

# Hawaii Marine



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Rep. Richard Nugent, a congressman with the 11th Congressional District of Florida, serves as a gunner during a convoy simulation, Tuesday, in the Combat Convoy Simulator aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The congressman's visit brought visitors to the CCS, an immersive environment designed for convoy operations and tactical scenario training.

## Nugent visits MCB Hawaii Congressman rides with Marines in simulated convoy

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Rep. Richard Nugent, a congressman with the 11th Congressional District of Florida, met with Marines from the 3rd Marine Regiment and representatives from Marine Corps Base Hawaii to attend a demonstration inside the Combat Convoy Simulator, Tuesday aboard MCB Hawaii.

The congressman's visit was meant to provide a better understanding of naval programs, equipment and facilities located within the U.S. Pacific Fleet's 3rd and 7th Fleet area of responsibility, including Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, Naval Base San Diego, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and U.S. Pacific Command. The stop aboard MCB Hawaii brought the visitors to

the CCS, an immersive environment designed for convoy operations and tactical scenario training. "Being up in the gun turret is amazing," Nugent said. "You have a 360-degree view and you are constantly on the lookout for targets and potential danger. While there may not have been anybody out there that was going to hurt me, I had started to sweat —

you are constantly under that stress. People can read, watch videos, look at pictures, but only after they do something will they have a better understanding of what is necessary." The congressman said that not only did the CCS provide a great learning (opportunity), but it also gave him a chance to experience some of the

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## Environmental Department wins 2014 SECNAV award

**Kristen Wong**  
Hawaii Marine

The Cultural Resources Management Program of the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department at Marine Corps Base Hawaii was recently named the Marine Corps recipient of the 2014 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award for cultural resources management in the small installation category. The cultural resources management team will also be eligible to compete for the 2015 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award.

Each year, through the SECNAV Environmental Awards Program, Navy and Marine Corps installations, ships and individuals are eligible for an award recognizing their environmental work. All categories alternate years in which they are presented. The small installation cultural resources management award category is presented every even fiscal year.

The CRM program, consisting of June Cleghorn, the senior cultural resources manager; and Coral Rasmussen, an archeologist, is responsible for a number of cultural, historical and archeological landmarks not only at Kaneohe Bay, but various properties islandwide, to include one on the island of Molokai.

"The (CRM) program within the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department manages cultural resources to support the military mission, while preserving, protecting and enhancing these resources," the award narrative reads.

"This is a tribute to Coral and June's hard work over the last year, and beyond," said Maj. William Rowley, the director of the Environmental Department. "It is reflective of the incredible team we have in our Environmental Department."

Cleghorn said she was surprised to receive the award. "What I realized after hearing that we had won the award was that what we think of as 'ho-hum' or 'all in a day's work' is actually what is exceptional and important for showcasing the depth of the stewardship responsibilities to which the Marine Corps seriously commits," she said.

Cleghorn also received the 2013 SECNAV Environmental Award for cultural resources management in the individual/team category.

Rasmussen said she was also surprised, and excited to receive the award.

"It made me feel very appreciated for the work that we do," Rasmussen said.

Last year, the CRM program engaged in various projects, including consultation for the restoration of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band building B374, and working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the University of Hawaii Marine Option Program to complete a record of a landing craft that sunk near Pyramid Rock Beach.

Rasmussen and Cleghorn also finished an ethnographic report last year that has taken them nearly three years to complete. An illustrated

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## Unqualified shooter numbers drop at MCB Hawaii

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**PUULO A RANGE TRAINING FACILITY, Hawaii** — Marines are expected to qualify with their rifles on an annual basis, and their rifle score validates how familiar they are with firing a rifle. It also shows how well they absorbed the formal education instructed to them by rifle coaches and affects their cutting scores. As a result of an expert rifle score, some Marines walk away with bragging rights, while some are forced to return due to a sub-par score. In recent months, however, the number of unqualified shooters has dropped dramatically.

For years, Marines have had to endure the gravel-ridden, dusty and unlevelled firing line. During the 2014 calendar year, 26 annual rifle-training details, each composed of 250 to 275 Marines, attempted to qualify on the range. Of those 26 details, 127 of those Marines were forced to return to the Puuloa Range Training Facility in order to re-qualify. In December of that year, due to the new technology and range standards, the Puuloa RTF was shutdown to install rubberized firing mats to aid shooters. Since its completion in January, four annual rifle-training details have cycled through the range and have only seen two unqualified shooters.

"These statistics are beyond average," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jordan Kramp, the officer in charge of Puuloa RTF and an Elgin, Ill., native. "If you do the math correctly, we have run four annual rifle training details in this calendar year, and we have taken two UNQs. At this rate on these new firing mats, we're on pace to take no more than 12 UNQs. That's more than a 1,000-percent increase."

The \$200,000 project aims at



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Staff Sgt. Patrick Adolphin, a Marine with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 and a West Palm Beach, Fla. native, fires an M16A4 service rifle during the Pacific Division shooting competition on the newly installed rubberized firing mats on Feb. 9. The mats were implemented to allow shooters to position themselves more comfortably on the firing line. The rate of unqualified shooters has since dropped significantly.

promoting comfort at the 200-, 300- and 500-yard firing lines by providing support to the key body parts that are central for effective shooting.

"You shoot 40 of the 50 rounds during qualification day of annual rifle training in the sitting and prone position," Kramp said. "You have to ensure you have a solid foundation, and the firing mats provide that cornerstone. (Shooters') limbs are no longer sliding around because of the frictional pad created by the firing mats ensures that your shooting foundation does not fluctuate during recoil. The elbows especially play a vital role at the 500-yard line, and if your elbows are moving, then you're losing your hold. The Marines I've talked to think it's a

monumental increase in their scores, and their attitude is better because they don't have to buy new cammies."

In October, Pfc. Alexis Gooding, a Marine with Headquarters Battalion aboard MCB Hawaii, returned to re-qualify at Puuloa RTF. Initially firing a mere 86 out of 250, she was sent back in order to walk away from the range with a reasonable score.

"It's a nice range, but the ground was hard with red dirt everywhere, and I never felt comfortable shooting before they introduced the rubber mats," Gooding said.

According to Gooding, she felt

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**Roll with it**  
Bowlers compete in the Hawaii All-Military Bowling Tournament, **B-1**



**And they're off!**  
Sailors volunteer at 28th Annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race, **B-4**



# WORDS FROM THE BASE INSPECTOR

## Convenience vs. Safety

The Base Inspector's Office received a complaint regarding vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Mokapu Road and Harris Ave.

There was a near-miss incident when the driver of a privately owned vehicle (a grey SUV) waiting at the traffic light to make a left turn onto Harris Road from east bound Mokapu Road decided to use the Gas & More parking lot and gas lanes as a thoroughfare to get to Harris Ave.

Reportedly, this driver quickly crossed Mokapu Road and entered the Gas & More parking lot, scarcely missing a child riding their bicycle through the parking lot. The driver proceeded through the gas lane without stopping and exited the parking lot onto Harris Avenue, again without stopping.

The witness was unable to record the license plate

number of the vehicle. Witnesses at the Gas & More stated that this is not a rare occurrence and this was not the first near miss in the parking lot.

On March 27, the time for the traffic light on Mokapu Road to cycle from turning red to turning green averaged one minute and five seconds. By cutting the corner and using the parking lot as a roadway, a driver could save up to two minutes of transit time.

TWO MINUTES.

There may have been a very good reason the driver in this instance needed those two minutes. Only the driver knows that reason. Only the driver knows if they saw the child on a bicycle that they nearly hit while saving that two minutes. Only the driver knows if those two minutes they saved would be worth it, if they had caused an accident or injured someone.

Please do not use parking lots and sidewalks to avoid traffic devices (stop signs, traffic lights, etc.) at intersections. The time you save is not significant enough to warrant the risk and the Provost Marshal may cite you for reckless driving.

