

Hawaii Marine

REMINDER: Last scheduled power outage entire base • Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

III MEF supports Nepal earthquake relief effort

Capt. Cassandra Gesecki
III Marine Expeditionary Force

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Four MV-22B Ospreys arrived Sunday at Tribhuvan International Airport to support relief efforts in central Nepal after a magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck the country on April 25.

An international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operation has been taking place in and around Kathmandu since the earthquake struck. These aircraft are part of the first wave of U.S. military aircraft that will arrive in country to support the relief effort.

The United States Agency for International Development has been coordinating the U.S. government's response efforts, conducting disaster assessments, and providing search and rescue capabilities since the disaster struck. On April 29, the U.S. military deployed a 20-person Joint Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team led by Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, to Nepal to support the USAID's response efforts. A unique capability was identified during that initial assessment, and USAID requested Department of Defense aircraft in order to access hard-



Cpl. Isaac Ibarra | III Marine Expeditionary Force

Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler (right) talks to Maj. Gen. J S Sandhu (left), and Col. Man Raj Singh Mann about the capabilities the MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft brings to the relief efforts at Tribhuvan international airport, Tuesday. After Nepal was struck by a magnitude-7.8 earthquake on April 25, an international humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operation has been taking place in Nepal.

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Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Monica Jones, Gunnery Sgt. Eugene Jones' wife, takes a moment to remember her husband after the memorial service at the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Monday. Jones, survived by his wife and three children, was honored by friends, family and military personnel.

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KILLEEN TAKES COMMAND

Sgt. Maj. Gregory L. Hall (center), the Marine Corps Base Hawaii sergeant major, salutes as Col. Christopher B. Snyder (left), outgoing base commanding officer, hands the base colors to Col. Sean C. Killeen (right), incoming base commanding officer, in front the base headquarters building, Tuesday.



Lance Cpl. Aaron Patterson | Marine Corps Base Hawaii Combat Camera



Koa Kai Trials
Participants run in the Koa Kai Triathlon, **B-1**



Just kickin' it
MAG-24 units play weekend kickball, **B-6**

Saturday
High 78°
Low 73°

Sunday
High 78°
Low 73°

Navy christens USS John Finn after K-Bay hero

Press Release

Department of Defense

The Navy christened the newest guided missile destroyer, the USS John Finn, Saturday, during a morning ceremony at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Miss.

The new destroyer honors Navy Lt. John Finn, who received the Medal of Honor for heroism during the first attack by Japanese airplanes attacking Oahu on Dec. 7, 1941. The Japanese surprise attack hit then-Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay in addition to ships at Pearl Harbor. While under heavy machine gun fire at K-Bay, Finn manned a .50-caliber machine gun mounted on an instruction stand in a completely exposed section of the parking ramp. Wounded multiple times, he had to be convinced to leave his post. After receiving first aid, he returned to the squadron area to supervise the rearming of returning planes. Laura Stavridis, spouse of Adm. James Stavridis, served as the ship's sponsor. In accordance with Navy tradition, she broke a bottle of sparkling wine across the ship's bow to formally christen the ship.

"I often speak to the members of the chief petty officer mess about the characteristics of a leader, and more specifically the characteristics I expect to see in my chiefs," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Mike Stevens. "I tell them that a model chief petty officer is a quiet, humble, servant leader. I believe with all my heart that John Finn exemplified all of these traits through his heroic actions on that day."

Designated DDG 113, the USS John Finn is the 63rd Arleigh Burke class destroyer, and will be able to conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis management to sea control and power projection. The USS John Finn is capable of engaging in air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously and contains a myriad of offensive and defensive weapons designed to support maritime warfare including integrated air and missile defense capabilities.



Antonio D. Ramos | U.S. Navy

John William Finn poses for a photo at La Posta Inn June 28, 2009, during a celebration of Finn's 100th birthday. Finn received the Medal of Honor by Adm. Chester Nimitz in September 1942 for his heroism aboard Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay during the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks.

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ICE COMMENTS

Comment: For almost three years, the New Parent Support Program helped me build my family. I first became involved in NPSP when I was pregnant and through the groups, new moms, prenatal support, Itsy Bitsy Workshop, and Breastfeeding Support Group I built my Hawaii family. Through my time there I watched several of these groups dissolve due to lack of staff. It made me sad when people asked where they could go to meet people, and I could no longer recommend some of these groups. These groups are an important part of the military community in Hawaii because of the distance and isolation. I recommend allowing these groups to be run by volunteers if staffing is causing issues. Families need these groups, and while home visits are wonderful and helpful, developing a family that you can turn to in times of need is equally important. I loved every second I spent learning and being inspired by the people in NPSP. I have taken many steps to become a social worker so I continue the good work that this program does in other places.

