

# Hawaii Marine

## Vice president visits K-Bay



Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden speaks to Marines, sailors and their families at Hangar 105 here Thursday. More than 1,000 spectators gathered to hear Biden's address. "I wish everyone's wives, sons and daughters were here, because America owes them," Biden said. "In all of history, no generation of families has had to deal with repeated deployments such as you have." After his remarks to the troops, Biden took time after to shake hands and pose for photographs with each person who came forward to meet him. The vice president stopped in Hawaii after a nine-day trip to Asia where he met with key leaders there to discuss bilateral, regional and international issues, according to the White House. During his one-and-a-half day stay here, Biden visited children at the new base Youth Center and played golf at the Klipper Golf Course.

## BIG ISLAND COMMUNITY BURIES FALLEN MARINE

**Pfc. James A. Sauter**  
Combat Correspondent

**HILO, Hawaii** — A community united to honor one of their own at the West Hawaii Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Aug. 18.

Lance Cpl. Christopher Camero died July 15 after being injured in Helmand province, Afghanistan, serving with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, supporting combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Against a vibrant green backdrop, nestled in the black lava field — a picturesque Hawaiian landscape — hundreds gathered to lay Camero to rest.

"We joined the Marine Corps together in 2010," Lance Cpl. Krisielle Molina, a close friend of Camero, said. "He's a very fun person and he just wanted to be a Marine."

The crowd of supporters at the cemetery were met by the funeral procession traveling 40 miles from the Annunciation Catholic Church in Waimea, Hawaii. Leading the line of vehicles was the loud, steady rumble from a dozen veterans' motorcycles.

The entrance to the cemetery was framed by an American flag hanging from two cranes, and as the procession passed through the patriotic archway, supporters placed their hands over their hearts or saluted.

Camero is the first active duty Marine from the island of Hawaii to be killed in action and buried at the cemetery. He was raised on the island of Hawaii, and enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was 18 years old.

Sarah Camero remembered her brother as a young boy growing up in a military-tradition family, he played with toy planes, built block fortresses for plastic soldiers and showed enthusiasm to one day serve his country. In high school, Camero was active in football, wrestling and judo, which prepared him

## 1/3 remembers Marine KIA

**Cpl. Colby Brown**  
Regimental Combat Team 1

**GARMSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan** — More than 100 Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, gathered at Combat Outpost Rankel to honor the life of Cpl. Nicholas S. Ott during a memorial service here, Aug. 17. Ott made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting counterinsurgency operations here, Aug. 10.

The squad leader in 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company was a rapidly maturing leader. Ott, a 23-year-old from Manchester, N.J., was one month shy of marking four years in the Marine Corps. Before arriving at Marine Corps Base Hawaii to join 1/3 in 2010, Ott was part of the Marine Corps Security Forces. This was his first combat deployment.

"In times like this, there are no answers to explain our loss, so we look for faith in a loving and providing God, and we look for wisdom to be able to put this tragedy in perspective," said Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, the battalion commander, in his opening remarks during the memorial service.

"We willingly accept the obligation to drive on and accomplish the mission that lays ahead of us as a way to honor



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 1

A Marine with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, pays his respects during a memorial service at Combat Outpost Rankel Aug. 17. The memorial service was for Cpl. Nicholas S. Ott, who died supporting counterinsurgency operations Aug. 10. Ott, a native of Manchester, N.J., was a squad leader with 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company.

Corporal Ott," added Riordan, of Montclair, Va. "I know I speak for the entire battalion when I say that our thoughts and our prayers are with the

Ott family. Nicholas's memory will always be with us. Semper Fidelis."

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## LOVE AT BABY'S FIRST SIGHT

**HMH-463 advance party  
returns from Afghanistan**

Sgt. David Castillo, flight technician, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, holds his 3-month-old baby girl for the first time during the unit's homecoming at Hangar 102 here Saturday. "I'm feeling a lot of mixed emotions right now," his wife said at the homecoming. "David was on the phone during the baby's birth and I emailed him pictures during the deployment." Castillo's wife and daughters were asked to stand at the front of the hangar to meet their father because they were one of two families with a newborn baby. "It's hard to explain the feeling because it's your child," Castillo said. "I'm now going to spend my time with the little ones and doing whatever they want to do."



**Surf's up**  
Marines conduct amphibious assault vehicle training at Bellows beach. See **A-4**



**Almost the 'Best of the West'**  
Base team gave all at West Coast softball showdown. See **B-1**

Saturday

High — 83  
Low — 74

Sunday

High — 85  
Low — 75

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Base theater and library closed for fumigation

The base theater and library, Building 219, will be closed for fumigation today through Sunday. No movies will be shown this weekend. The library will reopen Monday. Movies will resume as scheduled on Wednesday.

### All services advanced motorcycle Track Day

MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay will host the All Services Advanced Rider Motorcycle Track Day from Aug. 31 to Sept. 11 at MCB Hawaii P-3 Ramp. The sessions are:

Aug. 31, 7:30 -11:30 a.m.; 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 1, 7:30 -11:30 a.m.; 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Marines and sailors assigned to MCB Hawaii may obtain a Track Day Registration Form at <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/safety/motorcycle.htm> or at Building 279. Seats are limited to 10 active duty personnel per session. Registration is required. Call Mario Di Prete at 257-1830 or Keith Tuskey at 257-0174 for more information.

### Electrical outage

An electrical outage is required for the new bachelor enlisted quarters construction project on Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following buildings will be affected:

BEQ's 1604, 1632, 1654, 1676, 5070, 5071  
Bldg. 1666 Bowling Alley  
Bldg. 1259 Athletic Field  
Bldg. 1629 Kahuna's Sports Bar and Grill  
Bldgs. 3038, 6533, 6534, 6535, 6536, 6537

### Military Post Office new hours Thursdays

The base Military Post Office is now closed every Thursday at 2 p.m. for the Marines to conduct required training. This training will enable the Marines to be better equipped to serve the Marine Corps Base Hawaii community. The surrounding post offices in Kailua and Kaneohe will be open at that time.

For more information call 257-1834 or email [randall.howell@usmc.mil](mailto:randall.howell@usmc.mil).

### Dress blue uniform mandatory possession date

All active and reserve Marines are required to possess the dress blue coat no later than Oct 1. 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. See MARADMIN 504/07 or the results of MCUB No. 209 for details.

### Road closure updates

Both lanes of Reed Road from Mokapu Road to the Olina Child Development Center parking lot will completely closed for construction through Sept. 19. Residents should use Reeves Road or Reed Road north of the child care center.

For more information call Philip Lum at 257-6900.

### Important phone numbers

On-Base Emergencies	911
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Pothole & Streetlight Repair	257-2380
Base Information	449-7110
MCB Hawaii Chaplain	257-3552
DEERS	257-2077

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## SERVING WITH ALL THEIR HEART



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

(Left) Lt. Col. Justin S. Dunne, commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, speaks after presenting (center) Cpl. Rafael Cervantes Jr. and (right) Sgt. Andrew Ustaszewski with Purple Hearts Aug. 19. Both were wounded while in Afghanistan with 2/3. The two are currently with Wounded Warrior Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii.

## Celebrating women in August

### Gunnery Sgt. Larry McCutcheon

Equal Opportunity Advisor

Today is a day that signifies an accomplishment of a very great empowerment. Ninety-one years ago to the day, women in the United States were given the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was signed.

The amendment was first introduced many years earlier in 1878. To show recognition for this act, every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since legislation was first introduced to Congress by Bella Abzug in 1971. This resolution was passed designating Aug. 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day.

Even though this is the day that has been selected for national recognition, everyday should be a day for acknowledging the contributions that women everywhere provide. The roles that women fulfilled were very vital to the building of our history.

At one point women were not allowed to join the military, let alone serve in combat. Also, women were

not allowed in positions where they were most likely to see ground combat. These positions included but were not limited to infantry and field artillery, but that they were allowed to drive trucks delivering supplies to troops on the front lines, or train the people who

would be fighting there. That barrier has recently been broken and they are now assuming more combat roles.

"More recently, the Marine Corps has assigned Female Engagement Teams in Afghanistan," writes Dan Lamothe, a staff writer for the Marine Corps Times in an April article. "Typically comprising of two to four female Marines each, they spend weeks at a time in austere locations to search and interact with Afghan women who face strict cultural rules about interacting with men outside their families."

This has helped out tremendously because it helps defuse any cultural barriers while still providing assistance to the American troops who are fighting the war in Afghanistan.

So as we remember this day, take the time to reflect on the roads that were paved, and the women who made it possible.



Cpl. Colby W. Brown | Regimental Combat Team 1

Sgt. Kimberly Nalepka, a Coral Springs, Fla., native, speaks to a teacher at an Afghan school April 30. Nalepka is the team leader of the Female Engagement Team in Garmsir district.

## MCCS employees receive awards

### Press Release

Marine Corps Community Services

**SAN ANTONIO** — Two Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii employees received awards from the International Military Community Executive Association July 21.

K-Bay Catering Manager Naile "Nyla" Brennan was recognized as the Marine Corps winner of the 2011 Irving Rubenstein Memorial Award.

Food and Beverage Manager Don Figueira was the winner across all military services of the 2011 Roy C. Olson Memorial Award.

This award recognizes one Morale, Welfare and Recreation professional from each of the five branches of the armed forces who has been in a management position for less than two years.

Winners of this award display exceptional management skill and leadership, achieve particularly outstanding performance results in their respective programs, and possess great potential for continued success in MWR.

Brennan joined MCCS Hawaii in 2009. With a background in catering at various Waikiki hotels, this is her first military position. In her short tenure, she has forged excellent working relationships with the protocol officers at Marine Corps Base Hawaii and U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, as well as all unit commanders.

As a member of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, she also maintains strong ties with the local business community. With a focus on the client and budgetary needs, Brennan is regarded as the "go to" person when planning meetings, seminars, training,



Marine Corps Community Services | Courtesy Photo

(Second from left) Naile Brennan, K-Bay Catering manager, and (third from left) Don Figueira, Food and Beverage manager of Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii accept their awards at the International Military Community Executive Association conference in San Antonio, July 21.

luncheons and special events.