Please ensure all members of our military community can enjoy Marine Corps Base Hawaii by complying with the base regulations and behaving responsibly. If you have questions, contact the Base Inspector's Office at [KBAZ\\_HQBN\\_INSP@usmc.mil](mailto:KBAZ_HQBN_INSP@usmc.mil).  
Semper Fidelis.

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**This week in Corps history:** April 3, 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two.  
- U.S. Marine Corps History Division

## ICE COMMENTS

**COMMENT:** I recently needed to renew an official passport. As I had two trips a month apart requiring an official passport, I was left with a short window between trips and due to expiration, had to renew during that three to four-week window. I contacted (a clerk) and from that point forward I experienced some of the most outstanding service that I believe I have encountered in my 37 years in the Department of Defense. She immediately provided all the necessary forms and detailed instructions that enabled me to prepare and submit an application for expedited processing that made it into a FedEx shipment the following day. Subsequent to submission, my departure date was actually moved up five days, making the turn-around time even shorter, but if the "required" delivery was met, there would be no problem. I contacted the clerk when that date arrived, which was then only three days prior to departure, to see if the passport had arrived. It had not, at which point she immediately contacted the Department of State to get status. The passport had been shipped, but tracking information wasn't available although a Friday or Saturday delivery was fairly certain. My flight's departure was scheduled for noon on Saturday so I was very concerned. I inquired if there any way I could pick it up at FedEx on Saturday should the passport did not arrive on Friday. This was not necessary as (the clerk) volunteered to do it and met me at a location where I could still make my flight. She then took the precaution of contacting the other locations on Camp H.M. Smith where the passport might be erroneously delivered on Friday afternoon to alert them to the urgency. I went to her office to await the delivery at approximately 3:15 p.m. FedEx arrived, without my passport. The clerk immediately called the other offices on Camp Smith and found that indeed the passport had been delivered to building 20. As she sped out the door, she told me to wait and she would be right back. A few minutes later, and slightly out of breath, she returned with my passport in hand. Her overall demeanor, professionalism and clear desire to do whatever necessary was nothing short of inspirational and, most assuredly, deeply appreciated. The fact that I have no personal relationship with (the clerk) and that if I ever spoke with her, it could only have been five years ago when I got my last passport, simply makes this encounter all the more impressive.

**RESPONSE:** Thank you for investing a few moments to complete the ICE comment for Distribution Management Office Passenger Travel and Personal Property Camp Smith. As the DMO officer in charge aboard MCB Hawaii, I read every single comment (as does my supply officer and deputy director). On behalf of my Marines, Sailors and civilians, I extend a hearty "thank you" for being an appreciative customer. More importantly, we at DMO Hawaii take great pride in treating others not according to rank or stature, but as an extended family member. I will be sure to recognize (the clerk) for her professional, efficient and overall superb service in regard to your travel. Best wishes to you.

\*Note: ICE comments may have been edited for space and anonymity

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## MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII EVENTS

### FUTURE EVENTS

Register now for the Commander's Cup, scheduled April 10 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. All ranks are welcome to play in this four-man scramble tournament. Registration prices are \$50 for E-1 to E-5, \$55 for E-6 to O-3, \$60 for O-4 and above as well as Department of Defense civilians. Civilian guests, who must participate with an authorized patron, pay \$69. Team registrations will be accepted at the Klipper Pro Shop until close of business, April 8. For details, call 254-1745.

The Art In the Park event is scheduled for April 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Riseley Field. This series of events created to bring awareness to autism, child abuse prevention and Month of the Military Child. The events are open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians. For details, call Marine & Family Programs at 257-0372.

K-Bay's Front Porch Event is scheduled April 15 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Dewey Square. The event caters to all ages with demos, music, displays, volunteer opportunities and activities. Meet your neighbors and learn about opportunities available at K-Bay.

Semper Fit is seeking applications for the 2015 All-Marine Triathlon Team. The team will compete at the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship June 4 through 8 in Hammond, Ind. Interested Marines must submit an application to the athletic director no later than April 16. This team is open to Marines only. For details, call 254-7590.

Single or unaccompanied Marines and sailors are welcome to volunteer at the Hawaiian Humane Society, April 19, at 8 a.m. The deadline to sign up is April 14. Volunteers will assist with dog-running and other duties. Transportation provided. Call the SM&SP coordina-

tor for more information or to RSVP at 254-7593.

### TODAY

For Easter, the following services will be offered on base:

### Services at the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel Roman Catholic

- Good Friday, tonight at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Saturday at 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday mass, April 5, at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Protestant

- Good Friday, tonight at 5 p.m.)

### Christian

- Contemporary Easter Sunday, April 5, service at 11 a.m.

There will also be a non-denominational Christian Easter Sunrise Service at Fort Hase Beach at (Landing Zone Eagle), Sunday at 6 a.m.

The 2015 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive runs through April 30. The society helps active-duty Sailors and Marines deal with crises, schedule and pay for emergency travel, and takes care of their family in tough times.

The society also supports Navy and Marine Corps widows, widowers and the children of Sailors and Marines who have died — as well as wounded Marines and Sailors across the country who are seen in their homes by the society's visiting nurses. The drive raises funds for the society and awareness about what the society offers. For details, call Cheryl Milca at 257-1972.

### TODAY THROUGH SUNDAY

Take a photo with the Easter Bunny. Families are welcome to come down for photos at the Marine Corps Exchange today through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call MCX Customer Service at 254-3890.

### MONDAY

Middaugh Street will be closed during the weekdays from April 6 through May 1, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be a complete closure of Middaugh Street between Harris Avenue and Fort Hase Beach for new sewer construction work. Motorists should find alternate routes around the closed section. Both lanes will be re-opened after 3 p.m. daily. Call Philip Lum at 257-6900 with questions.

### TUESDAY

The Music In the Park event is scheduled for Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Riseley Field. The event is open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians. For details, call Marine & Family Programs at 257-0372.

### WEDNESDAY

The next Small Business Administration Boots to Business seminar is scheduled Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in classroom B of building 220. This two-day seminar prepares Marines and their spouses to be a successful entrepreneur. Boots to Business is open to all active duty and their spouses. Visit [mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops](http://mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops) to a reserve a seat. For details, call the Transition Readiness Program at 257-7796/7790.

The next Permanent Change of Station and Moving Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon in classroom 7 of building 1090. Program designed to give an outbound 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. It is highly recommended they attend three to four months prior to departing the island. Registration is required. Service members and spouses may call

or go to [mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops](http://mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops) to register. For those who cannot make this workshop, the next one is scheduled for April 22. For more information, call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program & Relocation Services at 257-8354.

### THURSDAY

The National Library Week Bookmark Contest ends April 18. Stop by the library to pick up a template.

