

Hawaii Marine

Hawaii-Pacific Combined Federal Campaign 'Goal to Raise \$6.5 million'

Press Release
U.S. Pacific Command

HONOLULU— Starting Oct. 3, Hawaii-Pacific military and federal employees will celebrate 50 years of giving through the Combined Federal Campaign.

Combined Federal Campaign is the world's largest and most successful workplace fundraising campaign, with more than four million federal employees and military personnel participating. President Kennedy established CFC by Presidential Executive Order in 1961. This campaign will run from Oct. 3 to Nov. 18.

"Our people are making a lasting impression on people's lives each and every day," said Maj. Gen. Peter Pawling, mobilization assistant, U.S. Pacific Command "Through this fundraiser, we can continue to make a difference helping others," he said.

This year, two new developments have been added to the campaign. The first is the launch of a Facebook page where fans can "like" the page and view photos from kick-off events, read about local charities, and view the status of the campaign. The other is the ability to donate online through a payroll deduction program.

Each area command or

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Pfc. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

French airborne marines stand on line during a close quarters combat drill at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility here Tuesday. "The important thing about these drills are the fundamentals," Cpl. Timothy Truitt, rifleman, 2/3, said. Safety is paramount while getting the communication and procedures right while firing." This training helps strengthen French and U.S. partnership while enhancing interoperability.

French marines wrap up training

Pfc. James A. Sauter
Combat Correspondent

A platoon of 35 French airborne marines from the 8th Parachutist Infantry Regiment completed their training with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Thursday, finishing the live fire portion of the joint training exercise AMERICAL-2011 this week at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility.

Since completing the helicopter egress trainer at the base pool Sept. 27, the French worked with Marines in the indoor simulated marksmanship trainer,

combat convoy simulator, a basic rifle range qualification, and threw grenades at the modular armored tactical combat house, or MATCH house.

"These past few weeks, we've worked with the French Marines on weapon systems a lot and even some patrol and life saving exercises at [Kahuku Training Area]," Cpl. Timothy Truitt, rifleman, 2/3, said. "We taught each other and it's a fun challenge to learn from a foreign military."

The French went through all the simulator training to gain experience handling U.S. military weapons and

vehicles before using them at the range along with their Famas F1 assault rifle.

"The training at the simulator was a great chance for us to see how we work and the [U.S.] Marines work," French marine Sgt. Charles X. Ducros, 8th Parachutist Infantry Regiment, said. "We have differences so it's important to work together during training before Afghanistan."

A training exercise at the CCS has a modified humvee with a 360-degree

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With the fight in sight: 'America's Battalion' completes training for Afghanistan deployment

Cpl. Reece Lodder
3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Sheltered from rumbling explosions by a cascading wall of sand, a platoon of infantrymen impatiently waited to plunge through and respond by assault.

The annoyance ceased and the command to attack spread rapidly down the line. Spurred forward by their leaders' screams, the Marines waded up the knee-deep obstacle. Focused by adrenaline, they peaked the barrier and charged toward their attackers.

The Marines of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, transitioned from clearing a village's enemy threat to re-building rapport with its citizens during Exercise Clear,

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Cpl. Reece Lodder | 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

Lance Cpl. Andrew Gray, a team leader with Guard Force Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, searches two Afghan role-players after stopping their vehicle while patrolling during Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 4 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 28, 2011. During the evolution, the Marines of 3/3 transitioned from clearing a village's enemy threat to re-building rapport with its citizens. The counterinsurgency training, part of the Enhanced Mojave Viper exercise, marked the completion of seven months of pre-deployment training for "America's Battalion." Next month, they will deploy to Afghanistan to support combat operations in Helmand province. Gray, 20, is from Brandon, Miss.

Corps' medical officer visits K-Bay

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Combat Correspondent

The medical officer of the Marine Corps, Rear Adm. Michael H. Anderson visited Marines, sailors and family members during a visit here Sept. 29.

Anderson is responsible for the quality of care provided to service members throughout the Marine Corps and spent much of his time with hospital corpsmen at the Kaneohe Bay Branch Health Clinic and 21st Dental Company while in inspected their facilities.

"Throughout the period of a year, I try to see as many Marine Corps health facilities as I can," Anderson said.

As clinics see a rise in attendance, the doctor-to-patient ratio drops and the need for medical supplies and medicine increases. Due to these factors, patient visits are shortened due to higher demand, Anderson said.

"Throughout the Marine Corps we have a vision to move forward by changing the way we deliver medicine to our active duty Marines," Anderson said. "We want to organize our garrison health care in a particular manner. Usually providers are quite new to medicine, right out of training and as such, the scope and spectrum of care they provide is usually limited."

Navy Capt. David A. Lane, force surgeon of U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific, escorted Anderson to the medical and dental clinics

here where they discussed treatment methods and services provided to the patients.

While visiting the medical clinic, both men made the point that in many situations there are very few surgeons for large amounts of patients. Anderson said that a basic solution to this problem is getting all surgeons and corpsman in the area to work together.

"I'd like to say that the current model of health care that hasn't changed since World War II," Lane said. "Your doctor as a battalion surgeon is geographically isolated, intellectually isolated, and operationally isolated from the rest of the system. We want to do

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eMarine takes unit information to web

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan
Contributing Writer

The Marine Corps is debuting a web-based, command-sponsored digital organizational tool for family readiness called eMarine for widespread use across the Corps. The new site is being used mostly by family readiness officers to better communicate news and information within commands to Marines and their families.

Casey Fleischmann, family readiness officer for Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, detailed the website and its various features.

"eMarine acts as a place for FROs to put command-sponsored information out there for their Marines and families," she said. "It's a more secure alternative to traditional social media."

Many are calling the new eMarine program a "Facebook for Marines," but Fleischmann argues that it is much more than just a social media outlet for military members.

"eMarine does have some social networking capabilities like photo-sharing, discussion boards and polls, however, it is not intended to act solely as a wrongly-labeled 'Marine Facebook.'" Fleischmann said. "Our site provides a much more dynamic setting for sharing vital information. eMarine allows FROs to take surveys, create calendars, poll their users, provide forums to upload and content, upload streaming video and much more."

eMarine was established originally by MarForPac to

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Warriors out perform Renegades
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2011 National Fire Prevention Week
Stop, drop and roll your way to safety
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Saturday
High — 85
Low — 76

Sunday
High — 85
Low — 77

NEWS BRIEFS

Malama Ka 'Aina starts Oct. 24

Malama Ka 'Aina is a Hawaiian expression which means "Caring for the Land," it is based on the way Hawaiians traditionally viewed interactions among their people and the environment.

As tenants of MCB Hawaii, we pride ourselves similarly in cultural stewardship and sustainability, and continue to make the installation the epitome of paradise by conducting a semi-annual general clean up of the installation.

With the assistance of our base directorates, residing commands, civilian volunteers, and neighboring communities, "Malama Ka 'Aina Week" begins in the morning on Oct. 24 and will conclude in the afternoon on Oct. 28.

Malama Ka 'Aina is a major project that coincides with "Make a Difference Day" which is nationally celebrated to increase awareness of our environment. Participants take smaller areas of responsibility, which facilitates better coordination and success covering more than 2,000 acres of land.

One planet - one community - one team. Can you make a difference?

Please contact the Base Inspector's Office at 257-8861 to volunteer.

2012 Tuition Assistance

The Education Center is now accepting 2012 tuition assistance applications for courses starting in October. Stop by the Education Center located on the first floor of Building 220 or call 257-2158 for details.

Dress blue uniform mandatory possession

As of Oct. 1, all active and reserve Marines are required to possess the dress blue uniform coat. Marines who joined after October 2008 received the coat in their initial seabag issue. All other Marines were given an additional uniform allowance over four years to purchase the coat, per MARADMIN 504/07 and the results of MCUB No. 209.

Motorcycle rider classes

Today there is a Military Sport Bike Rider Course at the base safety office. The Experienced Rider Course will be held Thursday and the Military Sport Bike Rider Course on Oct. 14.

All classes are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 257-1830 for more information.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon

National Hispanic Heritage month runs until Oct. 15. To celebrate, there will be a luncheon at Anderson Hall Dining Facility today, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be a special story time celebrating Hispanic heritage at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy a variety of stories and Hispanic-themed music and food. Call Staff Sgt. Hugh Wood at 257-1415 for details.

Maile Point, Coconut Island Closed to Public

Due to health and safety issues, Maile Point (on Coconut Island) at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology is closed to the public effective immediately and will remain closed until further notice.

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On-Base Emergencies	911
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
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MCB Hawaii Chaplain	257-3552
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Marine Corps Installations Pacific command activates

Courtesy Story

III Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP S.D. BUTLER, OKINAWA, Japan — The Marine Corps activated Marine Corps Installations Pacific, commanded by Maj. Gen. Peter J. Talleri, during a ceremony on the Building One Parade Deck, Camp Foster, Japan, Sept. 30.

In Japan, MCIPAC command and staff will perform the regional missions and functions previously performed by Marine Corps Bases Japan.

Installations under MCIPAC's responsibility will include MCB Camp Smedley D. Butler, MCB Hawaii, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, MCAS Futenma, Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji and Camp Mujuk in South Korea.

During the ceremony, Marine Corps Bases Japan, commanded by Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, was deactivated in accordance with a decision by Headquarters Marine Corps to realign installation commands to optimize support to Marine Corps operating forces and tenant commands.

MCIPAC was established to increase regional installation management effectiveness. MCIPAC will implement policies, develop regional strategies and plans, prioritize resources, and provide services, direction and oversight to all Marine Corps

installations in Japan, the South Korea and Hawaii. As the commanding general, Talleri commands all installations in the Pacific area of operations.

"From its inception, MCBJ has been a dual responsibility of the III MEF Commander, requiring him to concentrate his time and efforts on both installation, as well as his operational requirements. Today, as we deactivate MCBJ and activate Marine Corps Installations Pacific, we effectively free the MEF commander from directing installation functions and allow him to focus on his operational mission, secure in the knowledge that his Marines, sailors, civilians and their families have the facilities and services they need to train and deploy within the Pacific region," said Talleri. "With the establishment today of MCIPAC, the process will be realigned with a straight course from my office here at Camp Butler to the Commander, MCICOM for resolution.

"This is an exciting time for the Marine Corps as we move Installation Support into a new direction. It's the right move for the Corps. My comfort level is extremely high as we unfurl the colors of MCIPAC and close the proud legacy of MCBJ," concluded Talleri.

The Marine Corps is dedicated to being good neighbors to the community; MCIPAC will represent all the installations in the region to continue positive interaction with surrounding communities.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan | Hawaii Marine

GOLD STAR MOTHER ACCEPTS SON'S PURPLE HEART

Misi Moser is presented a Purple Heart on behalf of her son, Sgt. Joshua J. Robinson, during a formation at the Pacific War Memorial here, Oct. 4. Robinson, a team leader with scout sniper platoon, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., sustained fatal injuries Aug. 7 during a firefight in Sangin district, Helmand province, Afghanistan, while conducting a dismounted patrol. Moser is a resident of Honolulu.

Domestic violence: Everybody's business

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan

Contributing Writer

As fall officially gets under way, October heralds Domestic Violence Awareness Month nationwide. The month is dedicated to raising awareness for men, women and children concerning the recognition, prevention and actions that can be taken to stop domestic violence and help the victims affected by it.

Domestic violence has often been seen as an internal struggle within military families both on and off base that is viewed as a private matter that should not be reported to authorities by a third party. Witnesses and those made aware of the problem often fail to report anything because "it's none of their business."

Debbie Hauhio, a Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii victim advocate and program coordinator for the Victim Advocacy Program here says that this should never be the case.

"It's not just the business of the police, it's not just the business of the counseling program and victim advocacy programs," Hauhio said. "It's everyone's business to step in and not be a bystander. Whether it be friends, family, or neighbors, it is everybody's job to report domestic violence."

Hauhio went into detail about the program MCCS runs aboard the base.

"The [Victim Advocacy Program] provides services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault," Hauhio said. "We have a 24/7 hotline victims can call to speak to an actual person, not just a prerecorded response." Additionally, if witnesses want to report abuse anonymously, they can dial 911. Many people are aware of the problems, she says, but fail to report

it for fear of being found out. She ensures that there are many steps in place to keep a witness' reports confidentially.

A problem many victims face when measuring their options is the lack of education about filing a report. This often stunts the process of receiving help and safely removing the victim from the situation. There are two methods for reporting domestic violence for active duty personnel and spouses — a restricted report and an unrestricted report.

