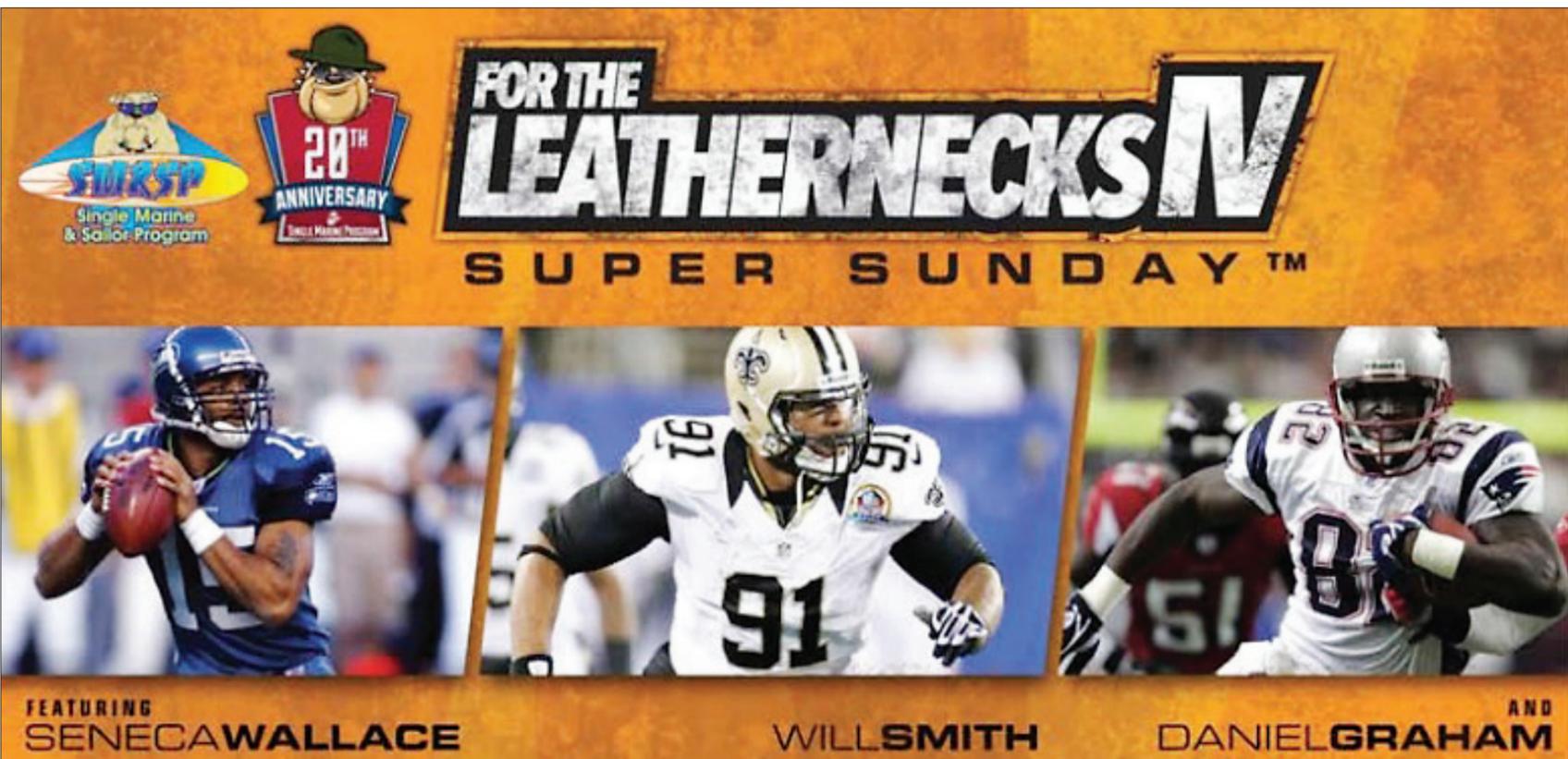
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Sports & Lifestyle



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Will Smith, a former defensive end for the New Orleans Saints, speaks with a Marine at Kahuna's Bar and Grill while they watched the Super Bowl, Sunday. There were three former NFL players who visited Kahuna's.