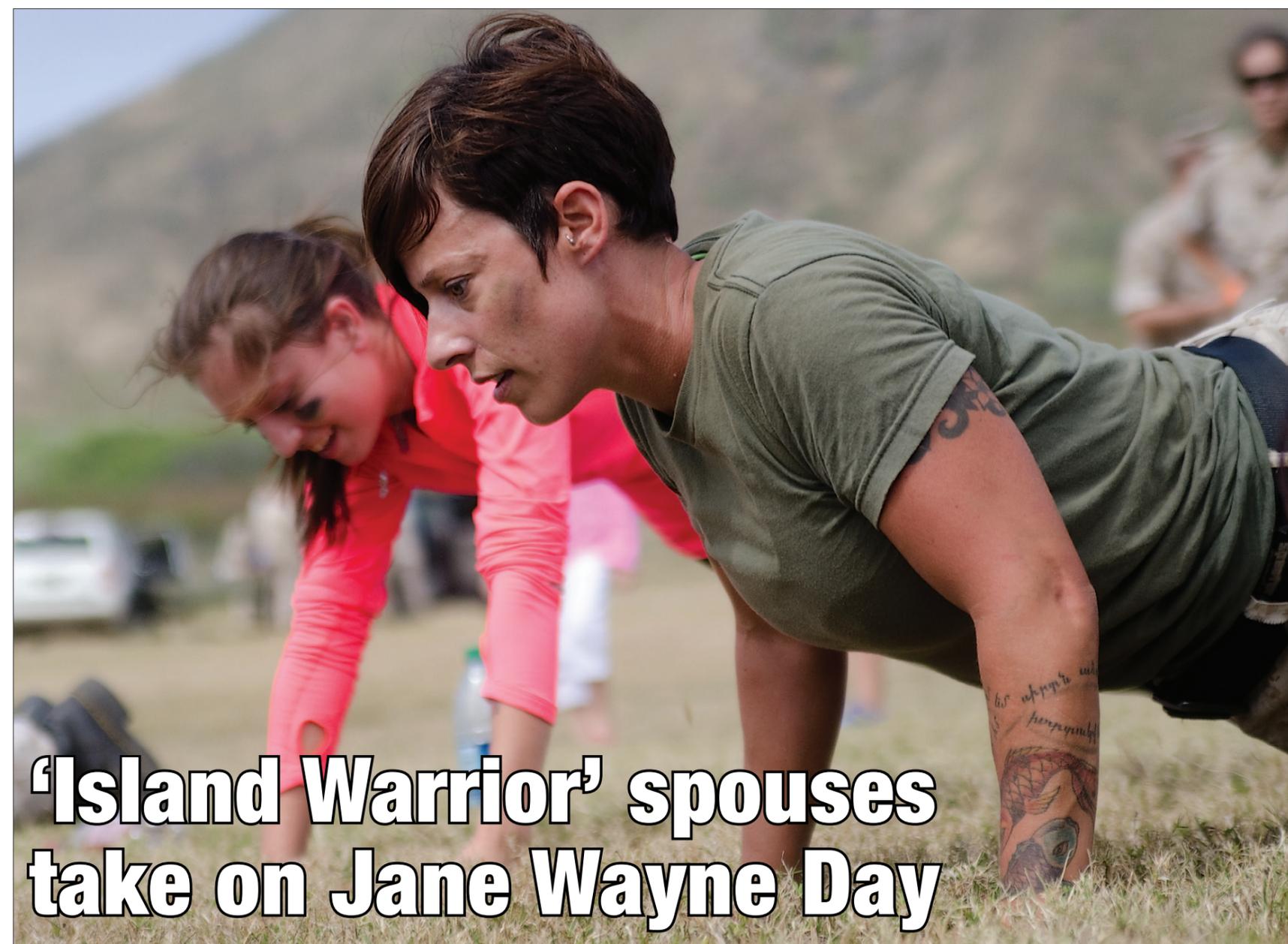
The top drawing in each age category will be printed on bookmarks and distributed at the library. The contest is open to all ages. For more information, call the base library at 254-7624.

The Raising Financially Fit Kids class is scheduled Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in classroom G of building 220. Explore financial habits and skills, and learn techniques to teach children sound financial management.

This workshop is open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians. Visit [mccshawaii.com/pfmpworkshops](http://mccshawaii.com/pfmpworkshops) to register. For details, call the Personal Financial Management Program at 257-7783/1232.

The Breastfeeding Support Group meets Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the toddler room at the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel. Learn and support other breastfeeding moms in a supportive atmosphere facilitated by a certified lactation educator. Babies and expectant mothers are welcome. For details, call the New Parent Support Program at 257-8803.

Sponsorship Training Class is scheduled for Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. in classroom 1 of building 219. Open to all active-duty service members and their spouses. Registration is required. Service members and spouses may call or go to [www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops](http://www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops) to register. For details, call 257-8354.



# 'Island Warrior' spouses take on Jane Wayne Day

Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Mindy Amey (front) and Jess McLeod do push-ups during a modified Combat Fitness Test at Landing Zone Eagle, March 26. The modified CFT was conducted as part of the unit's Jane Wayne Day for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

**Kristen Wong**  
Hawaii Marine

The "Island Warriors" of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment brought out extra sets of cammies for their new, temporary recruits, the spouses, during the unit's Jane Wayne Day, March 26.

The group arrived at the unit's headquarters building at 8 a.m. While some opted to wear athletic gear, other spouses were dressed in their husband's uniform, from boots to cover.

Lt. Col. Brian P. Coyne, the commanding officer of 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, welcomed the families to

the event, briefly joking about the day's events including fast-roping and jumping from a helicopter. He immediately reassured participants that they would not be doing those activities, acknowledging that many spouses were apprehensive about the event. He reminded all spouses that they can choose not to participate at any time throughout the day, and gave a brief overview of what was to come.

"You are going to shoot a rifle," Coyne said. "You are going to be tested on your leadership and your ability to react under different conditions with only a few tools and a team to negotiate obstacles. You are gonna get a chance to put on some of our gear. It's a light set, but a gear set nonetheless."

Coyne assured the spouses that they would be walking while wearing those gear sets, "cause Marines love walking."

"We don't like riding anywhere," he said. "We walk really long distances because we're sick. We like to hurt ourselves and make sure we're harder than any other humans on this planet."

The spouses were divided into two groups and rotated through several activities throughout the day.

Spouses in Bravo Group began their day at Boondocker Training Area, while Alpha Group headed to Range Training Facility Kaneohe Bay. While some couples drove, some spouses hiked to Boondocker Training Area from the unit building, carrying their husband's gear on their backs, black, green and brown camo paint smeared across their cheeks.

"It hurt my shoulders more than I thought it would," said participant Rylie Klinski, who hiked to Boondocker Training Area with gear.

"We host these events to increase cohesiveness within our unit," said Danielle Carter, the family readiness officer of 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. "This is extremely important right now because we're about to deploy soon, so we want to get the families together, get the Marines together and this is what it's all about for us."

At Boondocker Training Area, the spouses engaged in exercises that are part of the Marine Corps Leadership Reactionary Course. Spouses were divided into small groups and assigned to different stations. At each station, they were given a problem-solving task to complete within 10 minutes.

This was Klinski's first Jane Wayne Day, and she wanted to see what her husband does. As her group had difficulty with the first few exercises in the LRC, Klinski said she realized the amount of skill is involved in her husband's role as a squad leader.

Due to time constraints in the day's schedule, the spouses ended up having to complete each exercise within seven minutes. Participant



Keri Pointer (left) and Dominique Greenwell put on their husbands' gear at 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines' headquarters building during the unit's Jane Wayne Day, March 26.

Amy Skvarek said she joined Jane Wayne Day to socialize and meet other families. Skvarek said one of the hardest stations involved getting a team of four and an ammunition can across a series of chains without touching the ground or chain posts with only a plank as an extra tool.

At Kaneohe Bay RTF, spouses received a safety brief and each took turns firing an M4 service rifle. An assistant range safety officer accompanied each spouse and provided guidance on properly handling and aiming the weapon.

As both groups finished their respective activities, both groups headed to Landing Zone Eagle, where the entire unit and families gathered for an Easter family fun day. Just before the day came to a close, a few remaining spouses competed in a modified combat fitness test to win a prize. They did a long-distance sprint, push-ups and a relay race that included bear crawls, low crawls and throwing an egg instead of a grenade.

"Jane Wayne Day's great because we're always so busy and there's so much to cram into a training schedule that we have that we don't always have a lot of time to get to know each other outside of work," said Capt. Jack Treptow, Echo Company commander, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. "Jane Wayne Day's absolutely that opportunity for some of the leadership (to meet everyone)."

Treptow, of Homewood, Ill., said Jane Wayne Day also gives spouses an opportunity to meet fellow spouses and build relationships. The unit is going to deploy soon, and with those relationships, spouses can support each other.



**ABOVE:** Fellow Marine spouses work together to help Carmelina Krein across a series of chains at Boondocker Training Area during the Leadership Reactionary Course portion of the unit's Jane Wayne Day.