When asked what inspires her, Brennan replied with two Hawaiian proverbs she cherishes and tries to live by: "O ka pono ke hana ia a iho mai na lani" and "O ke aloha ke kuleana o kahi malihini." The first is roughly translated as "blessings come to those who persist in doing good." The second describes an old tradition in Hawaii where every passerby was greeted and offered food whether an acquaintance or total stranger.

Brennan goes above and beyond to show both military members and kamaaina the true meaning of the aloha spirit.

The recipient of the 2011 Roy C. Olson Memorial Award best exemplifies the high quality of standards of leadership and skill in MWR management set by Roy Olson while serving in the Marine Corps and as a Navy Club manager.

Figueira began his MCCS career as manager of the then-Officers'

Club in 2003 with a vision, work ethic and drive to build the base club system into the best in the Corps. He understands that military clubs are more than just food establishments but a way of life for Marines and an essential part of the Marine Corps mission.

After six years of improving The Club at Koa Malina, Figueira was promoted to Food and Beverage general manager. He embraced the added responsibilities without hesitation and incorporated his philosophy of leadership and management into this newly created position.

He also manages several services including Kahuna's Sports Bar and Grill and U.S. Pacific Command Food Court, where he continues to lead the food and beverage team with enthusiasm.

"It's a pleasure and an honor to receive this award," Figueira said. "I am fortunate to work with a great team."

# AROUND THE CORPS

## Marines prepare for Fleet Week

### Press Release

1 Marine Expeditionary Force

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Residents here will be cheering a sea of Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen when Fleet Week 2011 pulls into port.

San Francisco Fleet Week festivities are set for Oct. 6 to 11, and this year's event looks to top all others in its 30-year history. An initial estimate of more than 10,000 service members from the maritime services are requesting permission to go ashore in the West Coast port city. That includes a contingent of Marines from Camp Pendleton representing what the Commandant of the Marine Corps has called the entire Marine Corps — “the middleweight fighter.”

“I love San Francisco,” said Maj. Gen. Melvin Spiese, the commanding general for 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade and deputy commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force, the Marine force based in southern California. “It’s a great city, so the opportunity to be up there, wearing the uniform is absolutely perfect. Frankly, I can’t wait.”

When they land, Marines plan on showing the area residents just what it is they can do when it comes to reacting to natural disasters. In fact, senior leaders from the city and county will join Marines and sailors to further solidify plans and concepts for the Defense Department to come to the aid of the city when the “big one” occurs.

“San Francisco Fleet Week is going to highlight medical surge,” Spiese explained. “That’s one of the great capabilities we have on the shelf inside the force ... we’re working specifically on an exchange with medical professionals in the area so they can have an appreciation of what we’re able to bring in the event of a natural disaster.”



Cpl. Justis Beauregard | 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Marines and sailors man USS Makin Island’s rails as the amphibious assault ship sails into San Francisco Bay, Oct. 6, 2010. The ship left San Diego, Oct. 1, to participate in San Francisco’s 2010 Fleet Week. The unit will showcase to the public the Marine Corps’ men and women, its aircraft and equipment, and its ability to conduct missions that span the overlapping spectrums of peace and combat, from disaster relief to war.

Spiese explained that Marines and their Navy medical staff will have their mobile surgical suites displayed on the city’s Marina Green for the nearly 1.5 million anticipated visitors.

But, it’s not all work and no play. On tap this year are the Navy’s Blue Angels and parades of all kinds — from a parade of ships to marching bands through the city’s North Beach area, as part of the Italian Heritage Parade. The ’49ers football team will also host its own salute to the military, and there are plans for a fitness challenge.

Pete Paffrath, the San Francisco Fleet Week fundraising director, was able to catch the 1st Marine Division Band’s performance in Huntington Park last year. The all-volunteer staff didn’t have much in the way of advertising the event, but they didn’t need it.

“People, once they heard the band playing, started opening up their doors and came out to listen to the band,” Paffrath said.

Three decades ago, then Mayor Diane Feinstein initiated Fleet Week to honor the forces afloat that called San

Francisco home.

Recently, retired Maj. Gen. Mike Myatt, the president and chief executive officer for the Marines Memorial Association, brought Fleet Week back to its former glory after a few years of dwindling numbers. He said last year’s turnout of more than 1 million visitors was impressive by nearly any standard.

“It’s eye watering, it really is,” Myatt explained. “It reinforces what we tell people about the quality of these youngsters today. They’re the greatest of their generation.”

## Muslim chaplain ministers at Camp Leatherneck during Ramadan

### Cpl. Bryan Nygaard

Regional Command Southwest

**CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan** — The month of Ramadan is observed by Muslims all over the world as a time to purify the soul, refocus attention on God and practice self-sacrifice. During this occasion, Muslims abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs during daylight hours.

Once night falls, an Azan, or call to prayer, is made, breaking the fast. Muslims then gather together to enjoy a meal with family and community and engage in prayer and spiritual reflection.

It is important to all Muslims that an Imam, the Islamic equivalent of a priest, be present during the evening prayer, and several Muslim Marines had asked chaplains aboard Camp Leatherneck if there was going to be an Imam present during Ramadan in the weeks leading up to the holy month.

Within Regional Command Southwest’s area of operations in Helmand and Nimroz provinces, there are currently 47 chaplains. However, none of them are Muslim.

Navy Lt. Asif I. Balbale has traveled to Helmand province all the way from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to help fill the spiritual needs of Marines and Afghans during Ramadan. In California, Balbale is the chaplain for Assault Amphibian School Battalion, and is one of only three Muslim chaplains in the Navy Chaplain Corps.

Balbale was born and raised in Kuwait and immigrated to the U.S. for higher education 11 years ago. After receiving a degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Montana, he found it hard to find work.

In September 2004, Balbale enlisted in the Navy and became a machinist’s mate.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Chandler | Regional Command Southwest

Navy Lt. Asif I. Balbale, the chaplain for Assault Amphibian School Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., prays at the Afghan Cultural Center aboard Camp Leatherneck, Helmand province, Aug. 17.

“I wanted to prove that Muslims can be a part of America and be constructive citizens of the nation,” Balbale said.

Three years later Balbale started looking into commissioning programs. It was during this time he became aware of the shortages of Muslim chaplains in the chaplain corps.

“There was a need,” said Balbale who finished the chaplain candidacy program in March 2010. “I felt that this is where God is calling me to.”

Although he does not encounter many Muslims at Camp Pendleton, he guides and counsels all service members under his charge.

“The most rewarding part of this job is being able to help a Marine,” Balbale said. “When one of my Marines comes up to me and says, ‘Sir, thank you for

helping me,’ – that is the most satisfying moment for me. Nothing tops that.”

Balbale spent his first two weeks in Afghanistan at Camp Dwyer in southern Helmand province. He then spent seven days at Kandahar Air Field before coming to Camp Leatherneck, where he has led Muslims in nightly prayer sessions, or Ishas, and breaks fast with them after the sun sets. Additionally, he has been visiting hospitals, holding shuras and ministering to any coalition service members who are Muslim.

“It’s a very unique experience for people from different nations to see a person in a U.S. uniform being a Muslim, being an Imam ... it comes out as a surprise to many,” said Balbale. “Sometimes people come across and say, ‘I never knew the United States could do that or have an Imam in uniform.’ It’s a very positive experience for them.”

Wali, a linguist with RC(SW) who works at Camp Leatherneck, is very thankful for Balbale being here during this sacred month.

“It’s very important for Afghan linguists and people here that we have the Imam to lead us and pray with us,” Wali said.

“All of my friends ... we prayed before Ramadan that God would bring someone to lead us and to be an Imam. Everybody is happy that we have an Imam.”

Having a Muslim chaplain among coalition troops not only helps minister to their needs during Ramadan, but it also sends a message to the people of Afghanistan, said Navy Capt. Steven Brown, the chaplain for RC(SW).

“It demonstrates that we are a nation of tolerance,” said Brown, of Clawson, Mich. “We also demonstrate to the Afghan people that we have Muslims in our ranks and that we are tolerant of all religions. Not only are we tolerant, we peacefully coexist.”

This has marked Balbale’s first deployment as a chaplain. He hopes it is the first of many to come.



Courtesy Photos | 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward)

(Left) Sgt. Matthew R. Johnson, a multiple channel radio operator with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28, is currently deployed to Afghanistan at the same time as the man he considers his father figure, (right) Spc. Monty F. Beaune, a forward observer with the U.S. Army’s 89th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. Johnson outranks Beaune by one pay grade.

## Marine outranks father in Afghanistan

### Cpl. Samantha H. Arrington

2nd Marine Division (Forward)

**CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan** — Matthew R. Johnson spent his formative years following in his stepfather’s footsteps.

But today as both Johnson and his stepfather serve in Afghanistan, the roles have been somewhat reversed.

Johnson is currently deployed to Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, as a multiple channel radio operator with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 28.

The man Johnson considers his father figure, Monty F. Beaune, is also deployed to Afghanistan, as a forward observer with the U.S. Army’s 89th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division.

However, Johnson, who is a sergeant in the Marine Corps, outranks

Beaune, an Army specialist, by one pay grade.

“I joined the Marine Corps when I was 17, almost six years ago now. [My stepfather] decided to join the Army a couple years ago because the economy was really bad,” said Johnson, a native of Grandville, Mich. “It’s funny that I outrank my dad. I joke with him about it as much as I can.”

Johnson is scheduled to return home to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., at the end of August following a seven-month deployment. His stepfather is also slated to return to the U.S. in the near future.

“It is funny that my son outranks his dad,” Johnson’s mother said. “His dad is a little competitive, so it will make for interesting family gatherings. I know Monty is very proud of Matt, and Matt’s proud of his dad, too.”