Service members enjoy gridiron get-together

Lance Cpl. Khalil Ross
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The Single Marine & Sailor Program hosted three NFL players at Kahuna's Bar and Grill, where they met with Marines

and signed autographs, Sunday. The event was sponsored by Headquarters Marine Corps' Single Marine Program.

The players were Daniel Graham, a former player for the New England Patriots; Seneca Wallace, a former quar-

terback for the Seattle Seahawks; and Will Smith, who played with the New Orleans Saints. The three watched the Super Bowl with the Marines and gave their predictions as the game went on. The Marines spoke with the players as the former NFL team members made their rounds at Kahuna's and fans asked to see their Super Bowl rings.

Seneca Wallace, a quarterback for 10 years, said tours like this mean a lot because it shows support to the troops and provides the players with the opportunity to give back to those who sacrifice so much.

"I could never do what you guys do," Wallace said. "The things we do (as athletes) couldn't compare to what you do."

This is the second tour that Wallace has been on. His first trip was to Kuwait and he also visited with Navy personnel in Japan in 2014.

Will Smith, who played defensive end for the Saints, said this was his first tour and wants to do many more.

"It really threw me off when I saw the Marines," he said. "You expect military personnel to be 30-year-old men but then you see these 18 to 19-year-olds."

Cpl. Jamal Gurley, an aviation supply logistician with Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 463, said the little things that the players do means a lot, even if they don't think so.

"It feels good knowing that big name people come and see us and support us," he said.

As the game went on, fans of both teams got louder and louder with the help of a disc jockey who kept the energy going in the restaurant.

Erin Sharoni, a sports television anchor, was speaking and announcing during the game along with the DJ. She announced the players and gave game updates



Seneca Wallace, a former quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks, addresses the Marines who came to Kahuna's Bar and Grill and gives them his prediction of the game Sunday. Wallace thought that the Seattle Seahawks were going to win.

and information.

Sharoni said she felt humbled and wanted to find some way to thank service members. Those who attended said it was great to see the players and local celebrities.

"They are just regular people and are humble," Gurley said. "It was an overall nice experience and really cool to see people thinking of us."

All the players enjoyed the Super Bowl and were asked a lot of questions.

"(Marines and sailors) shouldn't be the ones honored," Wallace said. "I'm honored to be able to meet them and be in their presence."



"DJ Big Mike" plays and entertains the Marines at Kahuna's Bar and Grill by playing music and keeping the energy going between plays, Sunday. There were hotdogs, nachos and hamburgers provided for single service members.

PASS ^{IN} REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. 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 there's 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.



Better Know A Critic
Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev enjoys novels turned into films because he finds it interesting to see how a director visually interprets books he enjoys. Some of Korolev's favorites include: "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

THIS WEEK'S RATING:
3/4

(On Target)

'Fury' explodes on to DVD



Lance Cpl. Adam Korolev
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

With another hazy, opaque weekend following the DVD release of "Fury," directed by David Ayer, I was convinced that a cinematic rendition of World War II would only compliment the weather and entertain my daydreams aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

"Fury" stars Brad Pitt as a war-hardened Army staff sergeant. The movie is a fictional tale of an impenetrable five-man tank squad led by Pitt, who also goes by the moniker "Wardaddy," and his soldiers.

Nearing the end of the war in the wasted European theater, the close-knit groups of soldiers are joined by Army Pvt. Norman Ellison, played by Logan Lerman. He portrays a young and ignorant typist who has no experience with heavy weaponry or the brutalities of war. Norman is arguably the protagonist of the film due to his immaturity in comparison to the other crewmembers of the M4 Sherman tank, "Fury."

Immediately after reporting for duty, we find Norman scrubbing away blood and the dismembered body parts of the tank's original bow gunner now decorating the inside of the tank. Meanwhile, the other crewmembers who all happen to be noncommissioned officers, stand outside of the tank to enjoy their coffee under the foggy German morning. As Norman is wiping away pieces of burnt scalp off of the hull, the baby-faced teenager scrambles out of the tank to vomit. He begins to weep and would soon find himself confronted with the gospels of war.