Hauhio explained, "victims of domestic violence and sexual assault often come into our offices not knowing what programs are available to help them." She said a restricted report "affords an adult victim of domestic violence the opportunity to receive medical help and counseling confidentially without the involvement of law enforcement or commands." There are a few exemptions to restricted reporting when an authority figure needs to be notified such as child involvement or if the victim is in direct threat of severe injury or death.

An unrestricted report opens a domestic violence case to law enforcement agencies for investigation and the victim's chain of command, or a spouse's chain of command is notified of an investigation.

Hauhio made it clear the Victim Advocacy Program is here for the long haul for each individual case of either type, promising that the program will provide continued support, advice and options for victims of domestic violence until the case is completely resolved.

To reach the Victim Advocacy Program aboard base, call the 24-hour crisis line at 216-7175. To reach the National Domestic Violence Hotline, call 1-800-799-7233.

Congratulations to Corporal's Course Class 406-11 (graduation date Sept. 29)

Cpl. Ronald M. Alberca	MCAS	Cpl. Thomas A. Fannin	2/3	Cpl. Joshua O. Rivera-Grau	3rd Regt
Cpl. Jeffrey L. Anderson	2/3	Cpl. Brandon K. Foote	MCAS	Cpl. Patrick R. Roberts	2/3
Cpl. Arturo Bernal	2/3	Cpl. Kyle W. Furlong	2/3	Cpl. Alexander J. Rogers	3rd Regt
Cpl. Kenneth J. Bubier	2/3	Cpl. Mark C. Kennedy	CLB-3	Cpl. Joel C. Smith	2/3
Cpl. Mario A. Castro	2/3	Cpl. Jeremiah A. Koehler	2/3	Cpl. Derek E. Spaulding	2/3
Cpl. Joshua A. Clark	2/3	Cpl. Austin M. Kulas	3rd Regt	Cpl. Justin L. Thompson	2/3
Cpl. James L. Dale jr	HQBN	Cpl. Daniel R. Law	MCAS	Cpl. Jamie Trihin	3rd Regt
Cpl. Dexter L. Ellison	3rd Regt	Cpl. Sean McKinney	HQBN	Cpl. Adam S. Waloch	2/3
Cpl. Christopher M. Evans	3rd Regt	Cpl. Benjamin R. Morrison	2/3		

AROUND THE CORPS

Corpsman revives drowning Afghan child

Sgt. Earnest J. Barnes
2nd Marine Division (Forward)

MARJAH DISTRICT, Helmand Province, Afghanistan — A Petal, Miss., native used his medical training to revive a drowned Afghan toddler while conducting counterinsurgency operations Sept. 11.

The day started out as a normal day in Afghanistan for Seaman Apprentice Byron McGill, a Navy hospital corpsman from Petal serving with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment. He checked his gear, as well as the physical condition of the Marines he cares for, and they stepped off on a patrol. It seemed no different than the many they conducted prior to this day.

The Marines patrolled en route to a local resident's compound where they were going to ask questions about enemy activity in the area. The point man, which directs the routes of each patrol, was leading the squad and came upon a scene which frightened him.

Lance Cpl. Jorge A. Palacios, a Miami, Fla., native and an infantry point man with Charlie Company, said he was overcome with disbelief when he saw a child floating in the canal next to a compound.

The child was not moving when he pulled her out of the canal. He began screaming for McGill. "I personally thought she was dead," Palacios added.

McGill rushed to provide aid in a matter of seconds. Unaware of what his fellow service member was yelling



Sgt. Earnest J. Barnes | 2nd Marine Division (Forward)

Seaman Apprentice Byron McGill, a Navy corpsman with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, takes time for a photo with Basbib (left), and her daughter.

about, he was disturbed by the scene he came upon. Palacios, who is also a team leader with his squad, handed off the child and set up his Marines to form a security bubble to give McGill the safety and area he needed to work on the unexpected patient.

"Of course, I freaked out at first, [thinking], 'Oh, baby! Dead baby!'" said McGill. "Then I told myself, 'Just do your job.' I just went by the basic steps — the ABCs."

McGill evaluated the situation and quickly put the pieces together of what happened.

McGill immediately began adminis-

tering treatment. He opened the child's airway and then checked her chest for movement. He did not see any, and he went back to clear the child's airway for a second time to begin rescue breathing, which is a basic lifesaving step he learned from his medical training. McGill said as soon as he cleared the 2-year-old girl's airway for the second time using the head-tilt, chin-lift method, the child miraculously reacted.

"The baby started vomiting and choking. I picked the baby up, put her on my knee, and gave her a few thrusts to the back so she [could] get rid of the vomit and water in her mouth," said

McGill, who joined the Navy in 2008. "She continued to vomit and cough. After about 30 seconds she cried out, and that is when I knew she was okay. I grabbed a cloth and wrapped her in it and held her for a second."

Several Marines on scene began yelling into the nearby compound to alert someone inside of the incident.

Basbib, a local resident and the mother of the young girl, said she was inside the house when she noticed her daughter missing. She said she looked for her all over, but it was when she came to the back of the compound that she heard a lot of noise and emerged confused about what was happening outside her home.

"I was scared, because I did not know what was going on. There were a lot of Marines around," said Basbib. "I realized they were helping my daughter, and my fear faded away."

McGill handed the child off to her mother and gave specific instructions on what to do to care for the toddler. Basbib gave a sincere thank you to McGill and the Marines as they went on their way to continue their assigned mission.

McGill said it felt great to be able to save a life, and it isn't just him doing miraculous things over here. He explained the members of the coalition forces are changing lives everyday, and he wished everyone, to include his family, could see the change that is being made.

"My wife was very proud, but I wish others could see, and my family could see, the good things we do," McGill said.



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 5

Gen. James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, speaks to Marines and sailors with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment aboard Forward Operating Base Delhi, Sept. 22.

Commandant visits Lava Dogs

Cpl. Colby Brown
Regimental Combat Team 5

GARMSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan — Gen. James Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Micheal Barrett, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, and Navy Rear Adm. Margaret Kibben, chaplain of the Marine Corps, visited the Lava Dogs of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment here, Sept. 22.

During the visit, which coincided with the battalion's five-month mark in Afghanistan, Amos and Barrett thanked the Marines of 1/3 for their continued dedication and service, speaking on several topics including retirement pension, counterinsurgency operations and the Marine recently awarded the Medal of Honor.

After speaking to the Marines as a group,

Amos and Barrett gave challenge coins to several Lava Dogs, personally thanking them for their efforts in Afghanistan.

Lance Cpl. Joshua Peterson was one of the few who received a coin. A chance to meet the commandant and sergeant major of the Marine Corps is rare.

"It was motivating to be in the presence of the highest ranking Marines, officer and enlisted, in the Marine Corps," said Peterson, a mess man with 1/3. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing, a special event, and I just happened to be one of the guys who got to meet them one-on-one."

"The opportunity was cool," added Peterson, a native of Puyallup, Wash. "It's not everyday that you're in Afghanistan and the head guys stop by for a visit."

EDITORIAL: Life on a swivel

A brief look at turret gunners

Cpl. Colby Brown
Regimental Combat Team 5

GARMSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan — Another clearing operation means another chance to pinpoint a different perspective on deployment through the eyes Marines with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

Over the past five months I have neglected a key person involved in transporting personnel and equipment around the battlefield — the turret gunner. They are the pair of legs with which I share the inside of a truck when on a mounted patrol. These Marines get the style of a convertible, minus a windshield, air conditioning and comfortable leather seats.

During a recent clearing operation in northern Garmsir, I spent my time with the turret gunner, experiencing what he goes through on a daily basis. The turret has its perks, but is widely known as the worst seat on a mounted patrol.

A Marine uses his first couple days in the turret getting acclimated to his new environment, constantly watching the passing Afghan panorama for suspicious or dangerous activity.

"I didn't really know what to expect," said Lance Cpl. Matthew Wise, a turret gunner with Jump Platoon, 1/3 and a native of Magnolin, Ark. "I remember getting really nervous the first couple of times, especially being in the front turret on the convoy because you're the first set of eyes. You just have to stay vigilant because you're responsible for the security of the four other guys in the truck."

I quickly learned that being dirty is very much part of the job. Dust constantly fumigates whoever stands in the turret and no matter how long the trip, you can always count on having a thick layer caked on the exposed parts of your face.

"Usually the last gunner has it the worst," Wise said. "He looks like a sand person from 'Star Wars' when he comes down from the gun. But you learn to deal with, clean up and just keep rolling. It definitely sucks though."

A seat strap runs across the opening of the turret

so the gunner can sit down, however the rugged Afghan terrain prohibits almost any sense of relaxation while in the turret. You constantly have to brace for bumps and potholes, both of which can be a couple feet deep.

"The terrain here is pretty bad," Wise said. "Sometimes you see the potholes and you get to brace for it, sometimes you don't and you get beat up. It's inevitable that you're going to hit your ribs on the gun from a bump. But you just have to keep going."

Although a turret gunner is in a truck with four other Marines, they can feel isolated. To say anything to the Marines inside the truck, the gunner must compete with noise from the engine and wind.

The isolated position in the turret does have its advantages. A Marine in the turret can see much more of the Afghan terrain than those inside the vehicle, who have a one-foot by one-foot, tinted window to look through.

A deployment in Afghanistan as a turret gunner provides a much different experience than Marines who patrol on foot. Although you don't walk as much as Marines patrolling on foot, your legs ache from constant unbalance caused by rugged terrain. When you pass a squad of Marines, it's hard not to wish you were down there on solid ground.

Life in the turret is also much more impersonal. Rarely do you get to interact with the local people. You're stuck, perpetually scanning — 'up in the gun.'

Bored children, having nothing better to do, often throw rocks at the battalion's armored vehicles. It must be a game because you rarely seen them smile as much as they do when they throw rocks. Who can really blame them? As a child I remember throwing rocks at cows in the pasture behind my house; it's just one of those things children do. Those not throwing rocks give a thumbs up or shake the shaka, or 'hang loose' sign.



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 5

A view from a turret while keeping security during a convoy in Garmsir District, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Sept. 20. The turret has its perks, but is widely known as the worst seat on a mounted patrol.

After the first few weeks up in the gun, the Afghan panorama loses its initial appeal and being a turret gunner becomes more of a normal job.

"Sometimes you get downtime sometimes you don't," Wise said. "This year is a change of pace. Sometimes we stay out in the [vehicles] for days at a time."

As a turret gunner, your primary responsibility is the security of your vehicle and convoy whether on the move or stationary. Although my perspective of operating in the turret is limited, Marines who regularly have that duty stand for more than 10 hours a day. For the regulars, a perpetual grind of sand on teeth and layers of dust on the top half of your body is a daily experience. Work isn't finished when they pull into base. Weapons must be cleaned, and vehicles must be refueled and refitted with water and food in preparation for the next day.

"Each job has its own challenges," Wise said. "Last year I didn't stay at as good as a position as I do this year. And this year I get to see all over the [area of operations] and all the different [patrol bases]."

After spending time with turret gunners, my respect for them has changed from 'oh, he's just another guy in the truck,' to 'sucks to be that guy.'

I certainly won't take my relatively comfortable seat in an armored vehicle for granted any longer.



Photos by Cpl. Reece Lodder | 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

Pfc. Greg Zecher and Nicholas Roberts, machine gunners with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, illuminate the night sky during Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 3 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 21. The two-day evolution — part of the Enhanced Mojave Viper training exercise — enabled “America’s Battalion” to improve its capabilities as the ground combat element of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force. The exercise is their final pre-deployment training event before deploying to Afghanistan’s Helmand province next month to support Operation Enduring Freedom. Zecher, 19, is from Jacksonville, Fla. Roberts, 20, is from Erie, Pa.



Lance Cpl. Justin Downing, a mortarman with Lima Co., 3/3, scans his area while patrolling during Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 3, Sept. 21. The exercise is their final pre-deployment training event before deploying to Afghanistan’s Helmand province next month to support Operation Enduring Freedom. Downing, 18, is from Huntingtown, Md.

FUNCTIONING ON FLEXIBILITY

‘America’s Battalion’ bolsters air-ground task force capabilities for Afghanistan

Cpl. Reece Lodder

3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — Waist-deep in a row of fighting holes, teams of sweat-starched infantrymen labored without shelter from the unforgiving desert sun.