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



Marines sit atop the vehicle — driver, crew chief/vehicle commander, and turret gunner. Armament for the gunner includes a MK19 grenade launcher and the M2 .50-caliber heavy machine gun.



Lance Cpl. Matthew Callahan | Hawaii Marine  
Second Lt. Lucas Schlueter, AAV platoon commander, Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, uses rocks to represent vehicles and explain the battle zone before his Marines conduct amphibious operations training at MCTAB.



Marines use divots along the driver's side of the amphibious assault vehicle to the driver's side when the driver is inside the vehicle and has limited visibility. Marines of CAC practiced ship-to-shore landings by leaving and returning to the beach area at designated points at MCTAB.

# CONTROLLING THE BEACH WITH IRON FISTS

**Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Sixty thousand pounds of solid metal smashed through the waves at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Aug. 18, as 3rd Marine Regiment's Combat Assault Company underwent amphibious training.

The Marines used Amphibious Assault Vehicles to practice ship-to-shore tactical scenarios on the vacant beach.

Some might believe after nearly 10 years of sustained ground combat operations in two major theatres of operations that the Marine Corps' primary focus has shifted. However, the Marines who crashed through the waves and made a break for the shoreline last week proved they could not only deliver squads of Marines into a battle, but can also provide other assistance such as security, transportation and communication during times of war or peace.

The training showcased for the Marines of CAC their importance to the Corps' central doctrine of amphibious landings and warps as an expeditionary force in readiness.

"We practice as often as we can," said Sgt. Sergio L. Torres, CAC assistant maintenance chief. "In the early Marine Corps, amphibious assaults and landings were essential to mission accomplishment. So we try to practice our tactics as much as we can. Sometimes we don't have the opportunity to train in better areas like this, but we find a way regardless."

During the weeklong training exercise, the Marines from the CAC were given instructions on different tactics to use when storming the beach. The company's mechanics would then inspect the AAVs and perform maintenance to make sure the vehicles were operational for amphibious assaults and egress exercises.

With cones set up on the beach to simulate the launch ramps of ships transporting the AAVs, the Marine crewmembers would have to break the shoreline at full speed and enter the beach. After driving about 200 yards through the waves, the ships would then flank in unison back to the shoreline.

The AAVs stormed the beach one after another at full speed, driving between the cones identifying their landing zone.

"We are hoping for a third-gear lockout," Pfc. Ronald Miller, an AAV mechanic, said. The AAVs have only three gears, and the lockout occurs when the vehicles reaches its top speed before driving through the beach's surf zone. "It's the battle speed."

The course was set up to create the feeling of transporting troops, landing quickly and accurately, and providing assistance to infantry units if needed.

The Marines also executed improvised explosive device clearing scenarios during the training cycle, along with communications tests.

The CAC brushed up on skills to help prepare for when they are needed next, whether in combat or in a supporting mission. These Marines work and train consistently throughout the year to control the waves and the beaches with an iron fist.

"We like doing this," Torres said. "When we see a beach, we know one thing and one thing — we're about to get our feet wet, and we love it."



An AAV personnel carrier purges water from its interior as it prepares to conduct maneuvers along the beach at MCTAB. The Marine running behind the AAV used his colored flags to safely signal directions to the driver from a distance when the driver is inside the vehicle and has limited visibility.



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 1

Lance Cpl. Jonathan Drake directs a tram to unload pallets of water at Combat Outpost Gorgak, Aug. 4. Drake, a native of Klamath Falls, Ore., is a gunner and driver with 3rd Trucks Platoon. Originating from Marine Corps Bases Japan, 3rd Trucks Platoon is attached to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. Trucks Platoon is responsible for logistical deliveries throughout 1/3's area of operations.

## 1/3 'Motor T' rolls through Garmsir

**Cpl. Colby Brown**

*Regimental Combat Team 1*

**GARMSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan** — There are no speed signs, signal lights or state troopers on the "Garmsir expressway," and no, TomTom won't be able to map a route over the hard-packed dirt roads traveled by 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment's Motor Transportation section.

The "Motor T" Marines are the deliverymen of 1/3 in the rural Helmand district of Garmsir, and anything that needs to go from point A to B, such as food, water, fuel or personnel, goes with them.

However, unlike truckers who travel a specific route and deliver cargo on a schedule, the motor transport platoon's daily to-do list can change by the hour.

For Staff Sgt. Travis Bartels and the Marines of his platoon, constant change is a way of life.

"Everything we plan before we leave is down on paper," said Bartels, the platoon sergeant for 3rd Trucks Platoon, or 'Huskers,' and a native of Mattoon, Ill. "But nothing is set in stone, whether we're going two or 30 miles down the road. Nothing is ever the same; there is something different every day."

Bartels mixes the pot even more by switching his Marines' billets and trucks. He believes the best way



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 1

Staff Sgt. Travis Bartels explains the planned route for the day's convoy at Patrol Base Amir, Aug. 4. Bartels, a native of Mattoon, Ill., is the platoon sergeant for 3rd Trucks Platoon, attached to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. Trucks Platoon is responsible for logistical deliveries throughout 1/3's area of operations.

to deal with the perpetually changing atmosphere of Motor T is to embrace it.

"I'll change a gunner to a driver just to keep things

different," said Bartels. "We use different paths every time we leave. I make sure we don't set patterns anytime we go outside the wire."

For Lance Cpl. Jonathan Drake, being a Motor T Marine is about more than climbing into a truck and driving around Afghanistan. It's a continuous, laborious job that provides infantry Marines with supplies to stay in the fight.

"One of the most rewarding things is to know I did the job right and nobody got hurt — the mission was accomplished," said Drake, a gunner, driver from Klamath Falls, Ore.

"It's not bullets and glory, but I make sure I always clean my gun right," said Drake, employing a metaphor about preparedness. "I don't just dust it off and call it good."

Being prepared is the cornerstone of logistics, and it's not just the Marine to the left and right who count on Motor T. It is the Marines they deliver supplies to everyday.

"If it wasn't for us," Drake added, "a lot of Marines wouldn't get the chow, water and supplies they need. We're the backbone of logistics."

For the Marines of 3rd Trucks Platoon, 10 hours on the road and the rest of their 16-hour workday is just a part of the job. They take it in stride, complete their mission and anticipate adjusting to change at a moment's notice.

"It's not a glamorous job, but it's something I want to do, and my Marines want to do," said Bartels. "And we're proud to do it."

## World War II propeller recovered after 60 years

**Ralph E. Scott Jr.**

*Range and Training Area Management*

A rare World War II propeller was recently recovered from Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii during a clearing project at Ulupau Crater.

Aviation archaeologist Dave Trojan identified the propeller as a historically significant artifact that needed to be saved. The four-bladed propeller once belonged to a Martin PBM Mariner patrol bomber seaplane based here at the then-Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay.

The PBM Mariner, which was the successor to the PBY Catalina, played a critical role in the war, particularly in the Pacific Theater. The PBM was a versatile flying boat used for air and sea rescue of downed aviators. It was also used in assault patrols, bombing and antisubmarine patrols.

The recovered propeller is a Curtiss Electric Propeller, designation number 836-17C2-0. This propeller featured hollow steel blades to solve the problem of water erosion. The propeller has a diameter of 14 feet, 8 inches and a gear ratio of .450. This rare example has cooling fins for operating in tropical locations.

The propeller would have been used with a Pratt and Whitney 1,700-horsepower R-2600 Wright Cyclone 14-cylinder two-row radial engine. The propeller was most likely abandoned at the site when NAS Kaneohe Bay was decommissioned in 1949.

"I'm very happy to see this rare piece of aviation history be recovered, and saved for future generations in recognition of the sacrifice of those service members who came here before us," Trojan said. "When the propeller was finally pulled out, everyone was a little bit overwhelmed to be seeing a piece of aviation history right before their eyes."

A team from Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay and range personnel safely accomplished the recovery and transported the propeller to the flightline near Hangar 105 for cleaning until it can be moved inside. The propeller is



Official U.S. Navy Photo

A bi-motored Martin PBM Mariner shoots off the water with a jet-assisted take off from then – Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay in 1944.

in remarkable condition considering it was exposed to the elements for more than 60 years.

The propeller will make an excellent addition to MCAS history, help educate the public about aviation history, and especially the history of Kaneohe.

Trojan was called in to use his unique set of skills to identify historic aircraft parts because of his familiarity with the area, World War II aircraft, and academic qualifications in safety and aircraft accident investigation.



Courtesy Photo | Patrol Squadron 9

Retired Navy Capt. Andrew C.A. Jampoler, the author of "Adak: The Rescue of Alfa Foxtrot 586," shakes hands with sailors of Patrol Squadron 9 after visiting and speaking about his book. AF586 was the ill-fated flight of a P-3C Orion aircraft which was forced to make an emergency landing off the coast of the Soviet Union in the Bearing Sea in 1978.

## 'Golden Eagles' hosts author and heroic aircrew

**Lt. j.g. Jacob Z. Clark**  
Patrol Squadron 9

Last week, the Patrol Squadron 9 "Golden Eagles" hosted retired Navy Capt. Andrew C.A. Jampoler, the author of "Adak: The Rescue of Alfa Foxtrot 586," and his guests whose stories are depicted in the book.

The group met with VP-9 personnel, as well as other Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 squadrons and Marine Corps Base Hawaii officers as part of a professional development symposium. The book and discussion were based on the successful P-3C Orion aircraft ditch in the Bering Sea off the coast of the Soviet Union in 1978.

Joining Jampoler were Ed Caylor, a former VP-9 patrol plane pilot aboard the doomed mission aircraft, and Bill Porter, a former U.S. Coast Guard C-130 Hercules rescue pilot who flew more than 17 hours during the rescue. Porter's flight was credited with saving the lives of those who survived the crash and now lives on Oahu.

"It was an absolutely phenomenal experience to welcome Capt. Jampoler, Mr. Caylor, and Mr. Porter, and to hear their harrowing tale," said Cmdr. Rich Prest, VP-9 commanding officer. "Their story had a tremendous impact on our officers and sailors, and it's an experience that I won't soon

forget".