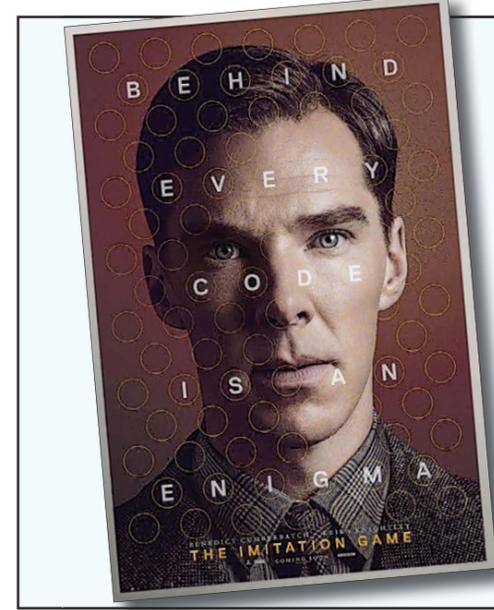
It wasn't until only a few hours after checking into his new unit that Norman

finds himself riding in the bow gunner seat of the tank, advancing east toward the Nazis. In the midst of his first excursion to eliminate the enemy, he is vaguely coached on the fundamentals of his respective weapons and instructed to pay especially close attention to the Hitlerjugend, or Hitler youth. Inevitably, his lack of experience causes their convoy to be ambushed, resulting in the death of a junior officer.

As the film develops, we see Norman mature and fluidly mesh with the dynamic of the tank's team that had been established prior to his arrival, creating a more organic and fierce fighting force. However, his development did not come without more tears and blood. The monotony of momentary peace, followed by violent outbursts of enemy fire would probably desensitize any living human on earth.

"Fury" is a romanticization of the deadliest war in history. With plenty of gory and explosive battle scenes woven into the storyline, it makes for an entertaining piece of art. The production value is great, the acting is very good and there are even moments of hilarity. The films only misfires were the clichés, like killing Nazis on horseback and an arbitrary love scene.

The film is on target and gets a 3-bullet rating and maybe worth a DVD purchase if you enjoy WWII movies. However, Brad Pitt in "Inglourious Basterds" was much more entertaining to watch. The consistent unrealistic nature of "Inglourious Basterds" and the absurdity of its ending, as opposed to the impossible dramatic ending of 'Fury' and its possibly factual storyline is what sets the two movies apart.



- "Into the Woods" PG Today | 6:30 p.m.
- "Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death" PG-13 Today | 9:15 p.m.
- "The Imitation Game" PG-13 Saturday | 6:30 p.m.
- "American Sniper" R Saturday | 9:15 p.m.
- "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb" PG Sunday | 2 p.m.
- "American Sniper" R Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
- "Unbroken" PG-13 Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Prices: All shows are \$5 for adults and \$3.25 for children. All 3-D shows are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. For ticket pricing, the base theater box office defines an adult as a patron 12 years and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11 years old. 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.

Henoko residents play softball with 3/3 Marines

Pfc. Cedric Haller II
Marine Corps Installations Pacific

CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, Japan — A decades-old tradition brought Henoko Young Men's Association and the Marines together on Camp Schwab Jan. 25 for softball and barbecue.

"A community relations specialist for 3rd Marine Division contacted us asking if we wanted to play softball with the Marines," said Tomohiro Nishikawa, a member of the Henoko Young Men's Association. "It is a good way to interact with the Marines, so it was very important that we show up to play softball."

The Young Men's Association played the Marines in a nine-inning game.

"It is a fun time to come out and meet new people," said Sgt. Nathan A. Bretz, a machine gunner with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force under the unit deployment program. "It was great to have some competition against someone I don't usually get to play against."

Although the event was for the young men, there were some not-so-young men interested in playing softball with Marines.

"I heard that the Young Men's Association was having a softball game with Marines and I came out to show my support," said Akira Chibana, a former member of the association. "When I was part of the Young Men's Association, we would have sports days with the Marines where we would go bowling and have relay races but I never got the chance to play softball. This is my first time coming to one of these games and it has been a great experience."

The game strengthened the relationship between the Marines and the association, according to Chibana, from Henoko, Okinawa.

"I'm very happy to be out here and I appreciate the Marines coming out here and having such a great time with (the association)," Chibana said.