Follow-Up Notes : I sent <name omitted> an email in response to her comments and let her know she can contact me with any additional questions or concerns. Thank you, <Name omitted>, Family Advocacy Program manager

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

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Visit the ICE site at <http://ice.disa.mil>. For ICE FAQs, visit mcbhawaii.marines.mil, then click Departments, Business Performance, then ICE FAQs.

This week in Corps history: May 8, 1995: In the wake of the Louisiana Flood, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims. - **U.S. Marine Corps History Division**

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII EVENTS

FUTURE EVENTS

Starting May 18, the Semper Fit Division is hosting a training program for people who are running a 5-kilometer race for the first time. The seven-week training program is scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Pop Warner Field track.

The goal is to train for the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Runway 5K Fun Run scheduled for July 4. For additional information and to register, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

The Personal Financial Management Program is hosting a class called "Budgeting 101: Developing Your Spending Plan," scheduled for May 21, from 10 a.m. to noon in classroom E of building 220. Get control of your financial affairs, develop financial goals, and develop a budget. Please see flier for materials you need to bring. This is the class to have your Transition Budget reviewed. Call PFMP 257-7783/1232 with questions.

On May 24, from 7 to 10 p.m., local band Island Storm will be performing free at K-Bay Lanes. For more information, call 254-7693.

Middaugh Street is closed weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., through May 26. The street is closed between Harris Ave and Fort Hase Beach for new sewer construction work. Motorists requested to find alternate routes around the closed section. Both lanes will be re-opened after 3 p.m. daily.

For more information, call Philip Lum at 257-6900.

The Marine Corps Embassy Security Guard screening is scheduled for June 1 and 2 at 8 a.m. in the base theater. End time will be determined at a later date. Please see Marine Administrative Message 177/15 or contact your career planner for more information.

Headquarters Marine Corps Special

Duty Screening is scheduled for June 1 and 2 at 8 a.m. in the base theater. End time to be determined at a later date. Please see Marine Administrative Message 177/15 or contact your career planner for more information.

TODAY

The Transition Readiness Program Job Fair is scheduled today from 9 to 1 p.m. in the Lanai Ballroom of The Officers' Club. Admission is free. The fair is open to the public starting at 11 a.m.

There will be more than 40 companies and government agencies. Job seekers are encouraged to come prepared with multiple copies of their resume. The uniform-of-the-day or professional civilian attire is authorized. Due to the professional nature of this event, children will not be permitted. Call 257-7790 for more information.

Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility will host a recreational event today from 1 to 4 p.m. to promote marksmanship proficiency and firearm safety for pistols and revolvers only (.45-cal and below). The firing event is open to military members (active, reserve, retired) and their guests (limit two), state and federal law enforcement personnel, Department of Defense civilians and contractors who work aboard MCB Hawaii. Minimum age to participate is 14. Shooters ages 14 to 18 require adult supervision. K-Bay Range Control no longer offers weapons or ammunition.

Refer to Base Order 5500.15b for more details. Park outside the main gate, follow the signs and report directly to Range Control. Call Range Control at 257-3180 with questions.

The base theater air conditioning system will be inoperable through May 17 due to upgrades. During this period, regular show times will continue and all movies will be free of charge.

For current movie listings, visit www.mccshawaii.com/theater. For more information, call the Marine

Corps Community Services Business Performance Office at 254-7638.

SATURDAY

The last scheduled power outage is slated for Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The entire base will be affected.

The Facilities Department, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, along with the Resident In Charge of Construction, are in the process of upgrading the main electrical power service to the base. This extremely important work is required in order to adequately support both existing and new facilities on base by installing additional electrical service cables into the base power grid.

Additionally, major work will be accomplished across the base to support myriad projects and contracts involving maintenance, repair and surveys. For more information, call the duty officer at 330-9636.

MONDAY

Unit teams are still being accepted for the base intramural soccer league. Games begin at the Pop Warner Field Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The league is open to all active-duty Marines and Sailors aboard K-Bay and Camp H.M. Smith, spouses, family members 18 years and older, and Department of Defense civilians assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Register at the Semper Fit Center. For more information, call 254-7591.

TUESDAY

The next resume workshop is scheduled for Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in classroom B of building 220. Learn information on creating or developing a proper resume to aid in marketing a jobseeker for an interview.