The book tells the story of VP-9 Aircrew 6, tasked to execute a typical reconnaissance mission along the Kamchatka Peninsula coast. A propeller malfunction required the crew to end the mission early and return to their origination point of Adak, Alaska. During the transit, the emergency caused multiple fires in the engine compartment, and after exhausting all methods to extinguish the recurring fires, the crew was forced to ditch the aircraft.

Shortly after landing in 50-foot seas with strong wind, the aircrew abandoned their sinking plan. The survivors spent the next 11 hours in life rafts, battling hypothermia with minimal survival gear. Nearing death, they were eventually rescued by a Soviet fishing boat after Porter used his plane to guide them to the life rafts containing the survivors.

"We really didn't think we would survive, but the [emergency procedures] training we received took over, and we ditched the aircraft pretty successfully," Caylor said.

During the lecture here, Jampoler and Caylor took turns recounting the events from their different points of view. Although the crew suffered four casualties, the number would surely have been higher if not for the unheard-of coordination between the United States and USSR governments at the apex of the Cold War.

## 'Hammerheads' join with sister services to relocate expensive equipment

**Sgt. Karl Williams**

25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

MARINE The soldiers didn't come here to enjoy the sea views; they came to conduct a joint sling-load operation.

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 25th General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, helped the Coast Guard with an 8-foot by 26-foot, steel, lighted buoy.

The buoy, located in Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Ulupau Crater weapons range danger zone and valued at approximately \$30,000, had parted from its mooring and needed to be relocated.

Ralph Little, commander, Cutter Kukui, Coast Guard, said he began asking other military services for assistance with recovering the buoy, after exhausting options within the Coast Guard.

"The (25th CAB) offered to assist us, due to the inaccessibility of the buoy in the shallow water," Little said. "This relatively small operation integrated capabilities, personnel, platforms and communications from the Army, Coast Guard and Navy."

Little received support from the Navy's Waterfront Operations, here, as well as outstanding support, he said, from MCB Hawaii.

"Interagency operations like this one go a very long way towards improving interoperability among the services," he added.

Weeks of coordination and planning significantly contributed to the overall efficiency of the operation, according to Sgt. Rolf Karlstad, air traffic services operator, Company F, 3rd Bn., 25th GSAB.

"Prior to transport, we rigged and preinspected the sling set and vertical pendant on dry land, and [we] only needed to connect four chains to the lifting eye of the buoy when we were in the water," Karlstad said.

Capt. Sean Merrit, commander, Co. B, 3rd Bn., 25th GSAB, and his CH-47 Chinook crew also reconnoitered the buoy, the route to the landing zone and the landing zone itself to ensure they all were safe. The crew then returned to the pickup zone to sling-load the buoy.

The Navy provided a jet ski; a zodiac inflatable rubber boat; and another a small watercraft to transport the rigging equipment and soldiers to the buoy.

"Due to our earlier prep work, the greatest difficulty we encountered was simply getting the slings out to the buoy. It was grounded on a coral reef, in three to six feet of water, depending on the tide," Karlstad said.

To increase the stability of the buoy during rigging operations, the five-man Army team conducted the mission during low tide, making work on the grounded buoy safer.

Having never conducted sling-load operations for a buoy, soldiers used the same technique as one used to sling-load a 10,000 pound cargo net.

"Since a Coast Guard sea buoy is not a certified load, I had to use my best judgment and the procedures detailed in the field manuals to determine how to rig it safely," Karlstad said.

Merrit and his crew maneuvered the Chinook and the buoy safely into a predetermined landing zone on here, according to Capt. David Rodriguez, assistant operations officer, 3rd Bn., 25th GSAB.

Throughout the mission, Rodriguez, at the buoy location, was in constant contact with Merrit, piloting the helicopter.

"We accomplished all of our objectives on the water and in the air, and did it safely," said Rodriguez. "It was very exciting to see all the pieces come together for a successful mission."

## Congratulations Corporals' Course Class 405-11

Cpl. John W. Absher	MALS-24
Cpl. Aldayne A. Aslam	MALS-24
Cpl. Khalid M. Al-Abid	Headquarters Bn.
Cpl. Steven C. Anderson	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Benjamin M. Ash	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Jackson A. Banner	MAG-24
Cpl. Steven J. Behringer	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Andrew L. Biernacki	CLB-3
Cpl. Dary N. Bolanos	Headquarters Bn.
Cpl. Brandon K. Bradford	COIMCSB
Cpl. Miguel G. Bradsher	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Randall E. Brinker II	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Rayshawn M. Cooper	MCAS
Cpl. Samuel R. Dotson	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Andrew C. Ellis	Headquarters Bn.
Cpl. Micah B. English	CLB-3

Cpl. Isreal J. Eschete	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Brenton D. Franklin	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Camilo A. Gomez	3rd Marine Regiment
Cpl. Darren K. Green	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Haley J. Green	Headquarters Bn.
Cpl. Gerald Gregory-Tims	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Nicholas W. Hatcher	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Christian M. Headrick	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Michael P. Hull	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Courtney J. Jarrett	MAG-24
Cpl. James Jumawan	CLB-3
Cpl. Anthony Q. Kelly	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Lacey L. Knudsen	COIMCSB
Cpl. Adam J. Kunkel	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Samuel Lopez	CLB-3
Cpl. Federico LuleVillanueva	3rd Radio Battalion

Cpl. Jeffery T. Majka	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Logan R. McChesney	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Brett M. Meyer	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Marc R. Morris	CLB-3
Cpl. Joe Nguyen	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Matthew J. Reynolds	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Patrick J. Roney	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Aquiles N. Ruiz	Marine Forces Pacific
Cpl. Steven J. Shutter	CLB-3
Cpl. Joshua S. Selgren	Headquarters Bn.
Cpl. Bradley M. Simich	HMH-362
Cpl. Patrick K. Stinich	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Theodore J. Swanson	3rd Radio Battalion
Cpl. Maurice D. Thomas	CLB-3
Cpl. Cody J. Tutor	2nd Bn., 3rd Marines
Cpl. Juan J. Valdez Jr	HMH-362

## MEMORIAL, from A-1

When Riordan said “Semper Fidelis,” he unknowingly described Ott. In the short interviews with his peers and subordinates, a theme easily appeared from their descriptions. He never let down his Marines or his leaders. He personified the Corps motto: he was “Always Faithful.” He was dependable. He never gave up. He was called upon when assurance was needed that a mission would be accomplished.

“Corporal Ott was a leader,” said Capt. Charles Siedlecki in his remarks during the memorial service. “A man who embodied the Marine adage of mission first and Marines always. He was the guy who every one could count on, his leaders counted on him to get the job done, his Marines counted on him to lead, teach and mentor them, and his peers counted on him to have their six.

“He always did and he always will,” added Siedlecki, Charlie Company commander from Berlin, N.J.

Ott was just as joyful as he was faithful. Ott’s assistant patrol leader, Lance Cpl. Felix Davila, didn’t just look to Ott for orders; he looked to Ott for motivation, ambition and a smile at the end of a 12-hour patrol day.

“Ott was definitely a joyful guy,” said Davila, of Chicago. “He always had a smile and was always happy. He was always there to make sure I was ready to get through the next day. He always made sure people had high spirits.”

Ott was the perfect balance between big brother and strict leader. For Cpl. Tyler Tischer, who knew Ott during the four years he was in the Corps, Ott’s selfless character mixed with his insatiable desire to accomplish the mission made Ott unconquerable.

“He was invincible,” said Tischer, from Alexander, Minn., and a squad leader in 4th Platoon, Charlie Company. “He would never give up and he could never carry to much weight. Whatever you gave him he was going to carry it, he would always just keep going ... he didn’t have a breaking point and he never refused to help anyone. He was the best Marine I know, I will always follow in his footsteps. I was always trying to be like him. He was a great Marine.”

With the rifle salute ending the memorial service, each Marine who attended took time to personally pay their respects at Ott’s memorial stand. Just as Ott was always faithful living, his memory will faithfully be in the mind of all who knew him.



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 1

A Marine with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, stands at parade rest behind a memorial stand during a memorial service at Combat Outpost Rankel Aug. 17. The memorial service was for Cpl. Nicholas S. Ott, who died supporting counterinsurgency operations here, Aug. 10. Ott, a native of Manchester, N.J., was a squad leader with 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company.

## FUNERAL, from A-1

for the rigors of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

“He was a troublemaker as a child,” Sarrah Camero said. “He was always trying to irritate me, but in a loving way. His senior year, he fought our mom tooth-and-nail to sign the enlistment form. My Mom just wanted for us what we dreamed of, and that’s what she wanted to give him.”

After graduating from Honokaa High School in 2010, Camero enlisted in the Marines and was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. When his family found out he was to deploy to Afghanistan, his mother, Norma Camero, and Sarrah said they took time to say goodbye to him.

“He’ll always be remembered because he always lit up the room,” Sarrah Camero said. “He’s always cracking jokes and that makes him lovable.”

A funeral detail of 10 Marines wearing crisp dress uniforms from Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, met the hearse at the cemetery. They carried the casket, draped with an American flag, to the grave as mourners watched in silence.

Camero was laid to rest with full military honors, including a three-volley rifle salute and a bugler playing “Taps.”

“More than any other service, the Marine Corps is a brotherhood,” Col. Russell Smith, Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, said. “The death of one Marine, even if we didn’t know him, is like someone dying in our family.”

Hawaii Rep. Mazie Hirono and representatives of the state governor and mayor of Hawaii County paid their respects alongside the family and friends.

“We will definitely miss Chris,” Sarrah Camero said. “He had a short 19 years, but we will remember the positive things about him.”

The detail of Marines tightly folded the flag from the casket and presented it to Camero’s mother, and folded another to present to his sister. As the service came to a close, mourners were given either a rose or rose pedals to place on the casket.

“He was in the Marine Corps for only a short year, but he deserves this funeral,” Sarrah Camero said. “I’m very proud of him and I’m sure he’s smiling down right now.”