Scoop by scoop, they slung rocks and dirt from their dusty chasms, hewing out defensive positions to prepare for the enemy’s inevitable night attack.

Joined by aircraft and tracked vehicles, the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, assaulted a simulated enemy force during Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 3 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., from Sept. 21 through 22.

The two-day evolution — part of the Enhanced Mojave Viper training exercise — enabled “America’s Battalion” to improve its capabilities as the ground combat element of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force. The exercise is their final pre-deployment training event before deploying to Afghanistan’s Helmand province next month to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sheltered beneath a blanket of stars, team and squad leaders with India and Lima Companies moved between fighting holes to control the defense. They bellowed commands through the noisy assault, painting their Marines a picture of the enemy’s size and location. In response, the entrenched machine gunners and riflemen drowned the advancing enemy in a hail of gunfire.

Cpl. Matthew Ortins, a squad leader with Lima Company, 3/3, said his biggest challenge of the night fight was commanding and controlling the men in his squad.

“I couldn’t have eyes on every single one of my Marines,” Ortins, 21, from Beverly, Mass., said. “My team leaders mitigated the challenge by helping adjust rates of fire and keep our ammunition spread-loaded.”

From the flanks of India and Lima’s defensive positions, Marines with Weapons Company’s Combined Anti-Armor Teams 1 and 2 supported a tank company in the defense. In a light show of destruction, they fired heavy machine guns, anti-tank missiles and 81mm mortars to help quell the enemy’s simulated mechanized assault.

At dawn, the Marines launched their counter-attack.

Maj. Sean Carroll, executive officer, 3/3, said shifting from the defense into a planned assault forced the Marines of 3/3 to retain the initiative and gain momentum against an enemy by executing a rapid offensive action.

Breaking onto the battlefield in amphibious assault vehicles, the Marines of Kilo Company, 3/3, secured the battalion’s first objective with the support of CAAT-2. Simultaneously, CAAT-1 supported the tanks to cripple their second objective.

Supported by the Marine Corps of India and Lima Companies on 7-ton trucks, CAAT-1 and the tanks rolled forward to secure a third enemy objective.

Carroll said working with outside attachments tested the battalion’s flexibility as part of a MAGTF. He said this allowed 3/3’s Marines to practice small but critical parts of a combat environment including casualty evacuations, logistics re-supplies and dented vehicle recovery — each necessary for what they may encounter in Afghanistan.

“My team of Marines is ready to fight,” Pfc. Dan Wood, a team leader with Lima Company, 3/3, said. “I don’t have combat experience yet, but I’m prepared to handle my team and assist my squad leader because of how we handled ourselves here. This translates to our squad and builds upward from there.”

After eight months of training, Wood’s squad leader, Ortins, said his Marines are excited to take their knowledge to Helmand province’s dusty roads. On patrol, they’ll build rapport with the local populace and leadership — and they’ll do so with a view to the future.

“We’re going to root out the enemy activity to make our area of operations a safe place,” Ortins said. “In doing so, we’ll free up Marines to continue to the next fight and help our brothers there.”



Lance Cpls. Justin Downing and Patrick Walker, mortarman with Lima Co., 3/3, brace themselves while firing a 60mm mortar round during Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 3 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 21. The two-day evolution — part of the Enhanced Mojave Viper training exercise — enabled “America’s Battalion” to improve its capabilities as the ground combat element of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force. Walker, 25, is from Clearwater, Fla. Downing, 18, is from Huntingtown, Md.

Through the Ranks: Gunnery Sergeant

Cpl. Colby Brown

Regimental Combat Team 5

GAMRSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan — Gunnery Sgt. Shay Henry stands with his legs just wider than his shoulders and his hands on his hips. His head eclipses the rising sun, but it's a momentary image. Other than when he is stuck behind a desk, Henry never stays in one spot. As he would say, he 'cruises' Forward Operating Base Delhi, checking ongoing projects. From working parties to base construction, his role is that of a leader.

"I don't want to toot my own horn or anything, but I think I am more of an initiative based person," Henry said. "I don't think I am one of those guys that's always sitting down and taking a break. For the most part I am busy cruising around looking for ways to improve the base, improve the quality of life for the Marines — you know just always trying to be proactive."

"You have to challenge yourself everyday," Henry added. "You know the mission needs to get done, so be proactive and contribute everyday."

The six-foot, two-inch Lewiston, Idaho, native, has been in the Corps since 1995. During his career, Henry has held multiple responsibilities, deployed twice to Iraq, twice to Afghanistan, twice to Okinawa as part of the unit deployment program and has been a drill instructor and Marine security guard. His vast experience in all things Marine Corps has earned the respect of the Marines aboard FOB Delhi.

He stands a head taller than the average Marine at Delhi. A lean build hints at a physical prowess. When spoken to, even the battalion commander addresses him as "Gunny". Henry never issues an order; he just states a task knowing that it will be accomplished. A perpetual pinch of smokeless tobacco rests in the left side of his lower lip.

When he walks, or properly 'strides', his gait dwarfs any who try to keep up. His uniform, despite how dirty the day before, is clean and crisp every morning. The whiskers on his face never breach his skin, more than likely out of fear. Henry's eyes never judge or insult; they just hold an expecting gaze, acquired after more than 15 years experience being a Marine. All of these attributes create an aura about Henry that could only be described as a gunnery sergeant of Marines.

"Sometimes as a gunny, it's another day and it's hard to get focused because you've been here for a while," Henry said. "But you just have to get out there and do your job. If Marines see the gunny moping around, then that's not going to bode well for the Marines under him because they are going to say, 'Shit, gunny's down in the dogs.' It will be a thousand times easier for a lance corporal, who stands in a turret all day or who has been standing post for 12 hours a day, to become unmotivated and complacent. It only takes a split second for something really bad to happen. You never know when something could happen out here, so you always have to be ready."

A 'gunny' is the Marine Corps social equivalent of a father. They provide junior Marines someone to go to with professional and personal problems, but at the same, sets the standard for personal and professional conduct.

Every Marine, whether enlisted or officer, knows the expectation their respective gunny has of appropriate behavior and can expect a stern 'talking to' if they fall out of line.

"When you're a junior Marine you're always told what to do," Henry said. "Then, as you progress ... you slowly start transitioning away from being told what to do, to knowing what needs to get done."

Henry's deployment experience at Delhi has been different than in years past. He is the company gunny for Headquarters and Services Company with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. In an infantry company, he had four platoons with four respective platoon sergeants. This year he has more than 15 sections, all of which have a staff noncommissioned officer at the helm. Each section has a mission and their accomplishment. Henry ensures each section has what they need to accomplish their respective missions.

"I always try to make sure I am squared away and let the Marines in H&S know I am here to work just as much as they are," Henry said. "I'm not too good to get my hands dirty. Hopefully when they are out on a working party, they see that I am with them making sure it's getting done. I try to always be energetic and positive, never do anything that would bring the Marines down. Just always try to show a presence for the guys."

One thing Henry noted about his job this year is the adjustment needed to work with sections as opposed to platoons. Ultimately, Henry isn't responsible for the Marines in each section. When he was in an infantry company, if he had a task in need of completion, he could pull any Marine to get it done — his word was law. In H&S, he works alongside fellow SNCOs to complete the needed tasks, receiving help when sections can lend a Marine for a couple hours. But this hasn't daunted Henry; he is known to everyone aboard FOB Delhi. And everyone knows what Henry expects.

"There is a pretty good relationship between me and the section heads," Henry said. "We have a good working relationship because everything is connected. If one section goes down it affects everyone, so we work together."

Although Henry holds a position of power, he expects Marines aboard Delhi to do more than just follow orders. He expects them to take the initiative, doing what needs to be done today so they won't have to worry about it tomorrow. He wants Marines to be able to correct each other when something



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 5

Gunnery Sgt. Shay Henry speaks to a group of Marines aboard Forward Operating Base Delhi here, Sept. 25. Henry, from Lewiston, Idaho, is the company gunnery sergeant for Headquarters and Services Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. This is his sixth deployment, but first as company gunny for H&S Co.

is wrong instead of waiting for the gunny to come around and fix it for them.

It's not Henry's way of pushing responsibility to other Marines; it's just how he lives life. Henry practices what he preaches, never waiting for orders — he is perpetually a step ahead.

"All they way up through my career to now, I am still learning what my leadership style is and what my responsibilities and roles are," Henry said. "It's something you're always learning."

As much as Henry works, he isn't immune to letting down his guard. Henry seems most relaxed when blasting a peer for the deficiencies of their favorite football team. He has countless rivalries with fellow SNCOs and officers alike. For Henry it's not a question of who will win, it's how the opposing team will lose to the Seattle Seahawks, his team.

Back in the states, when Henry isn't in uniform, he patrols the Hawaiian boardwalks with the Henry Fire Team — AKA the Henry family. He has been married to his wife for six years and has two daughters, ages 4 and 2. On the wall behind his desk, there is a collage of family photos, 'on patrol,' and Henry never fails to show off his favorite fire team.

His wife has experienced four deployments with Henry, so she knows which items to send in a care package. But Henry doesn't rely on her experience just for a quality care package. The separation from his family has brought to light exactly what is important in life.

"Sometimes separation draws you together," Henry said. "You realize the things that are actually important. We cherish smaller things that are really important to us like family and being together ... and reading stories to my kids or just hanging out with my family and being around them."

"I'm missing my kids a lot," Henry added. "Once you get married and have kids, the things that were important before aren't really as important anymore. Now, you live your life for your kids, you want the best for them. But my wife does a great job of taking care of our kids when I'm deployed, so that helps me."

When a junior Marine begins to struggle with their relationship, Henry uses his experience to help the Marine through.

"A lance corporal motivator who just got married and his wife is 19 years old, and is away from home for the first time ... you know she probably hasn't built up that support network like some of the more senior wives have done," Henry said. "It's tougher for some of the junior guys if their wife is having problems back home. That just adds more stress to some of the guys. Especially when they might get a call that the car broke down or the dog died or whatever it may be; when he gets that call his mind is going to be on the problems back home."

But like everything Henry does, his experience in the Corps gives him the leeway to advise almost everyone. He takes care of his Marines with a comforting knife-hand, only known in the relationship between a gunny and his Marines.

Since mid-April, Henry has tirelessly worked to improve conditions at FOB Delhi and provide an atmosphere in which the H&S company sections can comfortably operate. He has played a large part in renovations and additions to living areas, expansion of the base and quality of life improvements for his Marines.

"Here, everyone works day in and day out with a good attitude to accomplish the battalion's mission of mentoring Afghan forces and ensuring Garmsir is safe and secure for the local population," he emphasized.

Even with his tour coming to an end, Henry isn't looking for a place to drop his pack.

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panoramic projection of a virtual scenario in Afghanistan. Trainees “drove” the humvee through the scenario and could see and connect with other French marines in humvee simulators in their convoy, all in real time.

“Every part of the training here is interesting for us,” French marine Pfc. Anthony Bourriaud, 8th Parachutist Infantry Regiment, said. “The panoramic view is cool, but it’s not a video game; it’s training.”

After completing the simulator and ISMT, the French marines and 2/3 Marines went to the base range MATCH house for close quarters combat drills, which consisted of room clearing with blank rounds and live grenade throwing. Both units had the chance to experience shooting and observing each other’s weapons during the close-quarter drills.

“The important thing about these drills are the fundamentals,” Truitt said. “Safety is paramount while getting the communication and procedures right when

firing.”

For the close-quarter drills, 25 French marines lined up facing their targets and practiced firing drills at different distances ranging from 5 to 30 meters.

“The French platoon was very professional at both the close-quarter drills and the grenade throwing,” Staff Sgt. Stephen Kephart, platoon commander, 2/3, said. “Given the fact that they never shot this course of fire before, they were definitely on par with us and at the grenade house. They were just enthusiastic about all of it.”

Before the French return to their parent unit, training in French New Caledonia, northeast of Australia, the French and the Marines of 2/3 are having a sports competition barbeque today at Hale Koa Beach here to celebrate the success of AMERICAL-2011.

A platoon of Marines from Fox Company, 2/3, will return soon after they complete their training in French New Caledonia Oct. 10. The inter-change of U.S. and French marines helps strengthen military relations through learning from one another.

DEPLOYMENT, from A-1

Hold, Build 4 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., from Sept. 26 through 29.