Registration is required. Service members and spouses may call or go to www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops to register. For more information, call

Family Member Employment Assistance Program & Relocation Services at 257-8354.

WEDNESDAY

The next book club meeting is scheduled Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the base library. This month's book is "The Short Tragic Life of Robert Peace" by Jeff Hobbs.

The book club is open to active duty, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and their adult dependents. For more information, call the base library at 254-7420.

The Permanent Change of Station and Moving Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon in classroom 7 of building 1090.

The workshop gives an outbound member and families the information, resources, and tools needed to plan their move.

Active-duty service members and their spouses are eligible to attend. It is highly recommended they attend three to four months prior to departing the island. Registration is required. Service members and spouses may call or go to <http://mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops> to register.

For those who can't make this workshop, the next one is scheduled for May 27. For more information, call 257-8354.

THURSDAY

The Personal Financial Management Program is hosting a car buying strategies class Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in classroom G of building 220.

The class is meant to help develop the knowledge and skills that will help you understand the car buying process.

This workshop is open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians. Visit www.mccshawaii.com/pfmpworkshops to register. For more information, call 257-7783 or 257-1232.

AROUND THE CORPS

Your weekly guide to what's happening around the Corps

East Coast



Cpl. Kirstin Merrimarahajara | II Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines with 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment fire an M-72 light anti-tank weapon during a live-fire rocket range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Tuesday. The purpose of the exercise was to build confidence, camaraderie and weapon proficiency throughout the unit.

See <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/162448/1-8-conducts-rocket-range-builds-camaraderie#.VUrab9pVhHw> for full story

West Coast



Cpl. Paul S. Martinez | Marine Corps Ground Combat Element Integrated Task Force

Lance Cpl. Maximillian Roth, rifleman, Alpha Company, Ground Combat Element Integrated Task Force, belays rope as his partner climbs a 40-foot cliff face during a pilot Marine Corps Operational Test and Evaluation Activity assessment aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, California, Sunday. From October 2014 to July 2015, the GCEITF will conduct individual and collective level skills training in designated ground combat arms occupational specialties in order to facilitate the standards-based assessment of the physical performance of Marines in a simulated operating environment performing specific ground combat arms tasks.

See <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/1911912/integrated-task-force-marines-conduct-mcotea-pilot-test-aboard-mountain-warfare-training-center-bridgeport-calif#.VUrZ49pVhHw> for more photos

Overseas



Cpl. Owen Kimbrel | I Marine Expeditionary Force

Lt. Col. Brian Russell (right), 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company's commanding officer and Capt. Kieran O'Neil (left), the logistics officer, discuss patrol routes during Exercise Maple Resolve 15 at the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Center, Camp Wainwright, Alberta, Monday. The multi-national exercise, conducted annually by the Canadian Army, is a three-week high-readiness validation exercise for Canadian Army elements designated for domestic or international operations. This year, the 1st Canadian Army Division and the 5th Canadian Mechanized Battle Group are being supported by the British 12th Armoured Infantry Brigade, various U.S. Army elements, and for the first time, members of I MEF's 1st ANGLICO who bring a unique capability to the table.

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/1912327/us-marines-work-with-british-canadian-forces#.VUvpfNpVhHw>

DEFY program recruiting participants, volunteers

Kristen Wong

Hawaii Marine

The Drug Education For Youth program aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii is currently recruiting participants, junior mentors and mentors for its next session.

Children ages 9 to 12, of active-duty service members, retirees and Department of Defense civilians are eligible to register for the program. The deadline to enroll is May 29.

Established in 1993 by the Navy Drug Demand Reduction Task Force, DEFY teaches children about various topics including substance abuse, bullying and gang culture, while providing them with alternative activities and positive life skills. The nationwide program is free to participants and sponsored by the DoD.

"(DEFY provides children with) a foundation to live healthy, drug-free lives," said Jessica Burns, the local program coordinator for DEFY. "They're surrounded by caring adults. Their mentors are there for them, to help (the children) build confidence (and) help them believe that they have a bright future ahead of them."

This is Burns' second year as coordinator. Her numerous duties vary, from supervising the staff to planning each session with the children and providing equipment.

During Phase 1, the children will attend the DEFY Summer Leadership Camp from June 22 through 26 and June 29 through July 1, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During Phase 2, the children will attend a session every third Saturday of the month for nine months, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While the day begins and ends in building 1095 at the Provost Marshal's Office, participants will also be spending time off base for field trips. Participants may visit locations such as Kualoa Ranch, Bishop Museum or Sea Life Park.