Pfc. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Christopher Camero is laid to rest Thursday at the West Hawaii Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery, Kona, Hawaii. The ceremony included a funeral detail of 10 Marines from Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, and a bugler from the U.S. Marine Corps, Pacific Band. Hundreds of community members came out to honor and show their support for Camero, 19, who was killed in Afghanistan July 15 while serving with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. Camero spent his childhood on the Big Island of Hawaii and is the first active duty Marine killed in action to be interred at that cemetery.

# Sports & Health



Lance Cpl. Sarah L. Dietz | Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms

Ben Davis stretches for the base at the "Best of the West" West Coast Regional Softball Tournament at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

## Journey to be 'Best of the West'

**Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber**  
*Combat Correspondent*

As the sun set on Annex Field Aug. 18, the Marine Corps Base Hawaii all-star softball team had one last team meeting before departing to California to compete in the "Best of the West" West Coast Regional Softball Tournament at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sunday through Thursday.

Players on the MCB Hawaii team, who won the gold medal last year at "Best of the West," were looking for the same results during the 2011 tournament. The players were hand-picked from different teams that competed in the intramural softball league on base.

The balanced team of offensive and defensive players were determined to once again breeze through the competition. However, their dominance over the competition ended with a surprise defeat before the championship game.



Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii softball team posed for one last team picture before they left for the "Best of the West" West Coast Regional Softball Tournament at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., held Sunday through Thursday.

Though coming up with a game plan for battling distant opposing teams was challenging, the team was able to plan thoroughly and started

the tournament winning their first five games. MCB Hawaii defeated Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Teams A and B, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., and home team MCAGCC. MCB Hawaii continued to rise in the brackets, hoping to repeat last year's winning streak.

"We're not coming in as the favorite, we're unknown," Romeo Ibrao, head coach, said. "All of these other teams play each other so they know what to expect. They don't really know us and we don't know them. So we'll see what happens."

The team showed consistency in offense and defense throughout the tournament. When asked about how the team will perform consistently, Ibrao said rest was the most important thing, due to the long distance travel.

"We have a better team than last year," Rynne Brandt, MCB Hawaii team

See **BEST OF THE WEST, B-6**



Sgt. Mark A. Fayloga | Hawaii Marine

## ESPECIALLY SKILLED

**Special Olympics Aukake Classic draws 400 athletes**

An athlete rolls a bocce ball Saturday during the 16th annual Aukake Classic at Waiiau District Park. More than 400 athletes from all of the Hawaiian Islands came together to compete in the Special Olympics bocce ball and soccer tournament event. Marine Corps Base Hawaii plans to again host the annual Special Olympics Winter Classic on base and at other Oahu locations in December, but more than 1,000 volunteers and 250 coaches will be needed to make the event a success.

# Are you ready for some fantasy football?

**Sgt. Skyler Tooker**  
Editor



# Get real

**Cpl. Danny H. Woodall**  
Community Relations NCO

## Is fantasy football worth your time or a waste of time?

Here we go again. It's nearly football season, and instead of talking about which NFL division will produce a Super Bowl champion, we're talking about players' statistics. Which quarterback will have the highest passer rating? Which receiver will have the most receptions? The culprit to this irrelevant line of question is fantasy football. That's right, fantasy football.

Hold onto your seats! Here comes another season of America's favorite sport, and favorite time of the year for millions of fans. It's true — fantasy football isn't for everyone — but for those true diehard fans who love the National Football League more than anything else, this time of year is better than all the holidays rolled into one.

Fantasy football is a pure sportsman's game. It's for people, like me, who are football fanatics and create a winning roster weeks before draft day. These people not only want to be knowledgeable about their favorite NFL teams and players, but know the statistics of other teams as well. One of the best things about playing is that you can keep up with stats for all players and get the lowdown on which players will be traded and which ones will receive million-dollar bonuses at the end of the year.

This amazing game has influenced the making of an entertaining and hilarious television show called "The League", which features a few hotshot NFL players, like Chad Ochocinco. Obviously, fantasy football is a great game if a premier television station bases a hit TV show around it.

Years ago, when computers were nothing more than copper wires connected to abacuses and the Internet was wreaking havoc in a terrible Sandra Bullock film, some guy decided to combine a great American sport with a fantastical board game. For those of you who don't know, a fantasy football league consists of teams "owned" by anyone who has access to a worldwide Internet machine. In order to form a team, all you have to do is generate a name that is neither funny nor clever ("FundaySunday," "Boston Ballerz," etc.). Then, "draft" skill position players who will produce "fantasy points" for your fictional team. Finally, sit back and reap your fantasy rewards ... nerd.

I don't care what people do to amuse themselves, but I don't want to see "fantasy" updates when I'm watching ESPN. I don't care how many fantasy points Michael Vick accumulates, I just want to know how badly the Dallas Cowboys destroyed his Eagles. When I sit down to watch sport highlights, I want to see game analysis, not player analysis. Unless Peyton Manning is breaking another record, I don't care how a player impacted his fantasy rating. I only care if his performance directly impacted the game and his team's overall standings.

More than anything, I hate it when people ask me to join their fantasy league. Sure, I'll come to your fantasy football "party" this Sunday. I'll bring some fantasy nachos for you and your fantasy girlfriend. If I want to watch a bunch of nerds salivate over complex formulas and numbers, I would just re-watch "Revenge of the Nerds 2: Nerds in Paradise." Now I know what you're thinking, I seem too

scorned — like a heartbroken, dateless prom-attende. But I will have you know that I have rejected every invitation to these Sunday gatherings. On an unrelated note, I hope my high school girlfriend is having a nice life. Was it worth it, Katie? Was it?

I understand a correlation exists between an individual's performance and their team's success. However, in order to build a championship team (or dynasty), you can't focus on individuals — you need to understand team chemistry. Sadly, the "team concept" is gone — replaced by stat-padding, skill position players. Leave the in-depth stat-analysis for sports agents and Hall of Fame voters. If my team misses the playoffs by a wide margin (2010 Dallas Cowboys), then I don't care how many receptions my top receiver snagged.

You can call it "football" as much as you would like, but at the end of the day, it's just fantasy. If you consider yourself a true sports fan, check your fantasy at the door — it's time for some reality.

**“Fantasy football is not for everyone. It's really just for winners. So if you are a true American who enjoys football and a little competition between friends and family, then this is right up your alley.”**

Fantasy football can also influence what goes on in your own home. The main reason to play fantasy football is for bragging rights that come with victory at the end of the season. There is an added bonus if your league has a money pool that usually pays for the league functions, and if there is any money left over, it provides a nice prize for the first place winner. If you pick your teams and players correctly, next year you could be watching your favorite sport on a brand new flat-screen TV, or you might win some extra cash to spend on your family.

Now who is opposed to taking their family out to a nice dinner and spending a little quality time discussing what your

children learned in school that day? I know I'm not, and it was all paid for by your winnings from fantasy football. You see, fantasy football can actually bring families together and strengthen their bonds. You can even create a league within your family that would bring a little rivalry much like camaraderie to the table.

So, instead of getting yelled at by your wife because you know how many average yards Peyton Manning throws per game, but you forgot your own anniversary, now you can both bond over the game you love. Once you get your family involved, swap out mowing the lawn for a day of hot wings, sodas and a front row ticket on your couch to watch football all Sunday long.

My favorite team is the Kansas City Chiefs, but let us be real — they haven't been the greatest team in the past, but I still stand by them through thick and thin. There is no reason I can't have a fantasy football team with Tom Brady as my quarterback and still root for the Chiefs back home. When my team loses, it bums me out a little bit, but if my fantasy football team wins that same week it cheers me back up.

Who wouldn't want to play fantasy football unless you are too busy playing "FIFA 2011," or maybe you just hate America's favorite sport, or maybe you are just plain boring.

Fantasy football is not for everyone. It's really just for winners. So if you are a true American who enjoys football and a little competition between friends and family, then this is right up your alley.



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**“I don't care what people do to amuse themselves, but I don't want to see 'fantasy' updates when I'm watching ESPN.”**

# SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

## Sports and Health

### '101 Days' Field Meet Unit Challenge

The base community is invited to cheer on the units at the Field Meet Unit Challenge, today from 8 a.m. to noon at Riseley and Pop Warner Fields. Some familiar and daring challenges include a 5-person truck tire flip, tug-o-war, 5-person Big tricycle relay races, inflatable jousts and more! Call the Health Promotion Office at 257-7636 for more information.

### Nuupia Ponds Fun Run and Walk

Join in on this farewell Fun Run and Walk for the 101 Days of Summer program on Aug. 31 at 7 a.m., at the field across from Pollock Field. Military members can earn points for their units by participating and family members can join in for fun. There is a fee per person and for a 20-person formation. Contact the Health Promotion Office at 254-7636 for more information or to register.

### 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. Both active-duty service members and civilians are welcome to sign-up by flyer or online.

Early registration ends Oct. 14, and anyone who registers after will not be guaranteed a race T-shirt. Online registration closes Oct. 19. For more information, call 254-7590.

### Semper Fit Juniors Program

The Semper Fit Juniors Program, which started Thursday and will be held every second Thursday of each month, is a new program open to 14- and 15-year-olds who, upon the completion of a Fitness Basics class, will be issued an individualized pass to use the center without an adult present. For more information, call the center at 254-7597.