The counterinsurgency training, part of the Enhanced Mojave Viper exercise, marked the completion of seven months of pre-deployment training for “America’s Battalion.” Next month, they will deploy to Afghanistan’s Helmand province to support combat operations there.

Before the Marines could build rapport and help the villagers, they had to root out enemy fighters. Faced by simulated small-arms and rocket propelled grenade fire, they navigated through blocks of buildings to eradicate their threat.

Dripping with sweat but far from haggard, Lance Cpl. Dajuan Dilworth, a team leader with Weapons Company, 3/3, said the exhausting training tested his Marines to stay positive. With three combat deployments under his belt, he prodded them to maintain pace in light of their mission ahead.

“Every day, the enemy is finding new ways to try and kill us, but we’re finding better ways to counter-attack,” Dilworth said. “We’re not

training to quietly bypass them. We’re training to find and destroy them ourselves.”

Four blocks and several hours later, the Marines finished their clearing portion. Thrashed by the scorching mid-day sun, they escorted detainees back to their patrol base on the town’s outskirts. They found shade next to a building, and used a precious moment to replenish the food and water stolen by the desert.

Minutes later, they re-entered the village to continue their mission. As they moved back into their area, two companies of Marines pushed further into the town, weeding out the remaining enemy activity with the support of tanks.

Though the evolution began with force and firepower, the Marines quickly shifted the environment to focus on interaction with the village’s populace — a reflection of what they’ll experience with local nationals and coalition forces in Afghanistan.

With the help of interpreters, the battalion’s leadership held meetings with role-playing Afghan elders, listening to their concerns and gauging how to best help the village. Squads of Marines patrolled through

its streets, interacting with citizens to build rapport and gain intelligence on further threats.

“Working with the Afghan role-players gives us a chance to learn how to communicate without speaking words,” Lance Cpl. Justin Turner, a team leader with Weapons Company, 3/3, said.

Turner, from Flower Mound, Texas, said this offered the Marines a valuable opportunity to step into the Afghan culture before deployment. Despite the language barrier, he said working with the role-players here would help ease the Marines into a new world in country.

Though Turner carries scars from the blast of an improvised explosive device last September in Afghanistan, the 21-year-old is eager to re-join the fight with his Marines.

“I’m happy to be going back,” Turner said. “We’ll be in a new area, meet new people and have a fresh start at making a difference. We’ll experience some of the most miserable times there, but when we look back on it, these times will make for the best stories.

I want to leave knowing we made Afghanistan a better place to live in, and that the Taliban are no more.”

than 2,200 local, national and international charities helping men, women, children and animals. These nonprofits provide services and assistance to people in nearly every walk of life. It is only through charitable donations that these organizations can sustain their efforts.

CFC and individual service relief campaigns are the only fund-raising drives authorized for federal and mil-

itary workplaces. CFC allows federal employees and military personnel an opportunity to support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees a chance to contribute to a wide range of charities, both local and nationally.

The campaign can be found on Facebook under Hawaii-Pacific Combined Federal Campaign.

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a better job of tying these surgeons or corpsman in with the rest of the medical system.”

Anderson and Lane talked with medical and dental corpsmen and clinic civilian staff about methods of patient treatment and their strategies to bring a more organized and helpful medical plan to the Marine Corps.

“What we hope to see is a model of care where there are additional services being provided, Anderson said. “We anticipate seeing the experience level of the doctors increasing, but we also want newer facilities that will facilitate more doctors, who will come together so they can share ideas, treatment strategies, and continue to share a higher quality of care — together.”

With plans to reach out to a greater amount of people already in process, Anderson and Lane both said Marines and sailors will see a great improvement within five years, with new and bigger facilities planned for construction for all personnel on base.

EMARINE, from A-1

further assist FROs with the increasing demand to push more information regarding the agenda of commands to Marines’ families. Prior to eMarine, commands didn’t have a solid tool to reach out to families in a more secure setting than something like Facebook, according to Fleischmann.

Fleischmann highly recommends eMarine to any family readiness officer that has not yet adopted the site’s features.

“The site makes my life as a FRO so much easier,” said Fleischmann. “It allows me to carry out my mission in a more efficient and accessible manner. I believe that it will revolutionize the way we communicate with geographically dispersed families, or family members experiencing a deployment. It’s instant access to information which is available 24/7.”

Fleischmann described the site as very well organized and easy to navigate. It provides drop boxes for specific subjects and resources available to Marines and their families.

The “Getting Started” icon will lead the user through a quick and easy process that helps them sign up and define what command they’ll receive information from. The “Support” box lays out a number of service-tailored links like the American Red Cross, counseling services, and base information. “Resources” provides surveys, polls and photo galleries for users to look at or partake in.

With the headline “Delivering readiness information to Marines & those who support them,” Fleischmann hopes eMarine will become the premiere resource for Family Readiness Officers to relay important information to military families.

To access and sign up for eMarine, visit <http://www.emarine.org>.

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agency has a unit project officer representing them. Training for CFC volunteers is Sept. 19 to 30 at locations on Oahu and Kauai. Last year the Hawaii-Pacific Area, which includes all of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, and Northern Marianas, raised a little more than \$6.5 million. This year’s goal is \$6.5 million.

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Sports & Health



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Staff Sgt. Jeffrey J. Weather, 3rd Marine Regiment, speaks to University of Hawaii basketball player's Shaquille Stokes and Jace Tavita Oct. 1 at the boondocker training area. The team and coaches spent the day with two former drill instructors, where they did a series of exercises the Marine Corps way with the sound of commanding voices echoing through the buildings in the background. In true boot camp fashion the team members were treated as recruits during these exercises with Marines in their face testing their mental strength.

Davis Rozitis a University of Hawaii basketball player lifts himself onto a log Oct. 1 at the Boondocker obstacle course. The team and coaches spent the day with two former drill instructors, where they did a series of exercises the Marine Corps way with the sound of commanding voices echoing through the buildings in the background.

A day in the life

University of Hawaii basketball team meets Marine drill instructors

Lance Cpl. Jacob B. Barber
Combat Correspondent

University of Hawaii basketball team and coaching staff visited base Saturday to see how tough they were when receiving special attention from two former Marine drill instructors from 3rd Marine Regiment. As soon as their bus stopped, the Warriors were introduced to their instructors who rushed the team off the bus.

"The morning was my favorite part of the day," Staff Sgt. Alonzo Williams, former drill instructor, 3rd Marine Regiment said. "It was the shell shock. When I saw their faces as I was screaming at them it was priceless."

The 14 players and five coaches, dressed in camouflage pants, did a series of exercises the Marine Corps way with the sound of commanding voices echoing through the buildings in the area. In true boot camp fashion, the team members were treated like recruits during their exercises with Marines in their face testing their mettle and physical strength.

After enjoying the first half of the morning's exercises,

the Marine instructors quickly put the group in formation and lead them on a jog to the Boondocker training area where they would conduct the obstacle course.

"We just wanted to introduce them to what Marines do and give them a little glimpse of what it takes to become a Marine," Williams said.

The start of the obstacle course began after Williams explained the course and had a Marine demonstrate each obstacle and rope climbing techniques. Since some players were unable to climb the rope, they had to do 25 four-count Marine Corps push-ups instead.

"We wanted the players to understand and realize that these obstacles are no joke," Williams said. "As the day went on they were putting forth a lot of effort and I think this whole day turned out well because of that."

The teammates went through the course once individually, but were then divided into two teams for a head-to-head competition. After each player finished the course completely, they would then run back to the first obstacle and tag the next player so that he could begin. The players pushed themselves with the help of

their coaching staff and the Marines who stood on the side and motivated them to finish. All players were able to climb the rope before finishing — a challenge not all were able to do the first time.

The team was soaked in sweat before jogging back to 3rd Marine Regiment's Headquarters building.

"I think it was a great experience," Trevor Wiseman, Warriors' small forward, said. "It's nice to come out and actually see what these guys do for training. When we first got here we had the Marines yelling at us kind of like our coach sometimes. I think it showed us that we have to be mentally strong in everything we do. Marines work hard and I give it up to them, I don't know if I could do what they do everyday."

When asked why he decided to make his team do this, Warrior's coach Gib Arnold, said, "I have a lot of Marine friends here so I just talked to them about this and I knew right away it was a good bonding and learning experience. I wanted them to see what life's like for Marines but I also wanted to see how tough they were and who would fold."

MAKING STRIDES: WALK SUPPORTS BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

Christine Cabalo
Photojournalist

The American Cancer Society predicts 230,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer will occur in women this year in their latest facts and figures report.

To fight the disease, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii is one of many organizations setting up a team for the society's Oct. 29 "Making Strides Against Cancer" walk in Honolulu. Similar walks will be held nationally, as thousands work to collect money for patients and research.

"I believe the walk empowers people," said Mary Johnson, Makalapa Clinic breast health educator, NHCH. "The community comes together to show support for people who have been touched by breast cancer. The walk draws people of all ages. Breast cancer has no boundaries, and this gathering shows the many faces that have been touched."

In her daily work, Johnson helps guide military service members and their family members through cancer treatment. In addition to the female clients she assists daily, her sister-in-law and seven of her close friends have been diagnosed with cancer.

"I have cared for several women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer over the past seven years," Johnson said. "I have learned an incredible amount of patience, strength and knowledge from them. I walk to honor them and to honor those friends whom I have lost."

Hundreds of participants will follow Johnson, who is also a jazzercise instructor, when she leads the crowd in a warm-up before the walk. Besides several Hawaii healthcare agencies and businesses forming teams, many in the military community have committed to walk as well.

Among them is Kayla Houle, a spouse



Michelle Scotti | American Cancer Society

Mary Johnson, jazzercise instructor and breast health educator, Naval Health Clinic Hawaii, (center) leads a warm-up for walkers in the "Making Strides Against Cancer" fundraiser in 2010. Johnson will be warming up the crowd and walking again this year.

of a Marine stationed with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 at Kaneohe Bay. Houle works with child cancer patients in her internship at the American Cancer Society and has seen how the non-profit organization helps firsthand.

"The 'Making Strides Against Cancer' walk nearly generates our operating funds for an entire year," Houle said. "Without funds, there would be no ASC and no support."

Leading a team of approximately 20 members, Houle said her group includes many spouses of "Lucky Red Lions" personnel. Houle said it's been inspiring to see not only military families, but many in the local community rally against breast cancer and remember loved ones who were diagnosed.

COMBATING BREAST CANCER

"Combating Breast Cancer" is a four-part series about how Hawaii's military community is dealing with the disease. The series discusses how the disease impacts families in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This week's article examines "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," a nationwide fundraiser by the American Cancer Society.

"Two of the women in our group had mothers who passed away from breast cancer," she said. "We'll wear pink ribbons honoring them specifically. Many of us are younger, but we all know [breast cancer] can happen to any of us."

This year marks the third time the annual event has been held in Honolulu.

Military supporters are glad to see the event continue, including Petty Officer 2nd Class Kimberly Koleff, an information systems technician who works at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Koleff walks to celebrate her great-grandmother who had breast cancer, and in honor of her father who was diagnosed with a different form of cancer.

She has participated in the walk since

Honolulu first hosted the event in 2009.

"I've seen so much support as the event grows," she said. "You see a significant increase in the number of people supporting, from the second year and now the third. It's unbelievable."

With more than a dozen of her colleagues walking on her team, named "Team Hula Dancer," Koleff said every person who participates makes a difference for increasing awareness. Both she and Johnson said more walkers also means more funds directly helping those with breast cancer.

"The dollars that are raised for the walk go to help survivors get to their appointment and gas cards are available as well as rides," Johnson said. "The money helps to keep the [society] phone lines open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for questions that need answers and help women get access to mammograms."

The donations also provide resources to patients and caregivers, funds research, supports several programs. Johnson noted the donations assist with "Look Good, Feel Better" program helping those in treatment handle cosmetics and in the "Reach to Recovery" program offering volunteer aid.

Whether joining a team or forming a new one, Houle said she hopes as many people as possible participate. Walkers with children in strollers are welcomed as well.

"We have a group of military spouses, but everyone is out there with us," Houle said. "It's great to see everyone come together."

The "Making Strides Against Cancer" walk will be held Oct. 29 at Richardson Field at JBPHH near Makalapa Naval Housing beginning 7 a.m. For more information, see www.makingstrideshonolulu.org/ or call 432-9153.

Fighting for respect

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Combat Correspondent



Boxing is dead

Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Holly
Public Affairs Chief

Is boxing in its final round?