**LEFT:** Emily Heskett sits atop the bleachers at Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility during 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines' Jane Wayne Day.



# Take flight: Mokapu dedicates statue

**Christine Cabalo**

*Hawaii Marine*

Standing tall, a new statue was unveiled with cheers from students, Marine Corps Base Hawaii officials and invited guests at Mokapu Elementary School during a ceremony held March 27.

The statue is a sculpture of the Hawaiian stilt, a native bird of the Mokapu Peninsula. The project was funded from the "Art in Public Places" program run by the Hawaii state legislature. Public funds are annually set aside to commission artwork by local artists who work with the community. Bud Spindt designed the statue and briefly taught art classes for the children at the school.

"Growing up with creativity is the key to a full education," said Spindt, a local sculptor and glassworks artist. "Learning about spelling, math and rote stuff is important. Applying (those skills) in new creative ways is just as important."

He spoke at the ceremony about the multi-year process for completing the project and the symbolism behind its design. Spindt said the bird statue is 12 feet tall with a wingspan of 14 feet. The statue features 1,000 pounds of stainless steel and handcrafted stained glass.

Although Hawaiian stilts have black and white bodies, Spindt recalled seeing the birds take flight in the sunlight with an iridescent sheen. He designed the statue's wings using 52 panels of colored stained glass in a pattern connecting it



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**Col. Eric W. Schaefer (left), commanding officer of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and local artist Bud Spindt lay a maile lei on the new aeo statue during a ceremony, March 27.**

to the service members at MCB Hawaii.

"The wing pattern is based on campaign ribbons for service," he said. "(The) kids can learn about the history of places the military has been."

The native bird is named aeo in Hawaiian and means "one standing tall," according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's webpage about the bird, which is an endangered species in the Pacific. Its legs are one of the longest among birds, said Susan L. Frank Kama, a Hawaiiana

teacher at the school. The bird is also at the center of an annual MCB Hawaii exercise, MudOps, when amphibious assault vehicles enter Nuupia Ponds to train and rejuvenate the bird's habitat.

"It is amazing, seeing the aeo balancing on those long, skinny legs," she said. "It's terrific to watch them walk around the area here in their own habitat. We're blessed to have the Marine Corps use (AAVs) to throw up mud and make it a great place for the birds to make nests with stones and twigs."

Frank Kama said the birds are like the students of the school, full of potential and needing nurturing.

"Observe the birds, watch them take off and land, stand tall and go out into the world," she said.

Students brought out their creativity with shows of appreciation for the statue at the ceremony. The school's Academically Gifted and Talented students performed a Hawaiian oli, or chant, called "E Ho Mai," which asks for enlightenment. The school's Junior Police Officers squad performed a drill demonstration with help from their Marine mentors.

Col. Eric W. Schaefer, commanding officer of MCB Hawaii, took time during the ceremony to recognize the school's teachers. He led the crowd in a round of applause for their efforts.

"Teachers offer protection," Schaefer said. "Thank you for taking care of our most precious resource, our children. Thank you for who you are."

The ceremony marked the first day in office for the school's new principal, Charles Fradley. As he waved to students, he echoed the sentiments of several of the other speakers at the ceremony: The statue came to Mokapu due to many people working together for a greater creative goal.

"It's very encouraging to still have a focus in the arts at the school," Fradley said. "When we keep up the arts and creativity, children try things but in different ways to make them smarter and better in the future."



Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Cadets sing "Happy Birthday" as slow as possible while cadet Cpl. Ian J. Moore, a Baden, Penn., native, does push-ups after finishing their morning session at Waterfront Operations, Tuesday.

## JROTC cadets experience Marine life

**Cpl. Brittney Vella**

*Marine Corps Base Hawaii*

Cadets who are members of the Ambridge Area High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Center program in Pennsylvania arrived at Marine Corps Base Hawaii Saturday to get a glimpse of Marine life. The cadets, who concluded their visit today, learned what it would be like to attend boot camp for a week.

Three noncommissioned officers stationed with Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay volunteered to spend the week with the cadets to ensure they're getting an authentic Marine Corps experience. The Marines have been leading the 47 cadets in physical training each morning, and supervising their daily activities to ensure they're being respectful to superiors, following Marine Corps customs and courtesies and

instilling an instant willing obedience to all orders.

"I want to be a Marine after high school and the drill instructors are letting me get that experience," said Ahjani Williams, an Aliquippa, Penn., native. "This experience is a blessing. Even if I end up crying one time during this experience I know that I have knowledge on (what to expect), and knowledge is power."

Williams started the program this year and has earned the rank of lance corporal, he said. He is a sophomore and is aspiring to be an infantryman and eventually a Navy SEAL.

The cadets spent Wednesday with Sailors who work at Waterfront Operations. The students split up into groups to learn about combat first aid, knot tying and how to properly throw buoys. They were also able to help patrol the waters of Kaneohe Bay to ensure

everyone on the water is being safe and responsible.

"(Waterfront Ops) has been the most fun the kids have had yet," said Thomas Short, a retired Marine master sergeant, and SNCOIC of the cadets. "This opportunity teaches (the students) discipline, (time management), organization and how to conduct every day operations. (Ordinary) high school students don't get opportunities like this."

Williams said this training and experience has helped him become a better leader and has made him more confident as a person.

"I have the most ribbons out of all the first year cadets," Williams said. "I was also the second one picked for the color guard. Without joining the center, I wouldn't be who I am today. This program is helping me improve myself and setting me up for my future."

Sgt. Alex Blackwell, a Marine with Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting, MCAS, and an acting drill instructor for the cadets, said volunteering helped remind him of all the responsibilities that come with being a leader.

"I am happy I volunteered because there's more to leading than telling people what to do," said Blackwell, an Eaton Rapids, Mich., native. "This reminds me that I need to lead by example and make sure I am also squared away."

This was a learning experience for the cadets, Marines and Sailors who were involved. The group was able to do many activities such as hike Koko Head Crater Trail, visit the USS Arizona Memorial and spend a week in the life of a Marine.

"This is our third time to MCB Hawaii and the support when we come here is outstanding," Short said. "Everyone bends over backwards to make our stay here as comfortable as possible."

## SECNAV, from A-1

version, titled "Mokapu: A Paradise on the Peninsula," is available at [www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Portals/114/WebDocuments/IEL/Environmental/MCBH\\_ethno\\_LoRes2.pdf](http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Portals/114/WebDocuments/IEL/Environmental/MCBH_ethno_LoRes2.pdf).

"One of the projects we are extremely proud of is the completion of the interpretive center located in the new (Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay) Operations Complex because it is the first of its kind built at MCB Hawaii and it is an exemplary display of the multiple layers of history that occurred on the Mokapu Peninsula," Cleghorn said.

The new complex, which was officially dedicated in a ceremony Feb. 12, contains information about the base's history within its walls.

"Additionally, being that the interpretive center is located within the MCAS Ops passenger terminal, there are many members of the base's 'public' who can view, enjoy, and learn about the history of this place," Cleghorn said. "Part of being good stewards of the MCB Hawaii cultural resources is 'teaching' about these resources and their history and in doing so enlisting the public's help to ensure the continued appreciation and presence of these resources for generations to follow."

Currently, Rasmussen said the team is about finished working on Site 7411, where the remains of an ancient Hawaiian village were found. In addition, an anti-motor torpedo boat battery was discovered in January near the Presidential Cottage that overlooks Pyramid Rock Beach. Also once known as Battery 7, this site will soon have an informational marker installed for passersby.

From careful observation of construction on base to working with local community groups, the cultural resources management team continues to work to keep the state's heritage alive, and the Marine Corps operating in harmony with it.

## UNQ, from A-1

she would return to the range with another unqualifying score, but to her surprise, the uneven, rocky, molten colored ground had been replaced.