This coming session, DEFY coordinators and manager Jim Hamachek of Kahuna's Sports Bar and Grill have worked together so DEFY students can eat lunch from a specially designed menu at Kahuna's. Though the meals will still be funded through the DEFY program, the arrangement with Kahuna's allows Burns and the volunteers more time to focus on other activities. Planning, preparing and cleaning up meals for the DEFY participants previously took up a lot of Burns' time.

The most recent DEFY program session graduated 17 participants, like Kiara Pe-

terson. The 13 year old enrolled in DEFY when her mother heard about the program through a friend.

She said she enjoys learning preventive measures that can help her succeed in the future. While attending DEFY, Peterson said she met new friends and learned about various topics from self-acceptance to making good choices.

"(DEFY) encourages me to be different," Peterson said. "I'm not going to follow what the crowd does."

Peterson said one topic she learned more about through DEFY was cyberbullying. She said she didn't realize it was a problem and found it surprising.

"DEFY will help you make friends over the summer," Peterson said. "It will let you be who you want to be. We will (accept) you for who you are and who you want to be."

Additionally, the DEFY program is looking for eight mentors and five junior mentors. Adult mentors must be 18 years or older, and junior mentors must be ages 15 to 17. The application deadline for mentors and junior mentors is Sunday.

"You're serving as a role model, an advocate, a friend, a guide (and) a counselor," Burns said. "(Mentors) should be able to have positive relationships with these kids, be able to listen to them, and care about what they're saying, and communicate with them on a level that they're going to be able to understand."

Marc Rivera, a civilian military police officer with PMO, volunteered as a DEFY mentor this past session. The former Honolulu Police Department officer also has experience teaching about drug awareness as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer.

"Prepare to be amazed," Rivera said to those who are considering volunteering as a mentor.

While volunteering, he said he noticed that the children eventually started to confide in him when they had issues they wanted to talk about.

"Be prepared to have an awesome relationship with the kids," he said. "These kids look up to you as a big brother or big sister."

Rivera said while he was teaching the children, they were teaching him as well; learning how to work on being patient. He plans to volunteer again.

"The DEFY program is an awesome tool to bestow on these kids," he said. "What the schools don't teach, we teach."

For more information or to apply, call 257-8312 or email Jessica.burns@usmc.mil.



Photos courtesy of Jessica Burns

The Drug Education for Youth program kids doing the walking board team building challenge at Kualoa Ranch June 29, 2014.



The DEFY program participants engage in sit-ups for President's Physical Fitness Challenge at Pop Warner Field on July 23, 2014.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Off-road legally

“Off-roading” can be fun when you do it safely and legally. If you’re new to the islands be aware it is a criminal offense to drive off-road on Oahu’s beaches and state parks. These criminal charges remain on one’s permanent record and may affect your military security clearance.

Unfortunately, Oahu is extremely limited in places you can legally drive

off-road. With the exception of a private off-roading park, the Kahuku Motocross Park located near Sunset Beach, a location at Sand Island, and some unimproved roadways on the leeward side of the island, there aren’t any legal off-roading areas on Oahu.

Most of the off-roading you hear about is being conducted illegally on private, state or federal lands. It can cause irreparable damage to Hawaii’s vegetation, endangered wildlife, and

protected cultural sites.

Federal conservation law enforcement officers will cite recreational off-roaders if found behind the rocks on Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Training Area 1, a.k.a. the “weekend recreational area,” or on the beach and shoreline at MCTAB. Outdoor recreation is a part of our way of life — from hunters and fishermen to families who enjoy the outdoors.

Protecting our natural areas ensures we have places to hike, bike, boat, fish, hunt, see wildlife or just enjoy and experience the quiet and peace of Hawaii’s natural places.

“People enjoy going to these wild and natural places,” says Gordon Olayvar, Marine Corps Base Hawaii conservation law enforcement officer and criminal investigator. “But trespassers and illegal off-roaders unintentionally destroy what they’re enjoying when they do it in places they shouldn’t.”

For more information about Hawaii’s recreational trails and off road access areas, call the Department of Land and Natural Resources at 587-0166 or 0077. If you observe an off-roading violation on any MCB Hawaii properties, call Olayvar at 216-5178 or 479-7361.



PMO Corner

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

PMO contacts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In an emergency, call 911

PMO recruiting mentors, junior mentors

The Drug Education for Youth program aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii is accepting applications for eight adult volunteer mentors (18 and older) and five teen volunteer mentors (ages 15 to 17) to assist in a two-phase program that promotes team building, goal setting and increased self-confidence for 9 to 12-year-olds. Volunteer for an eight-day summer camp and one Saturday a month for nine months for youth mentoring program.