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



BARBER

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It was many years ago when arguably the greatest fighter of all time, Muhammad Ali, squared off in the ring with George Foreman to win back a title that was taken from him. The rain poured in Zaire as a quick combination brought the massive champion down and left Ali standing tall at center ring while the entire arena chanted his name. This was one moment where boxing reigned supreme in the sports world.

If we fast-forward a few decades, we'll see Mike Tyson at his prime. The excitement and power he brought to the boxing world during this era had many bars, clubs and restaurants overcrowded during the times he fought.

What these two fighters have in common is that they were both champions when the sport was at its prime. It leaves some to question — what happened?

I don't believe the sport of boxing is washed up and over, and I also don't believe mixed martial arts is the reason for the decreased popularity. I believe it is about the boxers themselves and how their performance reflects on viewing numbers.

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Boxing was at its height of popularity when there was a prominent champion that fans could focus on. Liked or not, people would watch their favorite boxer like an idol, waiting to see him win or lose.

Now we're in a new century where everything seems more extreme. Boxing champions are being recycled like old boot socks and there hasn't been any consistency in the sport for years. It seems like every time we see a boxing match, we never see the same two fighters again. So how are fans supposed to follow a sport when the athletes disappear like Tony Romo's past girlfriends?

Floyd Mayweather has shown the world his presence in the sport and

his intentions to stay the champion for as long as he can. By winning habitually, he has given fans and haters a reason to watch his fights and I guarantee there will be millions of viewers tuning in for his next fight.

The reason I don't blame the MMA leagues is because they are two different sports. It's like comparing the NFL with arena football. Some fans love the more physical, rough, and exciting sport of arena football, while others still enjoy the classic game of football — and some like both.

Boxing remains classic in comparison to the rugged bouts in the octagon where fighters are bloodthirsty, raw and don't mind receiving punches, kicks and knees all over their body for three rounds.

The sport of boxing won't fall as long as there is consistency. Regular boxers are forgotten, however, entertainers such as Ali, "Sugar" Ray Leonard, Joe Frazier, Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton, Tyson, and Mayweather keep fans interested. It's these men that are needed and should be found. It's men like these that keep boxing popular. Others should come out and refresh the sport by capitalizing on the likeable traits their predecessors displayed.

Boxing — so many things come to mind when I think of boxing. In the past I thought of prestige, honor and warriors. It was a true gentlemen's sport. Lately, however, when I think of boxing, the words chump, controversy and obsolete come to mind.

Once upon a time I was excited about the possibilities in potential match-ups. If I were to list my top 100 fights of all time, however, the latest one would be in 1992. I apologize in advance for what I'm about to say to those who have dedicated their life or significant amounts of time to the sport, but three things need to be addressed if boxing is ever going to be steered back toward its golden era, the 1900s.

First, there are too many sanctions in professional boxing. There are 17 weight classes in the four major governing bodies of boxing. This means there can be nearly 70 championship belts floating around at any given time. Who has the time to track that? Not me.

Second, the best fighters rarely meet and if they do, it's usually when they're past their prime. The perfect example is Mike Tyson versus Evander Holyfield.

This was one of the most highly anticipated dream matches conceived in the early '90s. Tyson was the undefeated and undisputed heavyweight champion who was, more importantly, slated to be the savior of boxing. As a young cruiserweight, Holyfield, also undefeated, was destroying everything in his path before moving up to the heavyweight division to get a shot at the title. He sat as a number one contender for two years before getting his shot and when it did go down it was not the storyline fans were hoping for or even expecting.

It went more like this: Tyson loses to unknown underdog, James "Buster" Douglas, a bloated Douglas is destroyed by Holyfield and Tyson goes to prison ... We know the rest of the story. The Tyson/Holyfield

fight eventually materialized in 1996 and again in 1997, but for many these would be the last straw for boxing as the two washed-up pugilists produced "The Bite Fight" as it became known to the annals of boxing. And more recently, Floyd Mayweather versus Manny Pacquiao — need I say more? I know it's more about money instead of fear of one another, but these athletes need to take a step back and do what's better for the sport — do what's right. It may happen, but not until it becomes no more than a sideshow for people to watch out of mere curiosity.

Finally, mixed martial arts has proven that boxing is a one-dimensional sport with stale dynamics. How many times have you seen two boxers hug it out as they sway around the ring for 12 rounds, ala, Tyson versus James "Bone Crusher" Smith or Pacquiao versus Joshua Clottey. You won't see that in MMA. Quite frankly, MMA offers fight fans what they really want, exciting fights and great match-ups with a gamut of disciplines.

The days of Ali versus Frazier, Hagler versus Hearns, and Leonard versus Duran are long gone and boxing is ultimately one generation away from going away — boxing is dead.

In the past I thought of prestige, honor and warriors. It was a true gentlemen's sport. Lately, however, when I think of boxing, the words chump, controversy and obsolete come to mind."

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Sports and Health

Splash and Dash Biathlon

Sign up for the next race in the Commanding Officer's Fitness Series beginning Oct. 22 at 7 a.m. Racers start with a 500-meter swim in Kaneohe Bay and tackle a 5K run finishing at Hangar 103. The public is welcome to sign up on flyers at Semper Fit center or online.

All who register by Oct. 14 are guaranteed a T-shirt. Late entries will be accepted with a fee. Online registration closes Oct. 19. For more information, call 254-7590.

High Intensity Tactical Training Center

The High Intensity Tactical Training Center at Building 1034, is available for check out by Marine units or groups. The center is available from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 5 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 5 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Personnel who wish to use the facility must request the key from the Satellite Fitness Center at Bldg. 1033 next door. A noncommissioned officer must be responsible for returning the key and cleanup of the center after use. For more information, call Bldg. 1033 at 254-7594.

Semper Fit Juniors Program

This program is held monthly, every second Thursday. Upon completion of the program's Fitness Basics class, gym users ages 14-15 will be issued an individualized pass to use the center without an adult present.

For more information, call the Semper Fit center at 254-7597.

2011 Intramural Tackle Football Schedule

DATE	TIME	TEAM	VS	TEAM
<i>POP WARNER FIELD</i>				
OCT. 11	6 p.m.	MAG-24		MCAS
OCT. 12	6 p.m.	MCAS		CAMP SMITH
OCT. 18	6 p.m.	HQBN		MAG-24
<i>BORDELON FIELD CAMP SMITH</i>				
OCT. 19	6 p.m.	CAMP SMITH		1/12
OCT. 25	6 p.m.	CAMP SMITH		HQBN
<i>POP WARNER FIELD</i>				
OCT. 26	6 p.m.	MCAS		1/12
NOV. 1	6 p.m.	MAG-24		1/12

ALL PLAYOFF GAMES @ K-BAY
1ST ROUND STARTS NOV. 8
SEMI FINALS NOV. 15-16
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME NOV. 22



Photos by Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

A group of Headquarters Battalion Warriors defenders take down a Marine Corps Air Station Renegades ball carrier Robert C. Latta Tuesday at Pop Warner Field. The solid Warrior defense made it extremely difficult for the Renegades to reach the end zone, leaving the final score 28-0.

Warriors slay Renegades in thunderous performance

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber

Combat Correspondent

The Headquarter Battalion Warriors and Marine Corps Air Station Renegades faced off in a thunderous, hard-hitting, and physical game Tuesday at Pop Warner Field.

The undefeated Warriors started the game aggressively but a quick fumble gave MCAS a great opportunity to score within minutes of the first quarter. Both teams lined up facing each other as the Renegades offense tried desperately to force the ball into the end zone. However, the solid Warrior defense made it extremely difficult and after forcing a fumble, the Warriors were able to receive possession once again to put some much-anticipated points on the scoreboard.

"We really relied on the defense this game," Shawn Simms, Warriors defensive captain, said. "For the past couple of games the defense really held themselves strongly. We have defensive backs that have improved a lot this game and that's good to see."

The Renegades were scoreless through the first quarter as the Warriors offense gained momentum after a 40-yard pass from Warriors



Headquarters Battalion Warriors defenders jump to gain possession of a fumble during their game against Marine Corps Air Station Renegades Tuesday at Pop Warner Field. The Warriors dominated the whole game with the final score 28-0. The undefeated Warriors remain one step closer to their overall goal of a championship.

quarterback Julio Aguayo to receiver Nathaniel Rausch who caught the ball under great pressure from a Renegades cornerback.

After a quick score, the Warriors continued to pound the Renegades defense back, leaving the score 18-0 at the end of the first half.

"The game started off kind of shaky," Dontellis Johnson-Green, Warriors team captain said. "Once we

got the offense going and saw that our defense was keeping the intensity up, everything went into play."

The Warriors kicked the ball deep to start the second half with hopes of leaving MCAS with no points on the board. The Warrior's defense stopped MCAS once again and took advantage of their field position by handing the ball off to running back Adrian "Peterson" Leon who ran over

all defenders in his path for another touchdown.

By the fourth quarter, the Warriors continued to dominate the scoreboard, leaving no room or opportunities for MCAS to catch up. Winning the game 28-0, the Warriors have become an even greater threat for opponents.

When asked about performance from his team, offensive coordinator Jason Gates said, "I thought that we could have played better on the defensive side, but more so on the offensive side. Defense is always going to be an ever revolving thing and MCAS didn't score at all last night, but I know our defense would've liked to put a few touchdowns on the scoreboard themselves. I believe our offense should of easily scored no less than 40 points. We have a very high-powered offense that I believe can score at will—but this all boils down to practice and how we practice."

The Warriors, still undefeated, will face off with Marine Aircraft Group 24 on Oct. 18 at Pop Warner Field in hopes of winning and getting one step closer to the championship.

Simms encourages everyone to come support Headquarters Battalion. Games are held Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Pop Warner Field.

RUNNERS DASH THROUGH BASE DURING 25K



Pic. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Competitors run through the Mokapu Gate during the ING Direct 25K run here Sunday. The course started in Kailua Beach Park and passed through Kailua before making the turn around at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The 25K helped prepare advanced runners for the upcoming P.F. Chang's 30K Marathon starting at Kaipiolani Park Oct. 23. The Mizuno Val Nolasco 21K Half Marathon is also available to runners looking for a challenge at Kapiolani Park Nov. 6. For more information about upcoming local races, visit <http://www.808racehawaii.com>.

No excuses for women avoiding mammograms

Shari Lopatin

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

When Mara Street turned 40, she received a call from TRICARE to recommend she go for her first yearly mammogram.

Street, who resides in Great Falls, Mont., and is the wife of a retired Air Force captain, didn't listen at first. "I deleted the message, thinking I'm a healthy young woman. I do not have a history of breast cancer," she said.

But two weeks later, TRICARE called again. This time, Street listened. And after going for her first mammogram, she learned she had breast cancer.

"If it hadn't been for TriWest making two phone calls, we may have waited until she was 50 years of age and our opportunities and options would have been grossly limited," said her husband, Tim Street.

Many women put off their yearly mammograms for a variety of reasons. But as Street — a mother of six — can attest, nothing should get in the way. A mammogram saved her life.

Here are four common excuses women use to avoid getting their mammograms, and why they should stop avoiding this lifesaving screening:

1. I'm too busy.

Having a mammogram will only take a few moments — usually three to five minutes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Typically, it's less than an hour from checking in to walking out the door.

Additionally, a woman's risk for developing breast cancer grows as she gets older. The sooner you detect breast cancer, the better your chance of survival, says the Susan G. Komen for the Cure website.

Remember, what's the point of "being too busy," if you can't be there for your family someday?

2. It hurts.

As a general rule, having a mammogram may cause some minor discomfort. Yes, there is pressure on the breast tissue — but it is pressure, not pain.

3. Nothing can be wrong if I don't check.

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in American women, other than skin cancer, according to the CDC.

Therefore, the odds are against you if you don't check. Just getting older increases your risk.

From the CDC, some of the warning signs of breast cancer include:

- A new lump in the breast or armpit
- Thickening or swelling of the breast
- Nipple discharge, other than breast milk, including blood
- Change in size or shape of the breast
- Pain in any area of the breast

4. I don't know where to go for a mammogram.

Your doctor can give you some options of where you can conveniently get a mammogram.

Your closest option might be at a base clinic or a local imaging center—sometimes these are called radiology centers.

Always call to make sure your mammography center is TRICARE-authorized.

TRICARE covers mammograms for women starting at age 40. For those considered at high risk for breast cancer, TRICARE begins covering mammograms at 35 years old.