"I was nervous to go back because I didn't want to (be disqualified) again and I felt a lot of pressure," Gooding said. "But, when I shot on the mats I felt a lot more comfortable, and I could keep my hold because of the rubber material."

After the second attempt, Gooding not only qualified, but also shot an expert score. "I shot a 325, and it's because I felt a lot more comfortable. I'm glad to have passed," Gooding said. "It's important to be a decent shooter because we're Marines and that's what makes us Marines. Some of us might not have an infantry MOS, but we're all taught the same fundamentals."



Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

**Rep. Richard Nugent, a congressman with the 11th Congressional District of Florida, Marines and representatives from Marine Corps Base Hawaii sit in the combat convoy simulator Tuesday aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The simulator provides Marines with a life-like 360-degree training experience while preserving fuel and ammunition.**

## CODEL, from A-1

things his sons have been through.

"They often lived in humvees outside the wire for 15 days at a time — this was their home," Nugent said. "This training really puts it all into perspective. From a father's (point of view), I know what it's like, having two kids down-range in Iraq and one in constant combat in Afghanistan ... you really appreciate what the families go through. By the grace of God, they came back, while, (unfortunately) a bunch of their friends didn't. We want (our family members) to make it home and that's why I worry about making sure the warfighter has the training, equipment and compensation they deserve. For me, I'm all for anything that helps the warfighter and this is money well spent."

Cpl. Michael Dolezal, an indoor simulated marksmanship instructor with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, said the CCS provides the Marines with a great training opportunity.

"(The CCS) is beneficial to us because it gives us real-life scenarios," Dolezal said. "It helps us to better our standard operating procedures within each level, whether it's in the squad, platoon or company. The purpose of this training is to allow us to put the fundamentals and our tactics to use."

The practice is critical to the Marines, in the sense that they must be comfortable with the tactics in order for them to ensure the safety and well-being of the Marines to one's left or right, Dolezal said.

"Sometimes, (the Marines) might freeze and get scared, worried they might mess things up if they take initiative," Dolezal said. "This helps us focus on our individual actions. I think this is an under-utilized asset that we have and people don't train in there enough. It's really easy, but still provides great training and we get to put our tactics to use without needing to spend excess amounts of fuel or ammunition."

Nugent said that, sometimes, bad things may happen in training, so it's beneficial to the Marines to

eliminate those shortfalls while still getting the chance to conduct realistic and accurate training.

"It doesn't wholly substitute doing the real thing, but it certainly builds on their capacity to train," Nugent said. "This visit was to see more of the Marines' abilities, as well as talk to the commanders and people about sequestration and how it affects their ability to train and the morale of the troops. This (experience) has lived up to every expectation. (The Marines here) are blessed with great leadership and we are blessed with the ability to groom good leaders. That's important for this nation."

Nugent said he has been very impressed with the leadership of all the service members he has interacted with during his visit and he is more than happy with the quality of service the Marines provided.

"I am absolutely always proud of the Marines," Nugent said. "The number of those who choose to serve their country is less than one percent, and that is a very big deal in my book."

# Sports & Lifestyle



Photos by Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Hawaii All-Military bowlers practice their throws during the mixed-doubles and odd-doubles day of the tournament held at K-Bay Lanes, Wednesday. The tournament is an annual four-day event held at several Oahu military installation bowling alleys. The final games will be played today at Hickam Bowling Center.

## MCB Hawaii bowlers win mixed doubles at HAM

**Christine Cabalo**  
Hawaii Marine

Marine Corps Base Hawaii bowlers are striking hot plays during the 18th annual Hawaii All-Military bowling tournament concluding today.

The four-day tournament is held at a different Oahu military installation bowling alley each day, with today's final games at Hickam Bowling Center. The bowlers played at K-Bay Lanes for mixed-doubles and odd-doubles games, Tuesday. Marine Corps team members Mark Gleason and Danielle Jones took the top score for mixed-doubles play. Jones, a spouse of a Marine stationed at MCB Hawaii, is a long-time bowler.

"I've been bowling since I was 8 and I love it," said Jones, of Santa Maria, Calif. "I've enjoyed this as a hobby I can do on my own and get in some great relaxation time."

Jones is a first-time competitor in the HAM tournament and one of several players making their debut on this year's Marine Corps team. She appreciates how supportive all her teammates, as well as others in the tournament, have been.

"Keeping a positive attitude really helps," Jones said. "The more upset you get the harder it is to keep up the shots. I do better when I'm relaxed."

The HAM teams are formed with service members, retirees and spouses. The Marine Corps team includes players who have ties to MCB Hawaii and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.



Gerald Henderson (left), a bowler for the Marine Corps team, practices his shots with the other HAM tournament players at K-Bay Lanes, Wednesday. His team members Mark Gleason and Danielle Jones won the mixed-doubles set for tournament day.

The Army, Air Force and Navy also have their own teams along with a fifth team featuring retirees.

"It's been great to meet new people who all enjoy the same hobby as I do," Jones said. "I think I've made some lasting friends from this."

Among the debuting players for the Marine Corps team are bowlers

returning to military tournament bowling after taking a break. Dale Hicks, a Sailor with Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 51, returns after playing most of his games with family. He currently bowls in K-Bay Lane's Monday league with his wife.

"This was something I did with my dad," said Hicks, of Brighton,

Tenn. "Now I can bowl as a dad with my daughter and my son who is also a Marine."

Whether he's bowling in high skill-level tournaments or in friendly games with family, Hicks said he loves to bowl. He said he appreciates how the sport allows you to compete against a player's personal ability in a social environment. In his years of bowling Hicks said his best advice to players is true at any level of play.

"Having your own equipment makes a difference," Hicks said. "Just the basic stuff can help. You know how your own ball moves and you know how your own shoes slide, so you can adjust."

All the advice from returning players helped debuting player Jacob Racisz, a Marine who works at MarForPac.

"This experience made me a better bowler," said Racisz, of Flat Rock, Mich. "I've gotten a lot of great advice with extremely good ways to adjust my throws."

Although Racisz plans to compete next year, not everyone on the current team will be able to return.

"We have a lot of players who are (permanently changing stations or) retiring," he said. "I could be one of the only ones returning next year, so any bowlers out there should take a shot at the team next year."

For details about K-Bay Lanes bowling leagues or to try out for the HAM next year, contact the bowling alley at 254-7693.



Cpl. Khalil Ross | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Timothy Young, a small forward for Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay takes two free throw shots after he is fouled during the intramural basketball championship game, Wednesday night at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Semper Fit Center gym. MCAS won, 62 to 54.

## MCAS crowned intramural champs, 62-54

**Cpl. Khalil Ross**  
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The intensity was on as the teams of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay and Headquarters Battalion battled in the intramural championship game Wednesday night at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Semper Fit Center gym to get the trophy.

Although the game was back and forth from the beginning with no clear winner in sight, MCAS was able to win with a score of 62 - 54 and take the trophy home.

Cheers of excitement, groans of despair and shouts of outrage echoed across the court from the crowd as the game progressed. The crowd contributed to the jeers and jibes going on between the players when one would get the upper hand and the other would take it away.

"It's all part of the game," said Brandon Stalworth, the MCAS team coach. "At the end

of the day we are all Marines, Sailors and Department of Defense civilians talking and making the game more intense."

This wasn't the first time these two teams played each other this season.

But in this game, when the championship was on the line, players experienced a different series of events than before.

"We played this team earlier in the year and beat them," Stalworth said. "But this game was intense because they came after us. They entered the game with a plan and knew what they wanted."

Brandon Carter, the guard and forward for Headquarters Bn., also agreed the game was really good and intense.

"We could have done some things better such as our layups and completing our fast-breaks," Carter said. "For the most part we played well and really came together this game."

The MCAS team played together a lot and had a lot of practice as a team which allowed them to beat Headquarters Bn., Carter said.

"We executed the plays and communicated well," Stalworth said. "Overall we ran our game and it worked. I had a good time watching my boys win."