## 2011 Intramural Basketball Schedule

<b>TONIGHT</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. MARFORPAC vs. CPRW-2</b>	<b>SEPT 6</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. VP-4 vs. VP-9</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. HQBN vs. MALS-24</b>		<b>7:30 p.m. 2/3 vs. POSTAL</b>
	<b>8:30 p.m. VPU-2 vs. VP-4</b>		<b>8:30 p.m. MCAS vs. 3RD MAR REG</b>
<b>AUG 29</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. 2/3 VS. MALS-24</b>	<b>SEPT 7</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. VP-47 vs. CPRW-2</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. CLB-3 vs. POSTAL</b>		<b>7:30 p.m. VP-4 vs. MARFORPAC</b>
	<b>8:30 p.m. CPRW-2 vs. 3RD MAR REG</b>		<b>8:30 p.m. CLB-3 vs. HQBN</b>
<b>AUG 30</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. 3RD MAR REG VS. MARFORPAC</b>	<b>SEPT 9</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. CPRW-2 vs. CLB-3</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. VP-47 VS. MALS-24</b>		<b>7:30 p.m. CLB-3 vs. 2/3</b>
	<b>8:30 p.m. CPRW-2 VS. HQBN</b>		<b>8:30 p.m. VP-47 vs. MCAS</b>
<b>AUG 31</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. VPU-2 vs. VP-9</b>	<b>SEPT 12</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. POSTAL vs. 3D MAR REG</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. POSTAL vs. MARFORPAC</b>		<b>7:30 p.m. HQBN vs. VPU-2</b>
	<b>8:30 p.m. VP-4 vs. MALS-24</b>		<b>8:30 p.m. 2/3 vs. VP-9</b>
<b>SEPT 2</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. MCAS VS. 3RD MAR REG</b>	<b>SEPT 13</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. POSTAL vs. HQBN</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. CLB-3 VS. MARFORPAC</b>		<b>7:30 p.m. VP-4 vs. 3RD MAR REG</b>
	<b>8:30 p.m. VP-9 VS. HQBN</b>		<b>8:30 p.m. CPRW-2 vs. 2/3</b>

**PLAYOFFS START SEPT 19**



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Balls Out pitcher Paul Motter attempts to slide into third base before Sons of Pitches third baseman Adrian Weldon tags him out. Balls Out shut down Sons of Pitches, 12-1, Saturday.

## Golden Swordsmen take first place at 101 Days of Summer softball tourney

**Kristen Wong**

Photojournalist

Saturday was filled with dirt baths, distracting hecklers and defeat as the undefeated Patrol Squadron 47 Golden Swordsmen took first place in the 101 Days of Summer softball tournament. The Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 team, Balls Out, placed second.

At noon, during the first of the final three games, Combat Logistics Battalion 3 stepped onto the field to face off with Balls Out, only to be defeated 17-9. Balls Out then played against the Regimental Aid Station for the 3rd Marine Regiment, called Sons of Pitches, winning 12-1.

CLB-3 coach and left center fielder Jason Garcia said the team had already played during the intramural softball season and it was "nice to get the team out again." He said there were a lot of good teams and a lot of people participating for their units.

"If there's another season, I'd like for us to play again," Garcia said.

Garcia's son, a high school freshman, joined the CLB-3 team. He said it was different and more challenging playing with adults, but he eventually became comfortable playing with the team. To Garcia, it was a good way to get ready for the upcoming baseball season in school.

"This is as close as I can get to baseball," said CLB-3 left fielder Clayton McDaniels.

McDaniels, who returned from Afghanistan after the intramural season started, said he was grateful to the team for letting him play. McDaniels went on to play for the unit's 101 Days of Summer team. He said he enjoyed playing, and that everyone united as a



**Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 Balls Out left center fielder Gino Ramirez takes a swing at the ball while up to bat Saturday during the 101 Days of Summer softball tournament. Balls Out defeated Combat Logistics Battalion 3 and Sons of Pitches, but lost to the Patrol Squadron 47 Golden Swordsmen during the tournament on Saturday.**

team, which he felt was important.

Already warmed up from the first game, Balls Out awaited Sons of Pitches, who came next to compete. The Sons of Pitches had three wins and one loss coming into the last day of the tournament.

Tensions mounted as CLB-3 pitcher Cory Smith dove headfirst into third base and was called out. Gino Ramirez and Cameron Young took down two batters with caught flyballs. Balls Out shut down Sons of Pitches, 12-1.

"It was fun actually. We had a really good time," said Sons of Pitches' coach and pitcher Mitch Embry.

Embry said the corpsmen with 3rd Marines Regimental Aid Station wanted to put together a team

and had fun playing together.

"All the teams have been really good sportsmanship-wise," Embry said. "Overall, it was a good tournament [and] hopefully we can do it again."

Balls Out team members were on a roll, gleefully shouting "next!" as the Golden Swordsmen arrived for the third game.

But it only took four innings and the 10-run rule for the Golden Swordsmen to defend their title, beating Balls Out 13-0. The Swordsmen also won their last three games with the mercy rule after three innings.

During the final game, Golden Swordsmen left center fielder, Cole Gilman, hit a triple to center field and brought home Swordsmen shortstop Joshua Dooley. By the bottom of the fourth inning, the first three batters were all outs and the teams came out to high-five each other.

Golden Swordsmen coach Rick LaTour attributes the team's success to good defense and good batting. The tournament was short, with five games in five days. He was proud of his team for scoring so many runs in three innings.

"This was fun and we'll do it again [at] the end of September," LaTour said.

Balls Out coach Antoni Valencia attributes the success of the two prior games to solid hits, the right plays, and playing fundamental softball. But the last time around, "we didn't hit." Still, Valencia said the tournament was exciting, and like several of the other teams, they simply enjoyed playing with co-workers.

The next event in the 101 Days of Summer program is the Unit Challenge field meet today from 8 a.m. to noon at Pop Warner Field and Riseley Field. For more information call 254-7636 or 257-3900.

## FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MARSHALS THE GOLF COURSE



Rochelle Smolinski | Hawaii Marine

(From left to right) Ted Wilson, Guy Hagi, Colin Fong and John Robotham stand in the tee box on the seventh hole of the Klipper Golf Course at the 7th Annual Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Golf Tournament and Social that took place on Wednesday. More than 45 golfers attended the annual golf tournament.

# HQMC announces 2010 All-Marine Athletes of Year



Photos by Cpl. Scott Schmidt | Headquarters Marine Corps

Capt. Sean Barrett, in red wearing number 90, begins the 35th Annual Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 31, 2010. Barrett would finish the race, his first marathon ever, as the second military finisher and third overall with an impressive time of 2:24:28 Barrett was named the Corps' male Athlete of the Year for 2010

**Press Release**

Headquarters Marine Corps Semper Fit

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** – Capt. Sean Barrett and 1st Lt. Kaitlin Koplin have been selected as the U.S. Marine Corps male and female Athletes of the Year for 2010.

The pair will be honored at the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Clubs at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., on Aug. 26, at 11 a.m.

Barrett, originally from San Diego, is an intelligence officer currently assigned to the National Intelligence University at the Defense Intelligence Agency for a master of science degree program in strategic intelligence. Barrett distinguished himself as an athlete in 2010 by winning the silver medal at the Armed Forces Marathon Championship with a finishing time of 2 hours, 24 minutes, 28 seconds, and third place overall in the Marine Corps Marathon. It was Barrett's first marathon.

Barrett accomplished this extraordinary feat after just returning from Iraq, where he was deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Barrett is a graduate of Harvard University and also raced during the 2010 season in the ING

Philadelphia Half-Marathon with a time of 67:49, the Plymouth Half-Marathon with a time of 70:32, and numerous other races.

First Lt. Kaitlin Koplin, from Youngstown, Ohio, is an adjutant currently serving as an information management officer at the Command, Control, Communications and Computers Division; Headquarters Marine Corps. Koplin was the Marine Corps female cross country champion and a member of the U.S. Armed Forces Team that competed in the 2010 Conseille International du Sport Militaire Cross Country Championship in Ostend, Belgium.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Koplin also competed during the 2010 season in the Plymouth Half-Marathon with a finish time of 1:26:01, the Annapolis Ten-Miler, which she won with a finish time of 1:02:16, the Marine Corps Marathon, with a time of 3:10:11, and numerous other races.

For more information about the Athletes of the Year program or the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame, contact Maj. G. Canedo, HQMC Semper Fit, at 703-784-3898 or canedog@usmc-mccs.org.



First Lt. Kaitlin Koplin runs through the historic Georgetown neighborhood near mile-marker four during the 35th Marine Corps Marathon. Koplin finished the race in 3:10:11. She was named the 2010 female Athlete of the Year for the Marine Corps.

## Medical Home Port: Naval Health Clinic Hawaii forms new health care teams

**Capt. Ann Uetz**

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Navy Medicine's Medical Home Port initiative introduces a new model of patient- and family-centered health care delivery for primary care. This model is team-based, comprehensive, and designed to fully implement the complete primary care health and wellness needs of beneficiaries. Naval Health Clinic Hawaii anticipates increased access to care for our patients both in person and via electronic media — a true paradigm shift in how we have traditionally provided care to and communicated with our beneficiaries. In the coming years, full implementation of the MHP initiative will improve population health, access, patient satisfaction and readiness while reducing overall healthcare costs in the long term.

**One team for preventive and primary care**

As Naval Health Clinic Hawaii transitions to Medical Home Port, every patient is assigned to a Medical Home Port team consisting of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, corpsmen, medical assistants, medical clerks as well as pharmacists,

case managers and integrated behavioral health providers to meet patients' comprehensive healthcare needs. This will ensure patients will always have access to their health care team regardless of the situation that arises and will be an active participant in their healthcare.

Research has shown that patients who have a strong relationship with their primary care provider have better health outcomes, fewer unnecessary procedures or tests, and a reduced chance of medical errors. In particular, Patient-Centered Medical Home has demonstrated improved health outcomes in all patients including chronic medical diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease and asthma.

**MHP teams at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii**

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii has implemented MHP at Branch Health Clinic Kaneohe Bay. There are two teams: "Team Honu" which means turtle in Hawaiian and "Team Mano" which is Hawaiian for shark. These two teams have worked very hard and have provided not only our command, but Navy Medicine with some best practices for implementation. Branch Health

Clinic Makalapa has recently formed more teams with Hawaiian animal names: "Team Mo'o (gecko)" and "Team Nai'a (dolphin)." Later this summer the final two teams, "Team Kohola (whale)" and "Team Nene (Hawaiian goose)," will be rolled out.