To watch Mara Street's story firsthand, visit <http://www.TriWest.com/MissiontoServe>.

For more information about breast cancer prevention, visit <http://www.TriWest.com/BreastHealth>.

THE FEW, THE PROUD, THE FURRY

BASE VETERINARY CLINIC SAVES LIVES, MONEY



Cpl. Vanessa American Horse | Hawaii Marine

Kristin E. Ritch, veterinary technician, administers vaccines to Kory, a 10-year-old papillon, with the help of Sarah J. Feipel, veterinary clerk, at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Veterinary Clinic. The clinic offers annual vaccinations, allergy tests and health certificates for travel and kenneling house pets for 25 to 50 percent cheaper than standard civilian clinics. Other services are available, including a sick call. "It beats the majority of pet facilities out there which is why I crossed over to on base," said Sgt. Christopher Guthrie, infantry squad leader, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. "It makes me feel good knowing that we can go right across the road." For more information on the clinic, call 257-3643.

Inaugural Cpl. Matthew R. Lembke 6.5K Memorial Run



Cpl. Matthew R. Lembke is a Tualatin, Ore., native who joined the Marines just days after his 18th birthday and served two tours of duty in Iraq.

Lembke was seriously injured by an improvised explosive device explosion in June 2009 during his third tour of duty while on foot patrol in Afghanistan. After 18 days fighting for his life, he succumbed to infection caused by the blast. Since his passing Lembke's family began a scholarship fund in his honor for one or more Tualatin High School graduating seniors.

The Inaugural Cpl. Matthew R. Lembke 6.5K Memorial Run is free and open to the public. Applications are available at the Semper Fit Center. Participants may submit applications to Semper Fit or bring them on the day of the run for late registration. Donations will be accepted the day of the run to aid and show support to Lembke from his former unit, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

For more information on the Matthew R. Lembke Scholarship Fund go to <http://www.tualatinchamber.com>. Lembke's family will also hold a run in Tualatin, Ore., on Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. If you would like to have the T-shirts of the inaugural run go online to <http://www.active.com> or <http://www.fitcitytualatin.com> keyword search is "Regatta Run 2011."



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HAWAII MARINE PHOTO CONTEST

Starting next week, submit your best Halloween photo to us and the winner will be printed in the Hawaii Marine!

Weekly winners will receive prizes such as reusable bags, backpacks, T-shirts, or other great items.

You will also be entered in our grand prize contest at the end of the year.

Please email a high-resolution JPEG image to HawaiiMarineArt@gmail.com. Copyrighted work is not accepted.

Photos must not be inappropriate in nature.

Photos should be sent no later than Friday for consideration.

Please include your name, a contact phone number, and a photograph of the artist.

NETZERO ENERGY MARINE CORPS BASE

Marine Corps Base Hawaii continues to demonstrate a commitment to finding ways to harness the abundance of sunlight in the Kaneohe Bay area in order to produce renewable energy.

Have you noticed the first building-integrated thin film photovoltaic roof systems on Buildings 1027, 1033, and 1045? How about the 26-kW solar PV shingles installed on Building 268?

During the middle of each day, these renewable power-generating roofs generate more power than the buildings use, sending the excess into our electrical grid to reduce the amount of electricity we have to purchase from the electric utility.

Many golfers anyone who has been to the golf course has

seen the yellow buoy floating about a mile off our north shore.

Did you know that we are experimenting with wave power technologies capable of producing renewable energy from wave movements?

Yes, the PB40 Power Buoy is now connected to our grid, and generating renewable clean energy.

Since price of electricity in the State of Hawaii is high and because we are on an island, we are unable to rely on another state's utility to draw power in case of outages or rolling blackouts. Hawaiian Electric Company's reserve generating capacity continues to shrink as the demand for electricity on Oahu grows. We also want



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to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and fossil fuels to increase our energy security.

These renewable energy projects, along with future initiatives, such as 24 solar PV carport sites and 20 rooftop sites, totaling up to 15 MW of solar power, will help us achieve a net zero energy base by 2030, which means we will be able to produce enough energy to be self-sustained.

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WHAT'S COOKING AT ANDERSON HALL DINING FACILITY?

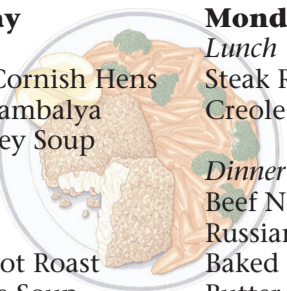
WEEK OF OCT 7 THROUGH OCT 13

Today
Lunch
 Beef Yakisoba
 Chinese Egg Rolls
 Shrimp Fried Rice

Dinner
 Chicken Tetrizzini
 Roast Pork Loin
 Minestrone Soup

Saturday
Dinner
 Herbed Cornish Hens
 Shrimp Jambalya
 Beef Barley Soup

Sunday
Dinner
 Yankee Pot Roast
 Vegetable Soup



Monday
Lunch
 Steak Ranchero
 Creole Pork Chops

Dinner
 Beef Noodle Soup
 Russian Turkey Stew
 Baked Fish with Garlic Butter

Tuesday
Lunch
 Bean with Bacon Soup
 Beef Sukiyaki
 Bombay Chicken Breast

Dinner
 Creole Macaroni
 Jerked Roast Turkey



Wednesday
Lunch
 Sweet and Sour spareribs
 Country Style Steak

Dinner
 Beef Pot Pie
 Manhattan Clam Chowder

Thursday
Lunch
 Dijon Baked Pork Chops
 Beef Stroganoff

Dinner
 Orange and Rosemary Honey Glazed Chicken



Sports Nutrition and Performance

Oct. 13, 11:30 p.m.
 Base chapel conference room
FREE!

Learn how to eat like a proper athlete with this free nutrition class provided by Tripler Army Medical Center and Semper Fit. Leading the class, TAMC Dietitian Capt. Joy Metevier will talk about ways to stay healthy and fit. Learn about having a proper food intake for strength and endurance training, good hydration and more. Bring lunch and the kids for the one-hour class! For more information, call 254-7636.

DEATH styles

Haunted Plantation



Ghosts bid Lono Beamer and his daughter, Kaua, of Mililani, a freaky farewell as they leave the Haunted Plantation Saturday. A portion of the proceeds from the event go toward Hawaii's Plantation Village.

A group of guests comes through the Haunted Plantation during a special preview night Saturday.

Story and photos by Kristen Wong
Photojournalist

WAIPAHU — Forget the holy water, ti leaves and salt, because nothing will save you from the tortured souls of Hawaii's Haunted Plantation.

For most of the year, Hawaii's Plantation Village in Waipahu offers historical tours of authentic and replicated plantation-era houses, in addition to real plantation furniture, housewares and clothes.

But Oct. 14-15, 21-23 and 28-31, more than 10,000 attendees annually get a taste of the plantation's more sinister side.

"Every year it gets bigger and it gets better," said Jeff Higa, executive director of Hawaii's Plantation Village.

Guests will line up in front of a dark tunnel that leads to the various houses in which more than 40 experienced and trained "ghosts" will give you a run for your money.

Every year, Higa works with Noa Laporga, the coordinator of the Haunted Plantation, to plan the scares. Even though he helped in the planning phase and knows what to expect, Higa said he still gets scared when he does his walk-through.

Laporga is an event promoter who first approached the village in 2005 with the idea of a haunted plantation.

"It was the perfect place," Laporga said. "Knowing it's on a real plantation [makes it] more realistic. People in Hawaii are superstitious. It's easier to scare people based on traditional superstitions."

The original Haunted Plantation only lasted one night, but due to popular demand has gradually expanded, and is now offering nine nights.

The plantation is "haunted" each October by ghosts based on real cultural traditions. The Japanese House, for instance, is haunted by Mujina, a Japanese ghost, usually in the form of a woman with long, dark hair and no face. Topped with sound effects and extremely animated actors, many unsuspecting patrons may want to venture through to boast their bravery. But Haunted Plantation is not for everyone.

On the Haunted Plantation's website, a warning is posted, discouraging some from attending, such as pregnant women or those with heart conditions. Also, the event is not for children under 13 years old. Laporga said he has seen adults cry, and has even been offered money from frightened patrons who wanted to leave early. Many have lost their flipflops with their hasty departure.

For those who want a lighter experience, the village also offers evenings of storytelling. This year, Higa will take families through each house and tell ghost stories from the plantation.

Although the village itself has only existed for about 18 years, Higa said there have been deaths on the property, and the spirit of a little girl has been seen at the plantation. Laporga said some of the previous actors in Haunted Plantation have actually quit because they experienced real paranormal phenomena at the plantation.

Volunteer Rylan Kwock of Mililani said last year when the volunteers were finished one night, they noticed the handprint of a young child on the window of one of the houses. The volunteers were puzzled because that particular house was not used that year and had been locked all night.

"[The plantation] itself is scary," said Lono Beamer, of Mililani, who brought his wife and teenage children to the plantation for a second year. "The characters are just phenomenal. You have to look up, down, left and right. It's more fun than a movie."

Kamalu Beamer said he had never heard his sister or mother scream so loud.

"It was the perfect blend of action and

[monsters] sneaking up on you," Kamalu Beamer said.

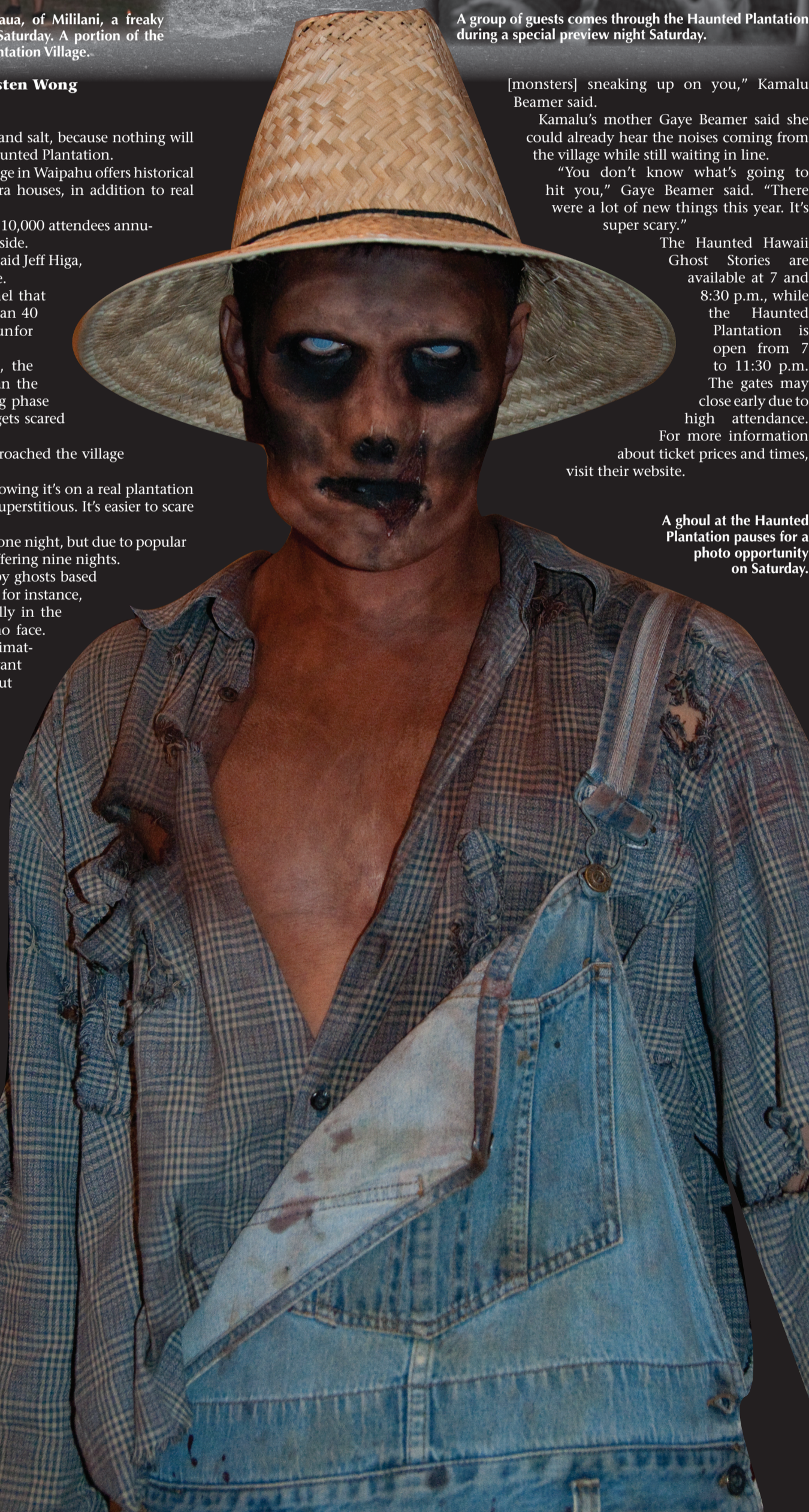
Kamalu's mother Gaye Beamer said she could already hear the noises coming from the village while still waiting in line.