Even when taking second place Headquarters Bn. maintained a good attitude and handled themselves well.

"Second place is good considering we were the underdogs from the beginning," Carter said. "We lost an early game and went into the losing bracket but continued playing and made it to the championship game."

The game was close but MCAS ended up taking the lead toward the end and won.

"We just had to get our intensity back up and play our game," Stalworth said. "It was close at the beginning but we always knew we had it."

# PASS IN REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

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.

1/4



2/4



3/4



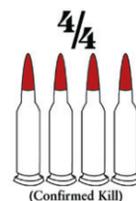
4/4



**Better Know A Critic**

**Christine Cabalo** thinks the best way to travel distant lands is through the library. "A really good story takes you through uncharted territories," she said. "Exploring hidden worlds is as easy as cracking open a book." Stories don't need exotic locations to be interesting, she said, but by the end of a tale readers should feel like they've stolen a peek into someone else's life.

**THIS WEEK'S RATING:**



(Confirmed Kill)

## Set sail for discovery in 'Whale Years'

**Christine Cabalo**  
*Hawaii Marine*

Uncover glimpses of the ocean life at sea in "Whale Years," a collection of original poetry and artwork by artist Gregory O'Brien digitally published March 2015.

O'Brien was one of several artists sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trust to follow the migratory patterns of whales and birds through island hopping voyages in 2011 to 2014. O'Brien's collection captures the beauty marks and blemishes of life in the Pacific, making it a pearl among the dozens of poetry books out this April during National Poetry Month.

The rhythm of O'Brien's poems is as varied as the weather and wave conditions he faced at sea. There are entries readers would expect, including descriptions of escaping into a raw, exotic and attractive environment. He sets the pace in the first poem, "The length of the voyage," marking the passage of time with tiny details easily recognizable by sailing enthusiasts. Time is marked "by buckets of salt water" and "the number of flying fish landed on the deck."

He also makes sly references to the native plants, sea birds and other animals he's encountered in his travels. These descriptions aren't totally necessary to understand to enjoy a poem, and the details aren't so hard to investigate in this age of Internet search engines. It's satisfying to find a photograph of a pohutukawa tree and learn about its cultural significance.

What makes "Whale Years" different from other poetry books is how O'Brien concisely captures the current events in the Pacific region. Unlike traditional escapist poetry about unspoiled land, there are also references to the plastic pollution in the waves and

some of the harms of globalization on island life.

One of the book's longer poems talks about the MV Rena shipping container disaster resulting in oil spills in New Zealand. Several poems refer to the 2012 death of King George Tupou V of Tonga, a controversial figure. Readers learn about Tongan cultural practices, 100 days of mourning and wearing purple and black to signify a death. O'Brien also documents the return of a life-size statue of Christ that was stolen 12 years earlier in "The return of Christ to Futuna Chapel."

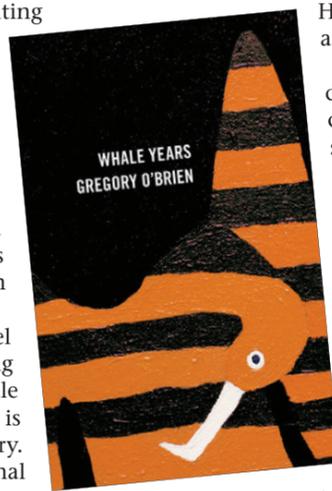
Some poems are a bit short and feel like an inside joke, including naming all of the ships he's seen with female names. But in most entries, O'Brien is concise yet conversational in his poetry. There are also some very personal moments, including "Whale Survey,

Raoul Island, with Rosemary Dobson." The poem

is about a close colleague of his who recently died. He's captured a moment in short phrases, asking: "Will this be your whale or mine?"

His poems offer snapshots with vivid details but with an air of mystery. This collection of small poems tells a larger story that transports readers to the South Pacific. O'Brien's additional artwork in the book is in the style of tapa cloth, which chronicles history like European tapestry.

O'Brien has captured life around the ocean during a unique time in the Pacific. Don't bother with half-baked movie remakes or the short-lived fun of video games. Head out for adventure at sea with "Whale Years" now in e-book format or the paperback edition when it debuts in July.

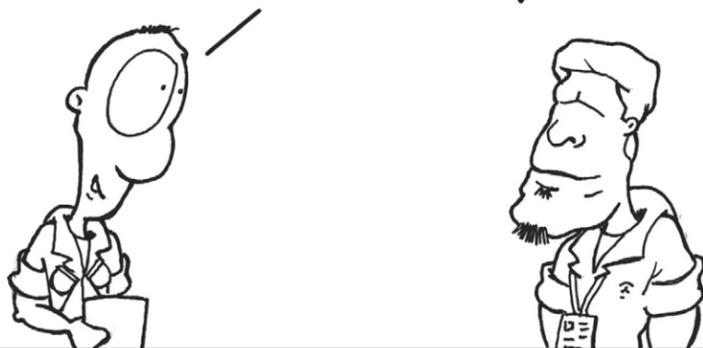


- "Unfinished Business" R Today | 6:30 p.m.
- "Focus"(Final Showing) R Today | 9:15 p.m.
- "Chappie" R Saturday | 6:30 p.m.
- "Unfinished Business" R Saturday | 9:15 p.m.
- "The DUFF" PG-13 Sunday | 2 p.m.
- "Kingsman: The Secret Service" R Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
- "Chappie" R Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

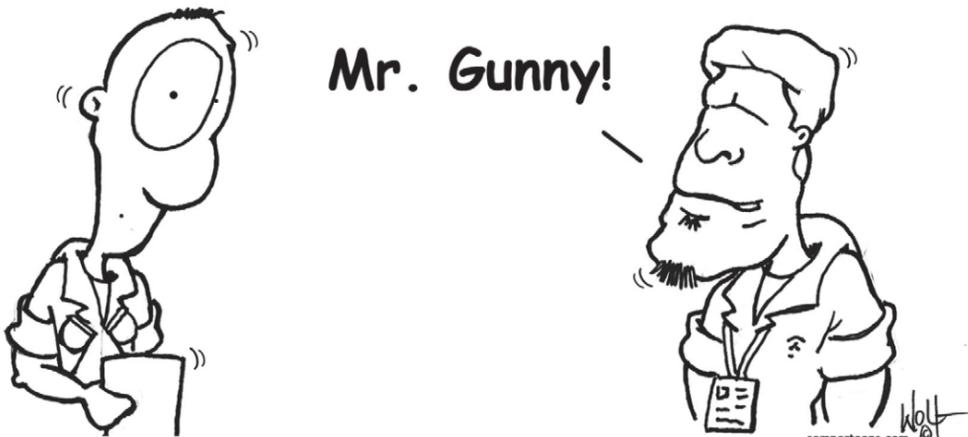
**Prices:** All shows are \$5 for adults and \$3.25 for children. All 3-D shows are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. For ticket pricing, the base theater box office defines an adult as a patron 12 years and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 and younger are admitted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



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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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3	4	1	7	6	5	2	8	9
8	5	2	1	9	3	4	7	6
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ANSWER:

# Birds of a feather float together

## VPU-2 volunteers for 28th Annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race

**Kristen Wong**

*Hawaii Marine*

**HONOLULU** — Sailors with Special Projects Patrol Squadron 2 launched squeaky yellow rubber birds for a good cause at the 28th Annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race in Honolulu, Saturday.

More than a dozen Sailors with the squadron, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, volunteered for the annual fundraiser that benefits the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii.

"I highly praise my volunteers as they were the backbone of this event," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Musicaro, an aviation machinist's mate with VPU-2. "There is no greater calling than unselfishly devoting oneself to benefit others. Having a daughter with cerebral palsy, their extraordinary efforts really hit close to home. The United Cerebral Palsy Association's mission is an important one. Cerebral palsy is often overlooked and we need to, as a team, help educate each other."