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Shosuke Kokuba (right), swings as Cpl. Eric D. Chrvia catches during a friendly softball game between the Henoko Young Men's Association and Marines Jan. 25 on Camp Schwab. The Young Men's Association played the Marines in a nine-inning game. Kokuba, from Henoko, Okinawa, is a member of the Henoko Young Men's Association. Chrvia, from Hale, Mich., is a mortarman with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force under the unit deployment program.

The Young Men's Association won the softball game. Then, the two groups gathered for a cookout.

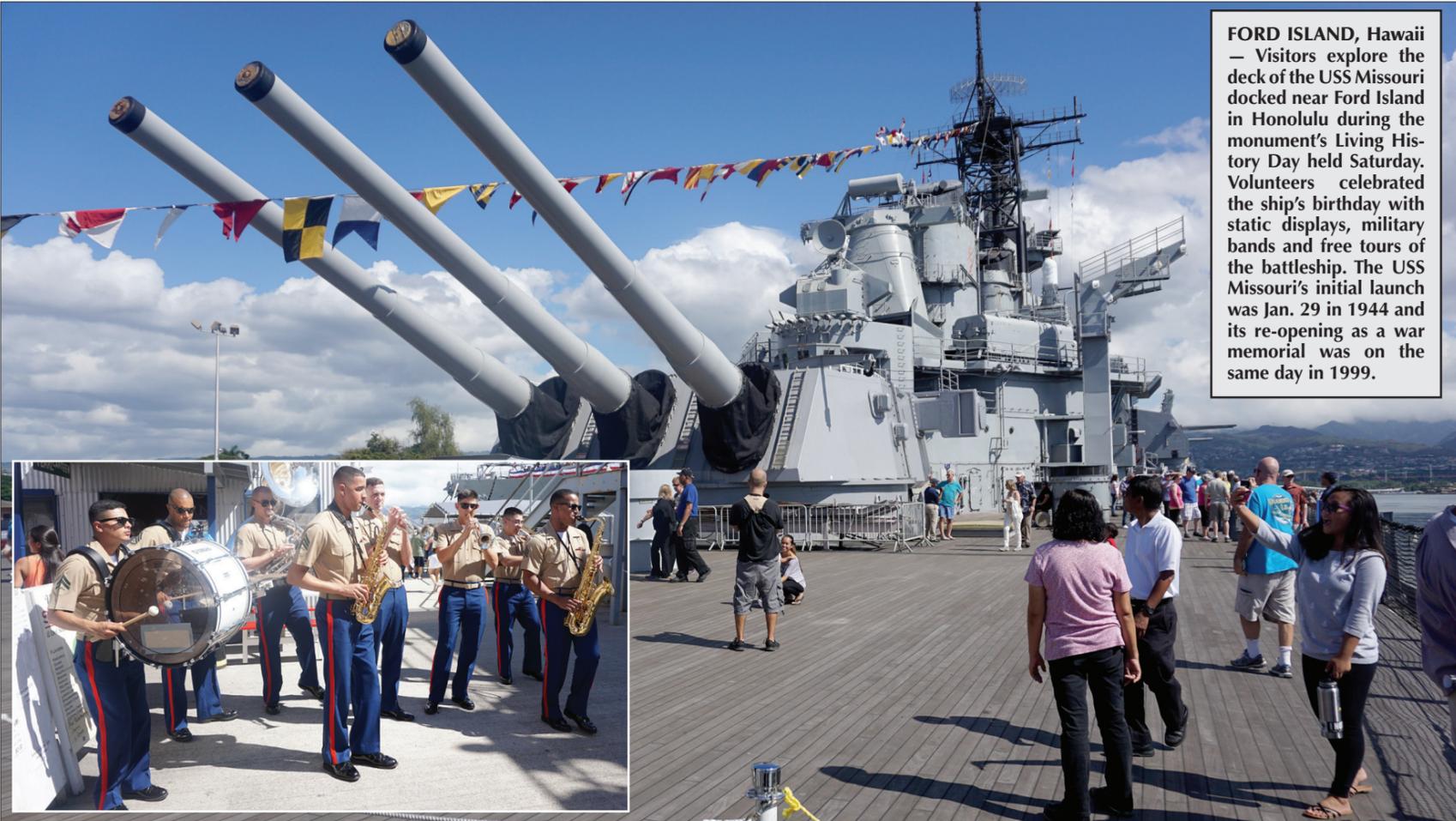
"Sharing smiles and eating together with the Marines was the most enjoyable part of this day, in my opinion," said Nishikawa, from Henoko. "Being that these softball games are a tradition, I'm looking forward to doing this again in the future."