"You don't know what's going to hit you," Gaye Beamer said. "There were a lot of new things this year. It's super scary."

The Haunted Hawaii Ghost Stories are available at 7 and 8:30 p.m., while the Haunted Plantation is open from 7 to 11:30 p.m. The gates may close early due to high attendance.

For more information about ticket prices and times, visit their website.

A ghoul at the Haunted Plantation pauses for a photo opportunity on Saturday.



PASS REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

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

1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

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



2/4 — High And To The Right

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



3/4 — On Target

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



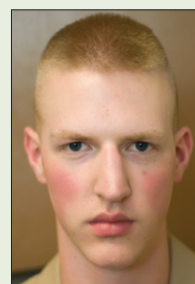
4/4 — Confirmed Kill

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



So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, The Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm feel free to submit your own reviews.

Better Know A Critic



SAUTER

Pfc. James A. Sauter believes that a good movie begins with a good story. The story needs to be well balanced between the chemistry and variety of characters with an original plot or setting that keeps the reader or audience up on its toes.



CALLAHAN

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan knows that a good video game is about a lot more than good graphics and stellar physics engines. A phenomenal game encompasses an excellent plot, tight game play, and outstanding sound all used in support of rendering an immersive atmosphere that creates a lasting impression on him.

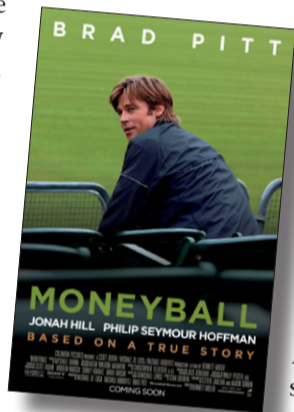
'Moneyball' pays off

Pfc. James A. Sauter

Combat Correspondent

"Moneyball" is not like any sports film I've ever seen. The majority of nonfiction sport history films, such as "Miracle" or "Remember the Titans," are coming-of-age stories about how young and broken teams are mentored by a seasoned and ambitious coach, who dreams of the championship title because he lost it himself. The team struggles with adversity but eventually comes together, and during its finest hour, scores the winning goal and makes history.

"Moneyball" is not that movie. It's based off of true events but the story is about the behind-the-scenes events behind the team. Billy Beane (Brad Pitt), general manager for the Oakland Athletics, struggles through to put together a winning team with a significant financial handicap before the 2001 season after the A's lose three of their top players to the wealthier New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals.



While on a business trip to Cleveland, Beane meets with his assistant manager, Peter Brand (Jonah Hill), who explains to Beane that professional baseball has it wrong about how to scout and recruit players. Brand introduces the concept of "Moneyball" or finding and recruiting players based solely on their on-base hitting percentage, rather than a scout looking for talent or potential.

Together, Beane and Brand recruit some of the most overlooked players in Major League Baseball, including a pitcher who throws in a submarine-style fashion at low speeds. Everyone thought that "Moneyball" would never work but after several losses, the A's came back with a 20-game winning streak. People started to believe that this new idea could work.

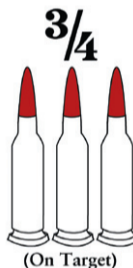
Interestingly, the Red Sox actually adopted Moneyball and won the 2004 World Series, their first since they sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1918.

I feel this unconventional, true sports story was very interesting since I haven't seen anything like this before; how people on the staff of a team make something great happen rather than the coach or the team itself.

I thought the chemistry between Pitt and Hill was funny at times since the two are nearly polar opposites. When the two are juxtaposed, the difference is clearly there. One moment during the A's training camp, Pitt tells Hill "this better work," and the audience can see in Hill's face that his heart sunk, hoping that it works too.

The cinematography of the movie wasn't bad either but the editing lagged slightly during the moments when he has memories of his past or Beane and Brand are trying to gain momentum with their idea against the resistance of the entire franchise.

I would definitely recommend this movie to anyone looking for something different in a sports movie. The game scenes are entertaining and the moments between Pitt and Hill are fun to watch. "Moneyball" is certainly worth the money for the ticket.



'Dead Island' a visceral, more refined zombie slaying experience

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan

Contributing Writer

Zombie-related media has been coming out of the woodwork of pop culture at a blistering pace these past few years. Between films, TV shows, video games, comics, survival guides and even a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued "what if" report detailing what measures to take should the undead started to roam the earth, I'm solidly convinced that western civilization has never been more prepared to do battle with the likes of the walking dead.

Apparently the humble residents of a Pacific Rim island never got the memo. Now, they're fighting for their lives aboard the tourist destination island of Hanoi in "Dead Island."

The survival-horror genre has been a long-standing staple in the hearts and minds of gamers since the inception of "Resident Evil" way back in 1996 thanks to the brilliant minds over at Capcom. I've lauded the RE series and others similar to it since I got my hands on the games when I was about 12 years old.

Like many newer titles in the genre, "Dead Island" takes a refreshingly decisive turn in game-play mechanics. Unlike many survival horror titles of past and present, if you weren't running down corridors cursing the fixed camera angles and throwing your controller at the wall because there were more story-driven notes to be found than ammunition, you were running down a linear level design and encountering

choreographed and predictable enemies in games like "Dead Space" and "Left 4 Dead." Not to say these games aren't scary, but "Dead Island" takes a different approach, offering a totally open world first person action/RPG experience that lets the player navigate the island and complete quests that don't run parallel to the main storyline.

Graphically, the game excels. An immense amount of focus was put into the model variation in enemy character design, and you can see very clearly what limbs have been broken, torn or cut off in perfect, gory detail as you fight the undead horde. Taking place on a beautiful tropical island, the game renders lighting, textures, and draw distance fantastically letting the player escape into the game with few graphical distractions. My only qualm graphically is the facial design of the characters, it's bland and out of touch with the rest of the game's beauty.

Fighting the undead is the main focus of the game, and I am very pleased to report that it delivers a stellar combat system. Using objects and weapons you find scattered across the island, you have several options when it comes to fighting zombies. While using a blunt object like a baseball bat, your crosshairs will hone in on a zombies arm, allowing you to bludgeon it until it breaks and render the arm useless. Feel like slicing and dicing? Use a machete and aim for the head! One slice they're down, two slices, they're decapitated.

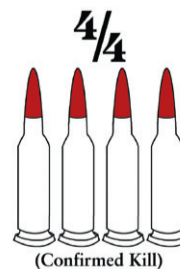
Your character has a stamina bar that increases with level gains throughout the game. It provides balance

when fighting the undead. Everything from slicing to kicking and punching to running burns up stamina fast and it's up to you to figure out how much your character can take before he or she needs to get the hell out of dodge.

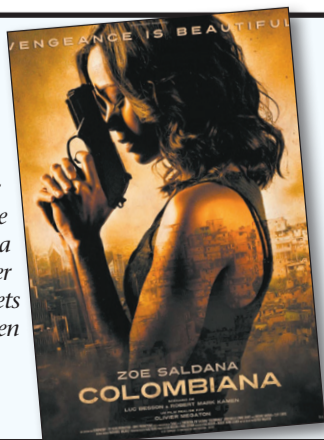
Finally the "horror" aspect of the game. I thought being in broad daylight on a tropical island that "Dead Island" would have a hard time eliciting the fear and suspense that its earlier brethren had conveyed so well. With the suspension of the darkness and quiet for the majority of the game play, you come to rely on the sounds and infinite possibilities when it comes to identifying the location of the enemy.

You'll be busy hacking and slashing through some guy and out of nowhere another zombie will choke-slam you to the ground. The zombies vary from slow and stupid, to fast and clever, creating an unnerving environment when you actually do find yourself in a dark, quiet place like a hotel without power.

Overall "Dead Island" clicked with me and provided a grisly, fast paced and decision driven playing experience that delivers on just about every front a survival horror game should. With the month of October in full swing and everyone roaming our island in search of a good scare, staying in and playing "Dead island" for a little while does the job just fine.



Prices: All shows are \$3.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.



"The Help" PG13 Today | 6:30 p.m.

"Our Idiot Brother" R Today | 9:45 p.m.

"Colombiana" PG13 Saturday | 7:15 p.m.

"Fright Night" R Saturday | 9:45 p.m.

"Spy Kids: All the Time in the World" PG Sunday | 2 p.m.

"The Help" PG13 Sunday | 6:30 p.m.

"Colombiana" PG13 Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Military inspiring Hawaii's youth

MCB Hawaii units renew Adopt-A-School partnerships

Kristen Wong

Photojournalist

Lanikai Elementary School and Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay celebrated their seventh year partnering through the Adopt-A-School program by enjoying music from the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, Sept. 28.

Through the Adopt-A-School program, several units aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii have been paired with a local school, providing support and volunteer work for the students throughout the year.

According to Derrick Kerr, school liaison officer for Marine Corps Base Hawaii, there are currently 16 different units who have created a bond of friendship with a local school.

"I think [the partnership] is becoming a part of the school culture," said Ed Noh, principal of Lanikai. "Hopefully this partnership will grow."

Noh said the Marines and sailors are good role models for the children. By having them visit, the community gets a better idea of the military than what they see in the media — that they are real people with families.

"Every year just gets better and better," said Roni Willke, Lanikai's curriculum coordinator. "The caliber of Marines and [sailors who] come to see us is outstanding. Everything they do is positive, affirming and motivating to the kids."

Dressed in crisp white, Cmdr. Eric Barkdull, the executive officer of MCAS, taught the Lanikai students a "sailor greeting."

"Are 'ya ready kids?" Barkdull asked, imitating the television show "SpongeBob SquarePants."

"Aye aye, captain!" the children hollered in response.

The children didn't forget the Marines, however, and gave them a resounding "Ooh-rah!" to which they responded the same. Barkdull encouraged the children with an inspirational story about an eagle.

"We all live in a wonderful land, in a wonderful place, where we can all become an eagle," Barkdull said. "Each one of you has an eagle inside of you. So we need people to help us find that eagle ... teachers help us, parents help us ... and the Navy here at the Marine Corps Air Station is here to help you, and the Marines are here to help you."

MCAS Marines and sailors visit Lanikai every Wednesday to offer tutoring to children, usually in math or

spelling. Among the various activities throughout the year, the service members have made it a tradition to build a haunted house to compliment the school's annual fun fair.

This year, the first through third grade students will tour the unit's facilities on base for a MCAS Career Day on Oct. 18.

Petty Officer 1st Class Rebecca Rosati, air traffic controller, MCAS, is taking on her second year as the unit's Adopt-A-School liaison to Lanikai. Rosati, of Ashburn, Va., said she enjoys tutoring the children most out of all the events and activities the unit and the school do together.

"Just knowing we're making an impact, providing better education for the kids, it's good to know that we somewhat play a role in that," Rosati said.

Just two days later, Marines from Headquarters Battalion received hugs and thanks at Puohala Elementary School in Kaneohe, with whom they also have a partnership.

At Puohala, Capt. Bradley Creedon, the Adopt-A-School program representative for Headquarters Bn., and Sgt. Maj. Marvin Dixon, battalion sergeant major, along with fellow volunteer Marines dressed in their service "C" uniforms came for an annual contract signing Sept. 28.

"Every year the program grows



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band and Roni Willke, curriculum coordinator, Lanikai Elementary School, look on as Lanikai second grader Jacob Shadle places a lei on Petty Officer 1st Class Rebecca Rosati, the Adopt-A-School liaison from Marine Corps Air Station, Sept. 28.

and grows," Creedon said during the assembly. "The reason why is because of [the students] and how much you care about learning and doing the right thing. I just want to say thank you to all the students and parents and faculty, and we're excited for another year."

Headquarters Bn. Marines have

helped improve the school grounds, and donated funds to provide a marquee sign outside for the school. This year, the unit also presented the children with new physical education equipment, including dodgeballs, jump ropes and hula hoops.