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

(From left to right): Navy spouse Silvia Mayo, Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Pierson, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Aila Hughes, both aviation machinist's mates with Special Projects Patrol Squadron 2, help empty boxes of rubber duckies off of Kalakaua Avenue Bridge, Saturday. The unit volunteered at the 28th Annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race, which benefits the Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii.

Musicaro, of Franklin Square, N.Y., emailed the executive director of the association offering assistance, and

recruited Sailors from his unit to help.

One of those Sailors was Petty Officer 2nd Class Teuila Amoa, a personnel specialist with VPU-2. The Honolulu resident thought the race was a creative way to raise awareness about cerebral palsy. She said she looks forward to more opportunities to help the cause.

During the pre-race activities at McCully Shopping Center in Honolulu, the Sailors helped sell merchandise and collect roadside donations.

Musicaro recalled a quote by author Marianne Williamson that inspires him, pointing out a particular line: "When we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give others permission to do the same."

The quote, he said, tied into the work on Saturday as some volunteers overcame shyness

and eventually came out of their shell.

"When we first got to the volunteer event some of the volunteers were shy, especially during the road side collection," Musicaro said. "When they saw their counterparts approaching strangers to help fundraise, which can be uncomfortable, it became easier for them to follow suit."

Each year, 20,000 little yellow rubber duckies are dumped from boxes over Kalakaua Avenue Bridge into the Ala Wai Canal, where they float to a waiting oil boom and are collected. Before the race, members of the public have the opportunity to "adopt" a rubber duckie for \$5 each. If their duck is one of the first 50 to be collected at the finish line, they win a prize. In addition, the last duck to be collected wins a prize, or the

"Lame Duck Award."

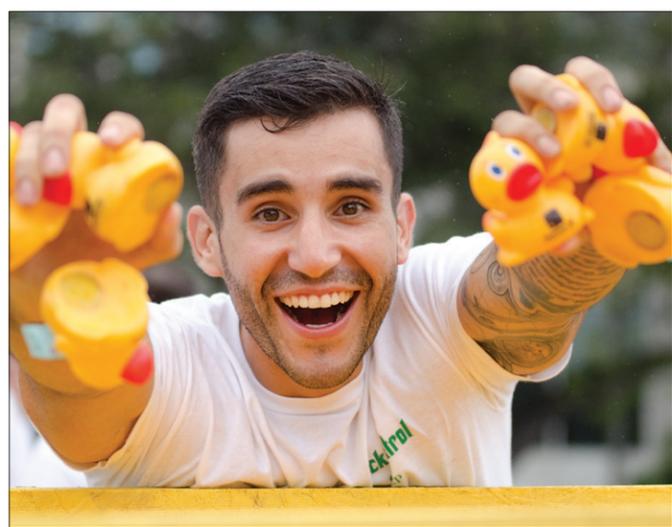
Shortly before 1:28 p.m., the public, UCPAHI staff and volunteers walked to the Kalakaua Avenue Bridge a few minutes away. The rain pelted spectators and event personnel as they waited for the tide to pick up. Although the race time is normally predetermined based on tide and weather conditions, 1:28 p.m. was not quite the right moment this time. About five minutes later, volunteers lifted the boxes and let the ducks hit the water. However, it wasn't long before everyone noticed that the ducks were actually floating in the wrong direction. This is just one mishap that can and has occurred before. Volunteers with poles crossed the street and event personnel with boats chased the ducks as they emerged on the other side of the bridge.

"This Saturday's race was one filled with much craziness," said Donna Fouts, the executive director of UCPAHI. "When the ducks went backwards, the logistical team moved the finish line behind the ducks and we were able to get 50 winners. The funny part to me is that the 50 that won, had the ducks stayed on course, would have been last — but as luck would have it, they instantly became the winning ducks."

Fouts estimated the association collected somewhere between \$48,000 and \$50,000 this year.

Cerebral palsy consists of several disorders in which muscle movement is affected according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. There is no cure, but there are treatments for patients with cerebral palsy.

For more information about UCPAHI, visit [ucpahi.org](http://ucpahi.org).



Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Musicaro, an aviation machinist's mate with VPU-2, has fun with the rubber duckies before the race begins on Kalakaua Avenue Bridge.

# PMO Corner

PMO corner is a recurring series provided by the Provost Marshal's Office, providing crime prevention and safety information to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

## PMO contacts

To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls, contact the desk sergeant: **257-1018/2123 (building 1096)**

Check in/out, fingerprinting or weapon registration: **257-6994 (building 1095)**

Pet registration, fishing regulations or lost/found animals, contact the PMO game warden: **257-1821 (building 3099)**

Vehicle decals, base passes and vehicle registration: **257-2047/0183 (building 1637/1095 for MCB Hawaii)**  
**477-8734/8735 (building 601 for Camp H.M. Smith)**

Traffic regulations, citations or traffic court, contact the Traffic Court bailiff: **257-6991/6992 (building 1095)**

For all other numbers not listed, contact base information: **449-7110**

For more information, visit the PMO website: **<http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/ProvostMarshalsOffice.aspx>**

In an emergency, call 911

## Topic of the Week: *Drinking and driving*

Drinking and driving is a crime with serious penalties. It is dangerous to get behind the wheel of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Yet every day, almost 30 people in the United States are fatally injured in a motor vehicle accident involving a drunk driver, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Because of this, states continue to enforce stricter laws and penalties for driving under the influence and look for prevention measures to deter citizens from driving impaired.

According to Hawaii's Revised Statutes, penalties for driving while intoxicated are numerous, including jail time, community service, mandatory rehabilitation, fines and having one's license revoked.

Drinking and driving can be attributed to a large percentage of accidents each year. Bad judgement and poor choices may not only affect your life, but also the lives of others.

### ***Here are some tips to stay safe and responsible***

1. If you know that you are going to drink at a venue, arrange for transportation ahead of time. Have a friend, family member or a taxi service pick you up.

2. Keep an emergency text or speed dial ready. In case you are completely drunk, save a text to a person who will be available to drive you home. When the time comes, you only need to click "send." You can also do this with speed dial.

3. Go to the party with a trustworthy person. This person can help you keep your head together and give you some company at a party. He or she can even help you drink less.

4. Marines and Sailors aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii can use their Arrive Alive and Chain of Command Cards, both of which they are asked to carry with them at all times. The Arrive Alive Card may be presented to the taxi driver and the command will pay the fare for the night. Although unit policies may differ, in some cases, the service member must fully reimburse the unit. The Chain of Command Card lists the contact numbers of service members who can support their peers.

***Remember that when you drink and drive, you are not only breaking the law, but you are risking the lives of yourself and other people.***

**Crime Prevention Tip** One of the best ways to keep attackers away from your computer is to apply patches and other software fixes when they become available. By regularly updating your computer, you block attackers from being able to take advantage of software flaws (vulnerabilities) that they could otherwise use to break into your system.

## Lost and Found

### *Lost and found items*

- two bikes
- two scooters
- California driver's license
- medic bag
- two Navy Fed credit cards
- one USAA credit card
- two Social Security cards
- Chevrolet car key
- meal card
- sport watch
- sunglasses
- wallet
- dog tags
- iPod
- permanent resident card
- Toyota car key with additional keys
- makeup bag containing various types of currency

Lost and Found is located at PMO in the Physical Security section of building 1095. If attempting to claim property, provide any available proof of ownership.

Anyone who believes they are owners of a lost item will be required to provide a detailed description of the article prior to release. Call Jessica Burns at 257-8312 with inquiries.

# Base tax center open

The base tax center is open until April 20 in building 455, located on Lawrence Road across from the Base Housing Office and next to the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

The tax center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (The tax center will remain open during meal times).

The mission of the tax center is to offer free federal and state tax filing services for active duty, reservists, retirees and dependents.

Please bring your military identification

card, Social Security card (including your dependents' card), W-2 and other tax documents, birth certificate (for dependents) and a copy of the tax returns from the previous year (if an itemized deduction was taken).