**Improved access to care**

Whenever possible patients will see their assigned primary care manager, but during those times when they are unavailable patients will be seen by either the small group of providers on their team or another MHP team member. This will increase the likelihood of patients being cared for by healthcare professionals who know the patient's medical history and therefore better able to care for their healthcare needs.

**Online communication via secure email messaging with MHP team**

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i is pleased to announce that NHCH Online powered by RelayHealth is available to our enrolled patients. Getting in touch with your PCM and your healthcare team never was easier. Patients may communicate with their provider and their team on a secure email message.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii enrolled beneficiaries may visit our webpage at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch/MedicalHome/Pages/default.aspx>.

Patients may communicate with their PCM and team to schedule appointments, request medication refills or seek advice or information without having to come to the clinic.

**The future of healthcare Delivery an Ongoing Journey**

Implementation of Medical Home Port is a journey — one that we will take together with our patients.

We continue to learn about implementing this model of healthcare and know we will not be perfect at the onset, but promise to adjust and improve our performance as we move forward. Our success will be measured on ability of our patients to access their PCM, patient satisfaction, reduction of Emergency Department visits for primary care reasons and improved health outcome standards established by the healthcare industry.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii hopes our patients will be an active participant in this journey to improved healthcare.

For additional information, visit our website [www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch) and click on Medical Home tab.

## WHAT'S COOKING AT ANDERSON HALL DINING FACILITY?

WEEK OF AUG 26 THROUGH OCT 1

<p><b>Today</b> Lunch Pork Adobo Lemon Baked Fish Fillets</p> <p>Dinner Saurbrauten Baked Stuffed Fish</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> Dinner Beef Stew Pork Chop Mexicana</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> Dinner Beef Cordeon Bleu Tropical Pork Chops</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> Lunch Teriyaki Chicken Salsbury Steak</p> <p>Dinner Hungarin Goulash Honey Ginger Chicken</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> Lunch Peppered Steak Chicken Adobo</p> <p>Dinner Swiss Steak Lemon Baked Fish Fillets</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> Lunch Caribbean Chicken Breast Chili Macaroni</p> <p>Dinner Turkey Pot Pie Stuffed Pork Chops</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Lunch Cajun Meat Loaf Veal Parmesan</p> <p>Dinner Cantonese Spare Ribs Beaf Pot Pie</p>
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# The function of a good workout



Lance Cpl. Mike Wagner, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, demonstrates a high power throw with a medicine ball in the new Functional Fitness Facility. Senior officers and enlisted leaders visited the new gym Aug. 18, which can accommodate up to 40 people and includes TRX Trainer ropes, medicine balls and kettle bell weights.



Christine Cabalo photos | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Alex Martinez, H&S Co., 3rd Marines, demonstrates the "land mine" weighed bar and several other pieces of equipment at the new Functional Fitness Facility Aug. 18. The new facility in Building 1034 is open to all active duty service members, but only E-4s and above can check sign out the facility key.

***BEST OF THE WEST, from B-1***

captain, said. “We have to work on patience, though. We’re a real aggressive team and we always try to jump ahead and that could potentially kill us.”

The tournament not only shows which team is in first place, but it creates an opportunity for players who want to join the All-Marine Softball Team to be seen by scouts.

“So after this tournament here, they will select 15 players from all of the West Coast teams that competed, and they’ll take 15 players from the East Coast to make the All-Marine Team, which is the best of the best,” Ibrao said.

MCB Hawaii suffered their first loss against Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., breaking their undefeated streak. However, MCB Hawaii still held first place after the loss as they made their way into single elimination play.

Teamwork would be vital as the upcoming games went on simply because there were no second chances.

“We’ve got the long ball hitters and the base hitters, so we try to mix them up in the lineup,” Ibrao said. “We always want somebody on base when the long ball comes, but we preach not to swing for a deep ball every time, let it come naturally.”

No matter the challenge, the team was prepared for any matchup, with the main focus of bringing home the gold.

As Miramar beat Yuma and made their way to the semi-final game, revenge was evident for MCB Hawaii, who was waiting for redemption.

The game was close, with an overall score of 8-6, but Miramar came out on top once again, defeating the top-ranked team in the west, MCB Hawaii. “We won as a team and lost as a team,” Brandt said after the tournament. “Everyone felt responsible for letting this one slip from us. The only thing to do now is brush the dirt off and come back stronger next year.”

Camp Pendleton Team A took home the gold medal after defeating Miramar in the championship game.

# Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

Ballet Hawaii | Courtesy photos

Ballerinas and cavaliers perform "Romeo and Juliet." The organization is celebrating 35 years of enriching Hawaii's cultural environment by teaching, promoting, presenting and producing dance.



## Ballet Hawaii presents 'Romeo & Juliet'

### Celebrating 35 years of excellence in dance

Cpl. Vanessa M. American Horse  
*Combat Correspondent*

Pliés, pirouettes and passés astounded audiences at last weekend's performance of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" by Ballet Hawaii at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall.

This performance is one of the ways the organization showcases the talents of their students and performers to the public.

"This was my first time going to a real, true ballet," Stephanie Kramer, ballet patron from Kailua, said. "I thought it was really beautiful how the dancers could tell the story without any words, but by using their bodies. I'd definitely want to see Ballet Hawaii again because it was great and now I know what to expect."

This year, Ballet Hawaii celebrates 35 years of enriching Hawaii's cultural environment by teaching, promoting, presenting and producing dance while instilling self-esteem and pride in its students, patrons and audiences.

They also produce an annual "Nutcracker" ballet at the Blaisdell Concert Hall each December with



Guests dance at the Capulet house during a Ballet Hawaii performance of "Romeo and Juliet."

accompaniment by the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra and guest artists from leading international ballet companies.

"I look forward to their performances each year," Colleen Maturka, ballet patron from Waianae, said. "I've seen many of the performers grow up over the years and I've always enjoyed myself at the productions. It's something different other than going to the movies or doing the many touristy

things we have here."

The elegance, drama and emotional roller coaster that only a ballet can deliver is reason enough to see one for yourself.

Besides "The Nutcracker," Ballet Hawaii has upcoming performances from the Martha Graham Dance Company and the Bad Boys of Dance.

For more information visit <http://www.hawaiiballet.org>.



Juliet holds Romeo during a scene in "Romeo and Juliet."



Juliet's death is mourned during "Romeo and Juliet" by Ballet Hawaii.

# 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.



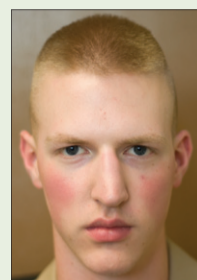
### 4/4 — Confirmed Kill

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** is a total action freak. Growing up on "shoot 'em up" movies with Chuck Norris as a role model, he only laughs at horror flicks. You might catch him hiding in the corner of the theater during an occasional chick flick, but it's only for future research.



WONG

**Kristen Wong** admits she sometimes has to be dragged to movies that she later finds to be outstanding. She prefers fantasy driven movies, like Lord of the Rings, the Harry Potter films, and The Matrix Trilogy. She owns more movie posters than she has wall space and continues to collect more as she goes. She also loves to summarize all of her favorite movies to curious and unsuspecting folks.

## 'Conan' a barbaric remake

### Pfc. James A. Sauter

Combat Correspondent

Not much can beat Arnold Schwarzenegger one-liner-shoot-em up classics like "The Terminator," "Predator" and "Total Recall." So why is Hollywood making more sequels and remakes?

Movie studios made "Terminator: Salvation" and "Predators" that seem to take away the charm of the originals, and studios now plan to remake "Total Recall" to give it a darker feel. But the latest in their line of Schwarzenegger remakes is the barbarically made "Conan the Barbarian."

Either movie studios are desperate for cash or they hate Schwarzenegger's movies. His movies are not about how serious or realistic they are, just about how many people can he kill and how many catch phrases can he say.

The movie starts off with Conan's mother being stabbed and bleeding but amazingly, she still gave birth to her son. Conan is born and his father (Hellboy's Ron Perlman) raises him up and shouts a



war cry.

The new movie continues with Conan (Jason Momoa) as a young boy killing a group of savages during a right-of-passage voyage and presenting the heads to his father. I really thought the over-the-top violence of having a young boy manhandle a bunch of dudes was a little much and unrealistic.

The movie tries to incorporate some kind of moral in the story beginning with Conan and his father forging a sword together that will eventually become Conan's. During father and son sword training, Conan lashes out in rage, only to be knocked down by his father who told him, "You are not ready for this sword." The morals don't go much further than that line.

In another scene, Khalar Zym (Stephen Lang of "Avatar") and his henchmen burn Conan's village and kill his father. For the rest of the movie, Conan is a bloodthirsty warrior avenging his father's death along with typical

plot themes like the warrior rescues captured princess, warrior kills the villain and the warrior discovers the meaning of his father's words.

With the overly dry and shallow storyline, the actors showed effort but with terrible results. Even veteran actors such as Perlman or Lang had awful performances compared to some of their previous roles. This movie settled for young actor Momoa's muscular physique and grim voice in place of an actor with meaningful presence. Even in the original film, Schwarzenegger couldn't act, but it's hilarious to watch him because his thick ascent made his lines memorable.

Other parts of the film, like special effects and sword fighting, were somewhat entertaining, but it's all for nothing paired with the horrendous plot, boring characters and unbelievable acting. To the legacy of Arnold-action flick fans, please save your money and see the original. The acting may still be bad, but it's more fun watching (No Impact, No Idea)

1/4



## Fright Night fails as horror flick, succeeds as comedy

### Kristen Wong

Photojournalist

I learned three new things watching "Fright Night." David Tennant is funny, Colin Farrell is cute, and when you've spent your high school years watching teen horror flicks, it's hard to be excited or frightened by a new one.

The newest remake of the 1985 classic, "Fright Night" had little to offer from the looks of the preview. Vampires. Been there. Innocent teenagers running for their lives. Done that. Blood spilled and a silent killer lurking in a nightclub. Yawn.