Phase 1 Summer Leadership Camp is scheduled from June 22 through 26 and June 29 through July 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phase 2 is the third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mentors and junior mentors will assist in teaching leadership and life skills provided by DEFY and accompany participants on trips to places like the Bishop Museum, Kualoa Ranch, Sea Life Park and more. This program will be held primarily at the Provost Marshal's Office.

Application deadline is May 10. To obtain an application, contact Jessica Burns, the local program coordinator, at 257-8312 or email jessica.burns@usmc.mil.

Lost and Found

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

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

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

NEPAL, from A-1

hit areas and speed up the delivery of critical emergency supplies.

“The MV-22B Osprey is the ideal aircraft for this type of HADR mission,” Kennedy said. “With its medium-lift capacity and ability to cover large distances in a reduced amount of time, we’ll be able to ferry supplies to outlying villages for Nepalese forces and non-government organizations to distribute.”

Since the Osprey’s arrival in Okinawa, it has established a solid track record as the Marine Corps’ go-to aircraft for disaster relief, successfully contributing to the humanitarian efforts during Operation Damayan in 2013. During that mission, the MV-22Bs evacuated more than 1,200 people, saving lives and delivering more than 20 tons of supplies to remote areas where traditional aircraft could reach.

The MV-22B has the ability to quickly convert from a rotary to fixed wing configuration, which makes it notably faster than more traditional rotary wing assets.

“This means that we can get more relief aid and much needed supplies to more isolated areas in significantly less time,” Kennedy said.

The USAID has sent plastic sheeting and other critical humanitarian supplies to Nepal to be distributed to families in hard-hit areas such as Gorkha and Sindhupalchok, where homes have been severely damaged or destroyed.



Lance Cpl. Mandaline Hatch | III Marine Expeditionary Force

U.S. Marine MV-22B Ospreys arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, Nepal, Sunday. U.S. Marines also brought an UH-1Y Huey, tools and equipment to support the government of Nepal. The Nepalese government requested the U.S. government’s help after a magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck their country, April 25. The aircraft are with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

The USAID will identify how the MV-22Bs can best be deployed to expedite these materials to the people that need it the most.

Official sources have reported that more than 5,500 deaths had resulted from the earthquake in central Nepal and another 7,000 people had sustained

earthquake-related injuries. A total of 39 of Nepal’s 75 districts have been affected.

The United States military has been training with Nepalese forces to respond to disasters such as this for years. Most recently, Kennedy’s Marines from the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade worked together with their Nepalese

counterparts during two earthquake-focused training events in Nepal in 2013 and 2014.

“It seems unlikely that an amphibious force would come to this landlocked country, but this is an event that we have been preparing for with our partners for years,” Kennedy said.

MEMORIAL, from A-1

Chief Petty Officer Kyle Davis, a counselor with the Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 37, said he had the honor of living next to the Jones family for the last three and a half years.

“While most of you knew (him) as ‘Gunny,’ I knew him as Eddie, a kind-hearted, grounded, courteous neighbor (who) put his wife and girls first,” he said. “There is no doubt that (they) were his world. He and I used to joke about how he handled being the only guy in a house full of women, and he always said he wouldn’t have it (any) other way.”

Davis said while Jones would often play with his girls and ride around on their bikes, sometimes he would just sit on his porch and watch them in awe.

“There is nothing in the world that

made Eddie happier than being a dad,” he said. “Nothing made him happier than seeing his girls smile, hearing them laugh, seeing their daily success and watching them develop into a positive part of this new generation.”

Helen Josypenko, an outbound support and disability human resource specialist with IPAC, said Jones’ family was his motivation, and he beamed with love and pride as he shared moments of his home life.

“He (always) had a special sparkle in his eyes when he mentioned their names or talked about their shenanigans,” she said. “His family was his life. As the day wound down, Gunny would look at the clock, (not just eager) to get off work, but (to get) home to be with his family.”

Josypenko said through working with Jones, she got to know him as a

Marine, a loving husband, father and friend. She said it was his heart that made him successful in all of those roles and, if you were to describe him in a few words, the following would come to mind: generous, loving, spontaneous, enthusiastic, optimistic, charming, easygoing and loyal.

“There are many things to remember about Gunny; at work, he was our go-to guy,” she said. “There was nothing (he) couldn’t do. If I was looking for him and the Marines told me he was doing ‘Gunny things,’ the meaning was clear: He was doing what he believed to be important — improving (our) quality of life the best (he) could. Gunny did not measure success by the rockers on his collar, (but) measured it as the man he was.”