Please call 257-1564 if there are any questions or concerns.

**NOTE: All tax preparers are certified by the IRS.**

**For more information, call Capt. Adam Lindberg, the officer in charge of the base tax center, at 257-1251.**

## COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

### City and County of Honolulu running on holiday schedule for Good Friday

City and County of Honolulu government offices will be closed today in observance of Good Friday, a state holiday.

- Emergency ambulance, fire, lifeguard, and police services will be available.
- TheBus will operate on a state holiday schedule. For route and schedule information, please visit [www.thebus.org](http://www.thebus.org).
- Refuse will be collected. Transfer stations, convenience centers, H-Power and the Waimanalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill will be open.
- Parks, municipal golf courses, botanical gardens and the Honolulu Zoo will be open.
- The Neal S. Blaisdell Box Office will be closed.
- The People's Open Markets will not be held.
- All Satellite City Halls and driver's license offices will be closed.

On-street parking will be free, except for the meters on Kalakaua Avenue along Queen Kapiolani Park and metered parking lots. Traffic lanes will not be coned for contraflow.

### Learn and jam out with the Ukulele Club of Hawaii

Bring your own ukulele or borrow the club's limited supply. Club members will meet up to play and teach for free at Windward Mall's center court from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., April 7. For details, call 235-1143.

### 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. Schedule is subject to change, contact Turtle Cove for details at 259-4136.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday "Big Hero 6" (PG)

Wednesday "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1" (PG-13)

April 13 "Dracula Untold" (PG-13)

April 15 "The Best of Me" (PG-13)

April 20 "Interstellar" (PG-13)

April 22 "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" (PG-13)

April 27 "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb" (PG)

April 29 "Penguins of Madagascar" (PG)

### Free outdoor movies screening at Ward Village

Hawaii International Film Festival and Ward Village are teaming up to host free movies. The next screening is at the Ward Village Information Center Courtyard at 1240 Ala Moana Blvd., April 9 at 6 p.m. This month's movie is "Rudderless" and will begin at sunset. Food vendors and popcorn will be available. Free tickets available by visiting: [hiff.tix.com](http://hiff.tix.com).

### Volunteer for tournament

P.A.R.E.N.T.S. Inc. is recruiting volunteers for its fourth annual Kickball Tournament. The tournament is slated for April 11 at Kaneohe District Park. Shifts start at 6 a.m., with the last shift ending at 6 p.m. Volunteers can help with as many shifts as they'd like. The tournament supports the nonprofit organization, which is working to end child abuse and neglect in Hawaii. Shifts are in four-hour period, with volunteers needed:

- 6 to 10 a.m.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 2 to 6 p.m.

All volunteers will be provided with light snacks and refreshments throughout the day. Volunteers who are signed up for the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift will receive lunch. Volunteers will also be provided with a T-shirt.

For more information or to download a registration form, visit [www.hawaiiparents.org/2015-kickball-tournament](http://www.hawaiiparents.org/2015-kickball-tournament). Email or fax completed forms to Tara Buckley, Oahu program director, at [tara@hawaiiparents.org](mailto:tara@hawaiiparents.org) or 247-0447.

### Officers needed to volunteer for Hawaii JROTC cadet awards ceremonies

Active and reserve officers from all of the uniformed services (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Association Corps) are being sought to volunteer as medal presenters for the 2015 Hawaii Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Awards ceremonies from April 16 through May 20.

The Cadet Awards ceremonies are usually held on school grounds, or in community centers in the evening hours after school is out. This is a great way for

officers of all services to give back to their community by honoring cadets at the top of their class. If interested, contact Arthur Tulak at [Hawaii@mofwus.org](mailto:Hawaii@mofwus.org) or call 477-8195 during duty hours.

### Habitat for Humanity needs project support

Volunteers do not need construction experience. Honolulu Habitat for Humanity brings volunteers from the local community and communities all over the globe to build homes with low-income families in Oahu.

The need for affordable housing remains high on Oahu, and Honolulu Habitat is attempting to increase its building rate in order to help as many families as possible.

To volunteer, register at [volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=227](http://volunteerup.com/Login.asp?w=i&o=227). Volunteerup.com provides a calendar that shows all the ongoing projects, scheduled dates.

### Free meditation class offered to military

Active-duty service members, veterans and spouses are eligible for a free evening instruction in meditation and talk that runs every Wednesday through April 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kailua Shambhala Meditation Center. The center is located at Aikahi Shopping Center, near Mokapu Gate, on the second floor stairs by the Navy Federal Credit Union.

Mindfulness meditation has been adopted by the U.S. Army, and soon by the Navy, for resiliency training. It has been shown to be beneficial for situational awareness, and treating post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, stress and lowering blood pressure, among other health benefits.

Participants are welcome to attend one class or all. For more information, visit [kailua.shambhala.org](http://kailua.shambhala.org).

### Hawaiian Humane Society partners with King Intermediate for Kaneohe pet event

Animal lovers, pets and families are invited to attend the "Animal KINGdom: Be Kind to Animals" event, hosted by King Intermediate School in collaboration with the Hawaiian Humane Society. This event is intended to celebrate the human-animal bond, promote responsible pet ownership and will feature games and activities for humans and their leashed pets.

Animal KINGdom is scheduled for April 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at King Intermediate School in Kaneohe. There is no entry fee.

Featured highlights:

- Dog and kid agility courses
- Veterinarian and dog trainer booths
- Pet dental checkups
- \$10 on-site microchipping
- Photo booths for people and pets
- Games, entertainment and food

Visit [HawaiianHumane.org](http://HawaiianHumane.org) for more details on the Animal KINGdom event. Call 356-2206 or email [education@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:education@hawaiianhumane.org) with questions.

### Pick up the basics of skating

Children welcome to join in the "Learn to Skate" program for free. Participants can also learn how to play indoor hockey. Available Saturdays from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Kapolei Indoor Hockey Arenas.

### Mark your calendar for "I Love Kailua" Town Party

The "I Love Kailua" Town Party, now in its 23rd year, is scheduled to take place April 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Kailua Road. Organizers are encouraging Kailua residents to walk or bicycle to the pedestrian-friendly event.

There will be displays and sales of plants, orchids

and artwork, rides and activities. Castle Medical Center will have a mini health fair with free screenings; and a variety of community groups will have information to share. There will also be live entertainment. Visit [www.LaniKailuaOutdoorCircle.org](http://www.LaniKailuaOutdoorCircle.org) or call Amy Hammond at 234-0404 with questions.

### 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. There are categories for all ages and skill levels, so everyone is encouraged to enter. For more information, visit [www.honolulu.gov/parks](http://www.honolulu.gov/parks), access the "Programs and Classes" link on the left hand side, then the "Lei Day Celebration" link.

### Museum hosts Open Cockpit Day

The Pacific Aviation Museum is scheduled to host Open Cockpit Day May 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Hangar 79. Climb into the cockpit of one of several of our historic aircraft and talk story with pilots. Bring your camera. The event is free with museum admission and to museum members. For more information, visit [pacificaviationmuseum.org](http://pacificaviationmuseum.org).

### Volunteer for upcoming conference

Volunteers are needed as greeters, ushers and for several other positions during the Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity.

The conference is scheduled May 18 and 19 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu. Keynote speakers will discuss a wide variety of topics on diversity and disability including mental health concerns and disability access. Call 956-7539.

### Oahu SPCA recruiting volunteers

The Oahu Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is looking for volunteers. Tasks may include cleaning, grooming, socialization, exercising, outreach, special events, office administration and data entry.

All children under 15 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian the entire time while volunteering. Volunteers must be older than 18 to work in the dog kennels. Volunteers are welcome to work any time from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. seven days a week, times subject to change on holidays. Complete the form at [oahuspca.com/volunteer/](http://oahuspca.com/volunteer/).