But I needed something to review, so I sat in a virtually empty theater, aside from one or two couples behind me on a Sunday morning, hoping to be impressed.

The story goes thus. Anton Yelchin plays Charley Brewster, a high school senior who has been shunning his geeky origins since popular girl Amy (Imogen Poots) started going out with him. (News flash: prom is not cool anymore and nobody goes.) Really?

One day, Charley's friend Adam does not show up for school. Charley's semi-former geek best friend Ed (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) is worried, because Adam does not answer his phone calls, and wants to check on



him at his house. Charley reluctantly comes with him (Ed has many incriminating geek videos as blackmail) and they find an empty house.

Meanwhile, Jerry (Farrell) has just moved in next door to Charley and his mother. Ed suspects that Jerry is a vampire, but Charley doesn't believe him.

But then Ed doesn't show up for school the next day. Charley goes to Ed's house to check on him, and finds out more about Jerry than he wanted to know.

Now Charley has been a jackass to his best friend since the movie started, and I stopped caring about him very early on, even when he finally realizes how badly he's treated Ed and feels remorse.

I didn't see the need to hear Jerry's there-are-bad-people-out-there speech to Charley. Perhaps that was supposed to scare me, but it was just boring and long-winded.

By the time Charley, Amy and Mrs. Brewster try to escape from Jerry, and mayhem ensues, I'm just staring at the screen, waiting for the damn thing to end. I did laugh though, when Mrs. Brewster tries to save her son with a Century 21 lawn sign.

But there were good points to this movie. Farrell is an awesome vampire, maintaining a creepy, somewhat sexy demeanor, making a blood feeding look tasty.

I applaud David Tennant, who played a lame Criss Angel-like dark magician wanna-be Peter Vincent. (I remember thinking a cameo appearance from Criss Angel might have made it more interesting, but then again, they were making fun of him.) Tennant was by far one of the most colorful characters in the story, with an attitude and a drinking habit mixed in with his witty British accent.

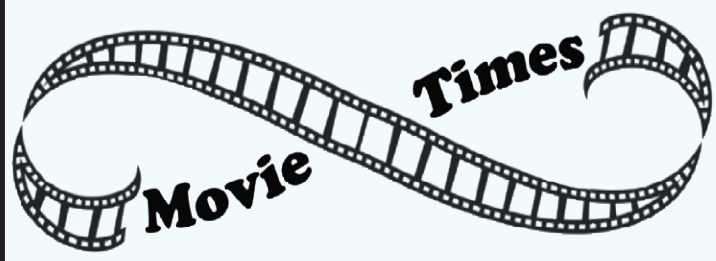
I was glad to see that Amy, despite her boyfriend blowing her off several times to research vampires and spy on Jerry, has deemed him still worthy of her affection throughout the entire movie. I was also glad to see Charley's mother take on an active role, whereas it's usually the teens battling it alone. And yes, the sun, the old nemesis of vampires, actually turns them to dust — not make them sparkly.

I'd say this was a good upgraded teen horror flick with cell phones and the internet, though there is oodles of cursing. But if you truly want to see a scary movie that will prevent you from sleeping tonight, "Fright Night" is not it. If you want to laugh at Tennant's outstanding humorous performance and watch Farrell terrorize a bunch of teenagers, definitely go see it.

2/4



(High and to the Right)



**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.



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"Zookeeper" PG Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

# ITSY BITSY FUN

Kemper George, 2, Bailey Jones, 1, and Elizabeth Aguirre, 2, dig for blocks in artificial gravel at the base New Parent Support Program's Itsy Bitsy Workshop "Touch and Feel" event at the Base Chapel Aug. 18. Toddlers played with different items such as paint, sand and pudding with their parents and other children to experience different textures of objects. "We're having a great time," Caroline R. Stutts, attending parent, said. "I had no idea what to expect, since the event was new. But there's not too many kids, it's organized, and I plan on coming back next time." This was the first Itsy Bitsy Workshop event, with two others scheduled for the upcoming months. For more information, call 257-8803.

Cpl. Vanessa M. American Horse | Hawaii Marine

## Attention kids! "Keiki Krayons" is here!

Break out your crayons and markers, because the Hawaii Marine wants to publish your child's art in our "Keiki Krayons" contest!

We need kids 10 and younger to submit their color drawings to us and the winning art will be included in the following week's newspaper.

**The topic for September is "Back to School"**

If your art is selected by our staff, you will win Hawaii Marine prizes such as T-shirts, coolers, reusable shopping bags and more. You'll also be entered for our grand prize year end drawing.

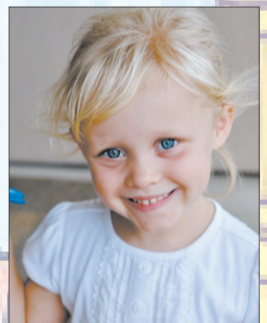
Art submissions must be in crayon or markers on a blank 8.5x11-inch piece of white printer paper. You can deliver submissions to the Hawaii Marine office at Building 216, Room 18 or scan and email them to HawaiiMarineArt@gmail.com by 4 p.m. Monday

Please provide a description of the drawing, your child's full name and age, along with a parent's name and contact phone number when submitting.



**THIS WEEK'S WINNER**

**Julianna Stutts** created this "summer fun" drawing of herself laying on the beach under an umbrella. The 4-and-a-half-year-old artist is watching two hula dancers and listening to a man play the ukulele under the hot Hawaiian sun and a vibrant rainbow in the sky.



**THIS WEEK'S WINNER**

**Jessica Starleigh** took this photo of her husband, Justin, and their new baby boy, Cameron at Lanikai beach near Kailua. Cameron had a great time during his first-ever trip to the beach wearing his baby bucket hat and sunglasses.



## Hawaii Marine Photo Contest

Submit your best photo to us and the winner will be printed in the Hawaii Marine!

Weekly winners will receive prizes such as reusable shopping bags, backpacks, T-shirts, or other great items. You will also be entered in our grand prize contest at the end of the year.

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Submissions must be emailed by 4 p.m. on Monday to HawaiiMarineArt@gmail.com and include a high-resolution JPEG and a separate mugshot of the photographer. Please include a description of the photo submission. Copyrighted work will not be accepted.

## EVENTS ON BASE AND IN THE COMMUNITY

### Eat the Street in Kakaako

Tonight

Join hundreds of hungry people at Eat the Street tonight in Kakaako. This time, the theme is spicy foods. There will be a hot pepper eating contest with the hot pepper art, music and a chance to vote which street vendor has the best and spiciest foods. With more than 30 food trucks and street food vendors, it should be a fun challenge for all food lovers. Eat the Street festivities will go from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information go to <http://www.steetgrindz.com>.

### Fall Education Fair

Aug. 31

Where will you be 10 years from now? The Fall Education Fair will be held Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mokapu Mall. Come with your questions.

The Education Center staff and various school representatives will be on hand to give you answers and guidance. There will be music, prize giveaways and more. For more information, call the Education Center at 257-2158.

### Centennial of Naval Aviation open house

Sept. 10 and 11

This year, marks the Centennial of Naval Aviation. Naval Air Museum Barbers Point, at Kalaeloa Airport in Kapolei, we will be celebrating with a free open house on Sept. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Get up close with hands-on static aircraft displays, food booths, exhibits, music, giveaways, and most of all, fun for the whole family.

Call Ilma Anikow at 487-7233 or [ilma@namp.org](mailto:ilma@namp.org).

### The House of Blues Leaves auditions

Sept. 9 - 11

The auditions will take place at the Hawaii Pacific University along with all rehearsals and performances. The audition on Sept. 9 will be held at 7 p.m. and the auditions on Sept. 10 and 11 will be held at noon.

There will be a variety of roles open to audition for. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. Scripts will be available for perusal on the premises at the Windward and downtown campus libraries.

For more information call 254-0853 or 391-2000

### Hawaii Humane Society PetWalk 2011

Oct. 2

Take your pet on a walk for a cause in the 21st Annual PetWalk 2011 in Waikiki Oct. 2. Hundreds of owners and animals of all kinds participate each year. All funds donated by teams or individuals go toward improving facilities, spaying and neutering, or fostering animals.

Sign up at <http://www.hawaiihumane.org/petwalk.html> for information or registration.

### Graffiti Paint-Out and Clean-up event

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](mailto:marinhi@aol.com).

## ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER



### ULUPAU CRATER: MORE THAN JUST A RIFLE RANGE

The Ulupau Crater is a significant site in Hawaiian culture.

Ulupau means "rising soot," which may refer to the crater's volcanic origins.

The ridge of Ulupau is also the boundary between two traditional land divisions, or ili, of the heavily populated Windward (eastern) side of Oahu.

A site on the seaward cliffs of Ulupau, called Kahekili's Leap, suggests that the practice of cliff-leaping, or "lele kawa," into the sea was practiced here.

Jumping off cliffs feet first into the sea in an attempt to make the least amount of splash was an

activity for only the skillful. Any mistake could result in death.

Some consider Kahekili's Leap to be a jumping-off point or "leina a ka uhane," where the souls of the dead leap into the spirit world.

Today, Ulupau Crater serves as an important weapons training range for more than 10,000 Marines, soldiers, sailors and federal law enforcement agents.

It is also an Ulupau Head Wildlife management area, home to about 2,500 red-footed boobies in a protected seabird colony.

Training occurs with attention to the protection of both natural and cultural resources at Ulupau.



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## KANEOHE OFFICERS' SPOUSE'S CLUB WELCOMES NEW SPOUSES TO THE BASE

(Left) Brooke Petersen greets guests during the 2011 Aloha Coffee and Membership Drive for the Kaneohe Officers' Spouse's Club at Koa Malina, Aug. 18. The women enjoyed catered food, while visiting the many displays set up by vendors from the community. "The event combines bringing in the spouses that are either new or live here and just welcoming them," Melissa Rooks, president of the KOSC, said. "It also gives them an opportunity to become a member of KOSC and join in on the events for the year."



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