"Even before I became principal here, we have had a very significant relationship with the United States Marine Corps," said Puohala principal Alexis Kane. "One of the most significant things that they've been doing has been coming to our school on a regular basis to mentor our students."

The Marines who volunteer are mentors to fifth grade students on a weekly basis. Creedon has mentored several students, encouraging them to finish their homework, playing games with them like four square, and talking to them about a variety of topics from sports to their future as adults.

"It's just a great program," Creedon said. "Giving back to the community is an obligation of the Marine Corps."

Creedon is entering his third year as the Adopt-A-School program representative for Headquarters Bn. Creedon, of Albuquerque, N.M., said he finds it rewarding to see the students succeed after helping "steer them in the right direction."

Several more units will also be renewing their partnerships with their respective schools during the Principal's Reception at The Officers' Club, Thursday.



Several volunteer Marines from Headquarters Battalion show the children their new physical education equipment, which the unit provided for the school. Far right, Capt. Bradley Creedon, the Adopt-A-School program representative for Headquarters Battalion, offers a few words to the students at Puohala Elementary School, Sept. 30.

Keiki well cared for at Kaneohe Bay

New facilities host sitters at MCB Hawaii

Christine Cabalo

Photojournalist

Offering different services, the Youth Activities Center and Waikulu Community Center share the mission of assisting families at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Since May 2010, the Waikulu Community Center has hosted CPR training and other basewide events. The center facilities are available to Forest City housing residents who need a meeting space for community events or children's birthday parties.

"We're getting a lot of use out of the center," said

Kathy Custer, Keiki Sitters founder and frequent user of the center's facilities. "One room is set up just for children. There's a lot of space and a great couch to use for holding infants."

This month Keiki Sitters will be offering childcare at six MCB Hawaii events, several of them hosted at the community center.

Since starting her childcare provider business in March 2008, Custer said she would get many requests for services but has a hard time finding a location on base to host a large group of children.

"It was really difficult," Custer said. "All they had available was the base chapel for children and adults to meet. The chapel is in high demand, too. We've tried to work out of the base theater, but it was hard to set up."

The community center includes rooms with kitchen facilities Custer uses to serve food and also has open play areas. Custer said it's been easier to use than off base facilities that may be inconvenient or out of the way.

When families need childcare for their school-age students or want to participate in after-school clubs, the Youth Activities Center has space for them. Launched earlier this year, the new activities center near Lawrence Road includes a computer room, gaming equipment and gathering space.

"When the children go in, their eyes pop open," said Janet Hooten, Children, Youth and Teen Program administrator, Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii. "There are a lot of things to do. We have great clubs, and it keeps the children busy. They're safe, and



Courtesy photo | Keiki Sitters

Kathy Custer, founder of Keiki Sitters, spends time with children at the new Waikulu Community Center. The center is one of several new buildings able to host group childcare at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

parents know where to pick up and drop off."

In February 2010 as many as 1,950 school-age children were aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, potentially needing childcare.

Hooten said the center's services, like the School-Age Care Program, are available during school breaks. During this week, the activities center was open for computer time and Fall Day Camp.

With both spaces available for children and adults to use for their needs, Hooten said families have many options available to them.

"We're only a piece of the services available to the community," she said. "The little ones and the teens can meet at the Youth Center, and the community center can help out families as a whole."

For more information about the Youth Activities Center, call 257-2030.



Courtesy photo | Keiki Sitters

Windy Davis-Bentley, supervising sitter, Keiki Sitters, cares for an infant during an event held at Waikulu Community Center. The community center and the new Youth Activities Center have resources available to families for childcare.

Fire Prevention Week 2011 focuses on family

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Stop, drop and roll your way to Mokapu Mall on Oct. 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. as the Federal Fire Department promotes fire safety education for National Fire Prevention Week.

This year's Fire Prevention Week is themed "Protect your Family from Fire," and runs from Oct. 9 to 15.

In 2010, the National Fire Protection Association's website reported more than 2,600 people died and more than 17,000 injured out of the more than 380,000 home fires which occurred last year nationwide.

Members of the Federal Fire Department will be available at each event to answer questions and teach attendees about fire safety through activity stations and static displays.

Angela Sanders, fire inspector for the Federal Fire Department, said the department is providing coloring books for the children and toy fire helmets on a first come, first serve basis. Sparky the Fire Dog will also be available for photo opportunities.

Attendees will learn the "stop, drop and roll" technique, crawl through a smoke tunnel and learn how to escape from a house in the event of a fire, by practicing with a display door and window. Children can also see firefighters wearing full gear — helmet, jacket and all of their equipment — so they will learn not to be frightened when they see one during an emergency.

Although many of the activities are geared toward children, the adults will learn some tips as well. The department will teach adults how to extinguish a cooking fire, using a fire extinguisher trainer.

According to the NFPA website, "Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries, and was tied for the third leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking was by far the leading cause of these fires."

Albert Balderama, the battalion chief for the Federal Fire Department, said people have stepped away from the stove during cooking to do something else, such as checking on an infant. He said many people don't know how to properly extinguish a grease fire and end up making the fire more "violent." People are cautioned not to pour water on a grease fire, which creates "slop over," resulting in the scalding contents of the pan splashing on the person.

"Some people get really burnt, usually second degree if not third, [on the legs]," Balderama said.

Other times, people have tried to carry flaming pans



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Pat Allen, fire inspector, Federal Fire Department, douses Chief Victor Flint, battalion chief, Federal Fire Department, with a fire extinguisher at Mokapu Elementary School, Sept. 29, 2010. This year's Fire Prevention Week is themed: "Protect your Family from Fire," and runs from Oct. 9 to 15.

out of the house, but like the "slop over," throwing the contents can cause a back splash and burn wrists. Instead, he said grease fires on the stove should be extinguished by covering with a metal lid, or a cookie sheet.

Balderama encourages parents to discuss fire safety with their children.

"Have a fire escape plan, practice it regularly, especially if you have children," Sanders said.

She suggested that parents make a game to get their children involved in the fire escape plan. She encourages parents to ask their children to draw a picture of the house so they know all the ways they can get out of the house during a fire. They can also time their children on how fast they can escape their rooms.

Among many other fire safety tips, Sanders recommended families should do regular maintenance of smoke detectors in homes.

Families should keep their detectors clean as well as regularly replace the batteries. Sanders recommended that parents check their smoke detectors once a month.

National Fire Prevention Week Events

The Mall at Pearl Harbor

Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks

Oct. 13, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Mokapu Mall, MCB Hawaii

Oct. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Balderama also suggested families obtain renter's insurance for their household goods, which covers accidental fires.

"One sign that you can tell that the battery in the fire detector is going to die is if you hear the chirping sound," Sanders said. "Once you start hearing that chirp or it sounds like you have a bird in your house, the battery is either dying or the detector is at the end of its life. Either replace the battery or get a new smoke detector."

The NFPA website has information about the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 8, 1871, which was not extinguished until the next day and inspired the need for fire safety awareness. The national week has been observed since 1921 and continues through the present day.

For more information about fire safety, visit <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>, or call Balderama at 471-3303, ext. 663.

A Few Tips for Fire Safety

- Avoid using extension cords. Surge protectors, or power strips, are safer to use, but don't overload them.
- Every month, check smoke detectors. They need regular cleaning and maintenance.
- Never leave food cooking on the stove or lighted candles unattended.
- Keep flammable objects out of children's reach. If necessary, lock up matches and lighters.

ON BASE, COMMUNITY EVENTS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pearl Harbor Historic Sites celebrates Armed Forces birthdays

The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites are partnering this year to commemorate the official "birthdays" of each branch of the United States Armed Forces with free admission specials.

The historic sites will also jointly celebrate this year's remaining service branch birthdays: the Navy's birthday from Oct. 8 to 16, Marine Corps birthday from Nov. 5 to 13, and the National Guard's birthday from Dec. 10 to 18. Qualified visitors must present a valid military I.D. at each site.

Moon Walk at Waimea Valley

Saturday

Waimea Valley is bringing back its Moon Walk to the public on Saturday in anticipation of the rising of the full moon. The gate opens at 7 p.m., and will close promptly at 9:30 p.m. The Moon Walk will start promptly at 8 p.m. with an opening oli and lunar tales of Hawaii by Kahokulea Haiku. A moonlit pathway will guide you to the waterfall. There is a fee for the Moon Walk, except for children under 4. Visitors should bring a flashlight, insect repellent, and a light jacket.

For more information about Waimea Valley, call 638-7766 or visit <http://www.waimeavalley.net>.

NCO Appreciation Day

Oct. 27

Join your boss at the Rocker Room for a lunch and reception event for NCO Appreciation day. Lunch is scheduled at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the reception begins at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy complimentary pupus or new pau hana specials.

Graffiti Paint-Out and Clean-up

Oct. 29

Totally Against Graffiti is seeking volunteers and

material donations for a community wide clean-up and graffiti paint-out at Prince Kuhio Elementary School.

The event will be on Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon. Painting supplies and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Marilyn at 944-4656, or email marinhi@aol.com.

HPU seeks poetry entries

Hawaii Pacific University is seeking entries for the James M. Vaughan Award for Poetry.

To participate, send three poems with a 100-line limit each along with name, address, phone number, email address, names of poems on a cover page and a five-line biography to: James M. Vaughan Award for Poetry, 1060 Bishop St., LB 7A, Honolulu, HI 96813. No author identification should be on the actual poems.

Participants must have resided in Hawaii for at least one year. Submitted poems must not have been previously published. Submissions must be postmarked by Dec. 15. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Contact Patrice Wilson at 544-1108 for details.

Fourth annual Hallowbaloo music and arts festival

Oct. 27-30

Hallowbaloo 2011 has unrivaled Halloween revelry and is one of the largest and most celebrated music festivals in Hawaii.

There will be performances by more than 40 bands, disc jockies and theatrical groups. Visit <http://www.hallowbaloo.com> for dates, times and locations.

Waimea Valley First Friday

Today

Waimea Valley invites the public for First Friday Pau Hana Time from 5 to 7:30 p.m. For more information about this and other events, please call Waimea Valley at 638-7766.

Polynesian Cultural Center's Haunted Lagoon

Through Oct. 31

The Polynesian Cultural Center's Haunted Lagoon takes guests on canoes for a spine tingling journey through the dark waters of the PCC's lagoon.

Canoes run from 6:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until Oct. 22, and then Monday through Saturday from Oct. 24 to 31. There are also milder "keiki canoes" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.HauntedLagoon.com> or call 293-3333.

Hawaii Haunted Plantation

Hawaii's Plantation Village in Waipahu presents its sixth annual Haunted Plantation Oct. 14-15, 21-23 and 28-31. For information about tickets and times, visit <http://www.hawaiihauntedplantation.com>.

Project Hawaii seeks food, volunteers for Thanksgiving

Project Hawaii, Inc., is gearing up for its Thanksgiving meal program, and needs volunteers to donate food or help fill luncheon bags with food. Requested items include 75 each of the following: peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (bagged), vegetable sticks (bagged), pudding or fruit cups with spoons and granola bars.

All items need to be securely wrapped and packaged to comply with health requirements. You can deliver the items to the Queen Kapiolani Hotel any time from Nov. 17 to 19 or to one of the designated sites on the website. Please be sure to put your name and contact information, mailing address on a paper with your donation and write in capital letters, "Project Hawaii." You may also drop off donations at specified collection sites during the designated time.

For more information on pickup locations, a complete list of requested items and more volunteer opportunities, please visit <http://www.helpthehomelesskeiki.org>.

MOKAPU EVENTS

PCNC Coffee Hour

Oct. 12

The Parent Community Networking Centers Coffee Hour will be held in the cafeteria from 8 to 9am. Bring a breakfast goodie to share.

PTA Meeting

Oct. 13

All are welcome to attend the PTA meeting Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. There will be a School Community Council presentation during the meeting.

After School Enrichment

Oct. 11 to Dec. 13

Spanish Language Lessons will be offered as a 10-week program, from

2:20 to 3:30 p.m., from Oct. 11.

Details and registration forms are available on the Mokapu PTA Enrichment Facebook page.

Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 17-21

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during October every year. Look for upcoming activities and events.

Box Top collection

Ongoing

Drop off your Box Tops at Mokapu front office. Box Tops help the school earn rewards for students. Contact us at PTAMokapu@gmail.com or visit the Mokapu PTA Facebook page.