Jones had his priorities straight and his heart in the right place, Davis said.

He said the gunnery sergeant was a devoted member of the Marine Corps: Proud to wear the uniform, honored to serve and genuinely devoted to his junior Marines.

“There is much to be missed about such a great man,” Davis said. “As many of us (sit) back and ask the question ‘why,’ I know Eddie wouldn’t want us to do that. He would want us all to walk by faith because, if we did, we wouldn’t ask why. He would tell us there’s a reason for everything and a silver lining — though, obviously not known to us right now — will eventually come. I am better for having known Eddie, though only for three and a half years. There is no doubt the Marine Corps has lost one of its very finest and society has lost (one of) the very best of what humanity has to offer, because there are simply not enough (like him) in this world.”

Sports & Lifestyle



Triathletes compete in Koa Kai Tri

Photos by Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

A participant in speeds down the flightline during the 11.1-mile bike ride portion of the Koa Kai Sprint Triathlon, Sunday. Following the bike portion, participants finished with a 5-kilometer run that concluded at Hangar 103.

Cpl. Brittney Vella
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Volunteers, participants and spectators were up with the Hawaii sun as they gathered for the Koa Kai Sprint Triathlon in front of Hangar 103, Sunday.

Triathletes began the competition with a 500-meter swim in Kaneohe Bay, followed by an 11.1-mile bike ride around the flightline. The triathlon ended with a 5-kilometer run that took participants back to Hangar 103. The event had competitors of varying ability levels, as well as various age groups ranging from young teens to senior citizens.

"I feel very accomplished, I wanted to finish — and I did," said Mary Borkhuis, a 66-year-old Minot, N.D., native "I ran for my sister who has rheumatoid arthritis. She used to run a lot and no longer has the ability too. The women who desperately try to keep themselves in shape, I'm (competing) for them."

Borkhuis said because this was her first triathlon she was concerned she wouldn't know where to go or what to do during the event. She said the Marines, Sailors and Marine Corps Community Services volunteers were all helpful and made her first experience a great one.

While Borkhuis is one of the newcomers to the world of triathlons, more seasoned competitors also gave praise to those who helped put together the race.

"I (enjoyed) the Marine Corps Base Hawaii triathlon," said Erik Lemoine, a Bellevue, Neb., native. "It was far more organized than a (few) others I have competed in. "The atmosphere was nice and welcoming. The people are friendly, and (they showed good sportsmanship). The volunteers did a great job."

The event was open to the general



Linda Keene, a participant in the Koa Kai Sprint Triathlon, rejoices as she reaches the finish line at Hangar 103. The event helped raise money for Headquarters Battalion's Marine Corps ball.

public and provided an opportunity for racers within the community to compete alongside Hawaii's service members and their families.

Lemoine, who has competed in five triathlons, suggests events like the Koa Kai Sprint Tri to military members and civilians because it's a good way to bring the community together.

"(Events like this) break people out

of their shell," he said. "It shows people something new and (gives them an opportunity) to try something that many of them never thought they could finish."

Krista Shipes, the MCCS Semper Fit athletic director, said the purpose of the triathlon is to provide a fun, challenging event for service members and civilians. The races in the Commanding Officer's

Fitness Series also help raise money towards the unit's Marine Corps ball funds. The Koa Kai Sprint Tri combined with the keiki triathlon raised approximately \$7,000 for Headquarters Bn.'s ball. For those who are interested, the next base race is the Surf & Turf 5K, scheduled for June 20, in front of The Officers' Club. For more information, visit mccshawaii.com or call 254-7590.

YOUNGSTERS TAKE ON KEIKI KOA KAI TRI



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

LEFT: A participant runs down 5th Street during the Keiki Koa Kai Sprint Triathlon, Saturday. Participants in the 7 to 10-year-old age division swam once across the length of the base pool, biked 2 miles and ran 0.8 miles. Participants in the 11 to 14-year-old division swam four laps across the length of the base pool, biked 4 miles and ran 1.2 miles. Each child received a finisher medal.

BELOW: A participant swims across the base pool during the first leg of the race.



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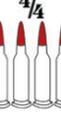
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1/4 — No Impact, No Idea
Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.

2/4 — High And To The Right
Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there's nothing better to do.

3/4 — On Target
Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.