Marines serve food to Okinawan children at a cookout following a friendly softball game between the Henoko Young Men's Association and Marines Jan. 25 on Camp Schwab. Throughout the course of the game, many smiles were shared between the teams, further strengthening the relationship between the Marines and the association. The children are residents of Henoko, Okinawa.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, 'MIGHTY MO'

FORD ISLAND, Hawaii — Visitors explore the deck of the USS Missouri docked near Ford Island in Honolulu during the monument's Living History Day held Saturday. Volunteers celebrated the ship's birthday with static displays, military bands and free tours of the battleship. The USS Missouri's initial launch was Jan. 29 in 1944 and its re-opening as a war memorial was on the same day in 1999.



Photos by Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

FORD ISLAND, Hawaii — Members of the U.S. Marine Corps, Forces Pacific party band play for visitors and volunteers during the USS Missouri's Living History Day held Saturday. A detachment of 53 Marines served on the USS Missouri during World War II and the Korean War. The ship is most famous for hosting the signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender, the document officially ending World War II.

COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

Bellows AFS offering free movies

Bellows Air Force Station is offering free movies and popcorn Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at Turtle Cove. The following movies will be showing:

Monday “If I Stay”

Wednesday “When the Game Stands Tall”

Feb. 16 “Get on Up”

Feb. 18 “No Good Deed”

Feb. 23 “The Maze Runner”

Feb. 25 “Dawn of the Planet of the Apes”

Lectures offered at Hawaii State Art Museum

Six free public lectures will explore preserving historic cemeteries in the “Experts” series, held this year at the Hawaii State Art Museum at 250 South Hotel Street.

The hourlong lectures begin at noon at the Hawaii State Art Museum in the No. 1 Capitol Building, 250 South Hotel Street. The lectures are as follows:

- **Thursday:** Tonia Moy and Louis Fung, Fung Associates, “Punchbowl Memorial: Honoring Our Wartime Sacrifices”
- **Feb. 19:** Laura Ruby, University of Hawaii at Manoa, “The Mo‘ili‘ili Japanese Cemetery: Preserving a Community Landmark”
- **Feb. 26:** Richard Miller, Kalaupapa National Historic Park, “Saving a Special Heritage: Grave Marker Preservation at Kalaupapa”
- **March 5:** Jessica Puff and Regina Hilo, Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division, “Evaluating and Nominating Cemeteries and Burial Places:

The State and National Register of Historic Places”
For details, visit www.historichawaii.org.

Volunteers needed for Honolulu Festival

The 21st annual Honolulu Festival is scheduled March 7 and 8 with free performances from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed for various events and exhibits including providing event schedule and information to visitors and more. Register at www.honolulufestival.com/en/contact/volunteer.

Pacific Aviation Museum features guest speakers, activities

“The Discover Your Future in Aviation” event is scheduled March 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum. The event features aircraft flyovers, remote control aircraft demonstrations, hands-on activities and more. The event is free to museum members or with museum general admission. For more information, call 441-1007 or email education@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Register for lei making workshops

The Department of Parks and Recreation will hold free lei making workshops before the 88th Annual Lei Day Celebration at Queen Kapiolani Regional Park and Bandstand. The lei contest exhibit will be open to the public on May 1, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., in the area between the bandstand and the Waikiki Shell. The exhibit boasts some of the most exquisitely crafted lei

in a variety of colors and methods. There are categories for all ages and skill levels, so everyone is encouraged to enter. For more information, visit www.honolulu.gov/parks.

Arts and crafts volunteers needed at TAMC

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers interested in improving the quality of stay for patients and their families at Tripler Army Medical Center through arts and humanities. Applicants with excellent communication and interpersonal skills who enjoy working with arts and crafts can contact Yolanda Gainwell at 433-6631 or yolanda.m.gainwell.vol@mail.mil.