4/4 — Confirmed Kill
Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



Better Know A Critic
Kristen Wong admits she sometimes has to be dragged to movies that she later finds to be outstanding. She loves movies that make her care about the characters and sympathize with their plight. She enjoys action, fantasy, comedy and dabbles in horror.

THIS WEEK'S RATING: (Confirmed Kill)

'Avengers: Age of Ultron' is witty, action packed

Kristen Wong
Hawaii Marine

When "Avengers: Age of Ultron" came out May 1, I was under the weather. But on Saturday I sucked it up and went anyway. No one was going to swoop in and steal this movie review from me.

The movie begins in chaos, as the Avengers go after Hydra Agent Baron Strucker (Thomas Kretschmann), who has stolen Loki's staff and is hiding out in Sokovia, a small country in Eastern Europe. Strucker also has Wanda (Elizabeth Olsen) and Pietro Maximoff (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), twins with special powers, as part of his defense.

After battling Strucker's henchmen and the twins, the Avengers retrieve the staff and celebrate. Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) asks Thor (Chris Hemsworth) if he may analyze the staff before it is taken back to Asgard. Thor agrees. Stark convinces Dr. Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo)



to help him take advantage of the short time they have with the staff, and attempt to harness its power to create an android with artificial intelligence. After

numerous failures in their calculations, Stark and Banner take a break and join the rest of the team for a party, leaving Jarvis to continue running tests. During the party, a breakthrough occurs — just not one Stark or Banner anticipated.

The movie had just about everything I was expecting. It had Joss Whedon's witty one-liners, special effects and action-packed scenes featuring the Avengers knocking out bad guys with little effort. The movie was a visual treat, with a few subtle elements I felt were a nice touch, though unfortunately they cannot be shared without spoiling the plot. I was not expecting familiar faces from other Marvel movies, such as Falcon, War Machine and Erik Selvig. It was like one big, happy family reunited in a single movie. But a movie is never without criticism.

In one article, Jeremy Renner and Chris Evans were called sexist as they insulted Scarlett Johansson's character, Black Widow, in an interview. It looks worse than it really is because she's currently the only female on the team. For instance, if the movie featured Ms. Marvel, She-Hulk, Hellcat, Scarlet Witch AND Black Widow, and the comment was made about Black Widow, it might have been taken as a character observation, not sexism, in which case, I'd be inclined to defend Black Widow as a person, not as a woman.

Through "Age of Ultron," Black

Widow proved not only that she was an equal and contributing member of the Avengers; Audiences should also notice the other positive nods females received in this movie.

In one scene, Stark and Thor are left nearly speechless as they explain to Maria Hill why their girlfriends Pepper Potts (too busy running Stark Enterprises) and Jane Foster (busy astronomer in the running for a Nobel Peace Prize) are unable to attend their party. Note that while it takes Iron Man more than 10 minutes of pummeling and destroying a city to subdue the Hulk, it takes Black Widow 20 seconds of using gentle words and simple hand gestures. In one inspiring scene, one of the female characters showed us very human fear, but also bravery.

I could keep singing the movie's praises, but I do need to point out one issue — Banner. Is he in control of his actions or not? He is in much less control in "Ultron," but it's still obvious he is conveniently in as much control as the writers need him to be at crucial points in the plot. To the writers of the movie: Yes, we noticed, and yes, it does bother us.

Overall, I bestow upon this movie a "confirmed kill." I laughed and I cried, and I look forward to watching the sequel. I would definitely recommend watching it in theaters.

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"It Follows" R Today | 9:15 p.m.
No Movie Showings Due to Scheduled Power Outage Saturday | 6:30 p.m.
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"Home" PG Sunday | 2 p.m.
"Woman in Gold" PG-13 Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
"It Follows" R Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Prices: All shows are \$5 for adults and \$3.25 for children. All 3-D shows are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. For ticket pricing, the base theater box office defines an adult as a patron 12 years and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets.

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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

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ANSWER:



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

The Reuse Room has relocated to building 6409 since April 30, while the Hazardous Materials Minimization Center prepares new storage space for Reuse Room items. The center is still accepting and distributing free household non-flammable products.

Reuse Room moves, still offers free chemical products at MCB Hawaii

Christine Cabalo

Hawaii Marine

Paint and other useful household chemical items are still available as the Reuse Room temporarily relocated to building 6409 near 3rd Marine Regiment's Supply building along Mokapu Road. Marine Corps Base Hawaii residents should speak with staff for access to free gently used or new chemical products or to donate items.

"We're the first place people should go to if they are looking for products before spending money on them," said Tim Cawthon, MCB Hawaii's hazardous waste program manager. "We are temporarily limited in items, but they do need to come to the office first to let us know they are taking or dropping off items. We can come out to assist."

The MCB Hawaii Hazardous Materials Minimization Center monitors the Reuse Room. The center staff has dedicated two parking spaces near the front of building 6409 specifically for Reuse Room users.

Items temporarily unavailable at the Reuse Room include products that are labelled as flammable. This includes items such as gas tanks, spray paint

and propane tanks. Oils, paints and other non-flammable items are still free to take or drop off after speaking with center staff, Cawthon said.

The center is currently storing the Reuse Room items in new bins, but people should still check in with staff.

"Do use your best judgment," said Jeff James, the MCB Hawaii Hazardous Materials Minimization Center's lead specialist. "If the container is leaking, it's not something we can take in. We want things that someone else can use."

James said the center staff can also help answer questions about proper disposal of common hazardous materials like antifreeze. Staff suggests absorbing the liquid in kitty litter or any other absorbent material before throwing it away in the household trash.

The Reuse Room's temporary location is in building 6409 along Mokapu Road before crossing the flightline. They are open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For additional information or to contact staff about taking or donating items at the Reuse Room, call 257-0770. For information about household hazardous waste disposal, call the hotline at 768-3201.

COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

Flores de Mayo Festival coming up

The 23rd Filipino Fiesta is scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kapiolani Park. Admission is free. There will be various cultural booths, a health fair and more. For more information, visit www.fjchamber.org.

Hawaii Pet Expo coming soon

In celebration of National Pet Week and Be Kind to Animals Week, the Hawaii Pet Expo 2015 is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Neal Blaisdell Center. Admission is free. There will be educational displays, live animal demonstrations and more.

Help clean Hanauma Bay

Friends of Hanauma Bay and Malama Maunaloa are hosting a cleanup Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Hanauma Bay. Volunteers are needed to help clean the area. Tools, gloves, trash bags and snacks will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring a hat, sunscreen, refillable water bottle and \$1 for the parking fee. There is an admission fee for those who wish to stay at Hanauma Bay for recreation. The check-in staff will validate tickets for volunteers. No RSVP is necessary unless

you plan to bring a group of more than 10 volunteers. If so, email volunteer@malamamaunaloa.org. In case of severe weather forecast, check Malama Maunaloa's Facebook page.

PAM to host Open Cockpit Day

Pacific Aviation Museum is hosting an Open Cockpit Day May 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Suit up in flight gear and climb into the pilot's seat of several legendary aircraft in the World War II-era hangar. Walter Klein, the mission director at the Armstrong Flight Research Center will be a guest. For more information, visit pacificaviationmuseum.org.

Release a lantern in remembrance

The Lantern Floating Hawaii 2015 ceremony is scheduled for May 25 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the Magic Island end of Ala Moana Beach Park. Attendees can honor loved ones who have passed away with lanterns, which will be set afloat on the water. For more information, visit www.lanternfloatinghawaii.com.

WCS hosting spring concert

The Windward Choral Society is performing its 7th annual spring concert,

"I Am in Need of Music," June 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with a repeat performance June 7 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at St. John Vianney Parish in Kailua. The concert also features Kaanohiwaianuenue Hula Studio. Admission is free and no tickets are required. Find out more at www.thewindwardchoralsociety.org.

Inaugural Windward Art Festival

The inaugural Windward Art Festival is scheduled July 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Kailua Elementary school in the cafeteria and lawn. Admission is free. There will be crafts for sale and performances by various organizations including the Windward Choral Society and the Shriners Potentate Band. For more information, visit <http://hawaiiwag.com>.

Build basketball skills for free

The Kailua Basketball Player Development Program offers free youth basketball coaching with tips to improve game performance. Girls and boys in 7th through 11th grade are welcome to play. Participants play in four-on-four teams at half court. Practice runs from 9 to 11 a.m. every Saturday at the Saint Anthony School basketball courts in Kailua. details, call 282-6949.

GET A KICK OUT OF IT: MAG-24 UNIT HOSTS SPOUSES TOURNEY

LEFT: Candace Luna, a spouse of a Marine from Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 3, winds up to kick the ball during Marine Aircraft Group 24's spouses kickball tournament Sunday at the Provost Marshal's Office Field. Luna's ball went sailing out over the shortstop. There were five teams playing in the MAG-24 kickball tournament: MAG-24 Headquarters, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 and VMU-3.

BELOW: Jean Kitzro, a MALS-24 spouse, digs down to catch the ball for an out. The winner of the tournament was HMLA-367.



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