

Hawaii Marine

'RED LIONS' PAY TRIBUTE TO FALLEN WARRIORS

Christine Cabalo
Photojournalist

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 honored the lives of six fallen warriors in a ceremony held March 30 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Capt. Nathan R. McHone, pilot; Capt. Daniel B. Bartle, pilot; Master Sgt. Travis W. Riddick, crew chief; Cpl. Joseph D. Logan, aerial observer; Cpl. Kevin J. Reinhard, crew chief; and Cpl. Jesse W. Stites, crew chief; were killed when their CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter went down Jan. 19.

"They were the key ingredients in the success and smooth operation of the squadron," said Lt. Col. Mark Revor, commanding officer, HMH-363. "They will always be in our thoughts and our lives, guiding our actions."

The ceremony was held after the "Red Lions" recently returned to Hawaii from deployment. Family and friends gathered to pay tribute to the fallen during the ceremony along the runway between Hangars 101 and 102 near Kaneohe Bay.

A battlefield cross was set up in honor of each fallen Marine. The display included a military aviator helmet, replacing the traditional infantry helmet, service rifle, boots, identification tags and a photo of each fallen warrior.

After prayers and scripture readings were offered, colleagues of the Marines shared their personal memories of each one.

Capt. Paul Davis, current operations officer, HMH-363, was one of several to speak at the ceremony. He described Bartle's generosity and dedication to ensure any goal was achieved.

"[He] was big and everything he did was big, or he just didn't do it at all," Davis said. "He worked out big, ate big, and when it came time to perform as an



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Chief Petty Officer Francis Andaya, hospital corpsman, Marine Aircraft Group 24, holds the identification tag of one of six fallen Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 during a memorial held March 30 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Several members of the "Red Lions" squadron shared memories of their fallen colleagues with the gathered crowd.

officer, pilot or friend, he always showed up in a big way."

Fighting through tears, Gunnery Sgt. Wesley Allin, safety supervisor, HMH-363, told several stories about his friend and colleague. Allin reminisced about times relaxing with Riddick and his family, making jokes about his age and calling him "Pappy."

"In five minutes of conversation with Master Sgt. Riddick, you'd felt like you'd known him your entire life," he said. "He had that type of ability to calm everybody."

After the official ceremony, Riddick's family gathered at the sandy shore of Kaneohe Bay along with attendees of the memorial. The Riddick family then

scattered his remains in the bay. Then friends and squadron members walked up to the shore, and symbolically released flowers, petals and leis into the water.

"Each [fallen Marine] played major roles in our lives," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Phil Clark, chaplain, Marine Aircraft

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2/3 Fox Co. say their goodbyes

(Left) Marines and sailors with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, load their gear on the truck as they prepare to leave for deployment. The Marines and sailors will work closely with their Australian allies on world-class ranges to increase their training capabilities.

(Right) Lance Cpl. David Allen, rifleman, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, comforts his wife and baby girl before preparing to leave for his deployment to Darwin, Australia, April 2.



Photos by Cpl. Vanessa American Horse | Hawaii Marine

1/3 Marines shoot new Infantry Automatic Rifle



Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

A Marine with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, shoots downrange with an M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle during a movement-to-contact drill at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility here, Tuesday.

Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter
Combat Correspondent

Marines of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, trained with the newly-introduced M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle during a known distance movement-to-contact training exercise at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility here, Tuesday.

During the training, the Marines wore combat gear as they ran from a staging area to firing positions along a 500-yard line. From there they engaged targets repeating the drill at the 200- and 300-yard line.

"This weapon is intended to replace the M249 squad automatic weapon, or SAW," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian K. Somers, range safety officer and Marine gunner. "Now we have an automatic rifle that looks a lot like everything else. We will be that much more capable in carrying out

[our] missions."

When compared to the M16A4 rifle and M4 Carbine, the magazine-fed M27 is very similar in design, length and weight. According to Somers, the M27's increased accuracy, due to semi-automatic fire capability, is a key advantage the SAW does not have.

"During this training, the Marines will understand the doctrinal practices of employing this weapon and what distances they should be using fully automatic and semi-automatic," Somers said. "So basically, we're teaching them to shoot on full auto at everything within 150 meters. Anything further than 150, we teach them to fire on semi automatic — well aimed shots."

After the first relay, automatic riflemen set up firing positions on the 500-yard

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Dogs of War
Friends and saviors of Marines in Afghanistan, A-4, A-5



North Shore
Gnarly dude; surf's up in Haleiwa, B-4

Saturday
High — 84
Low — 67

Sunday
High — 84
Low — 69

NEWS BRIEFS

Pets in housing

In compliance with the Marine Corps order, the waiver allowing banned breeds of dogs previously grandfathered into base housing will expire Oct. 1. Banned breeds include Rottweiler, Pit Bulls, and wolf mixed breeds. Those residents who lived with any banned breed of dog in housing prior to the ban and were granted a waiver temporarily allowing them to remain in housing with these dogs must either make off-base adoption arrangements for the dogs, or plan to vacate base housing prior to the Oct. 1 deadline. Reference Marine Corps Order P11000.22, Ch 6.

Free tax preparation service

The Base Tax Center is open through April 17. The center's hours are Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring all W-2s (including spouse's), bank account and routing numbers, copy of last year's tax return, all other tax forms (1099s, etc.) and Social Security cards for all family members. The tax center is located at Bldg. 455, across the street from the Family Housing Office and next to the Youth Activities Center. To schedule an appointment call 257-1564.

Rare mosquito found on Oahu

A rare mosquito has been found on Oahu for the first time in more than 60 years. This mosquito is more aggressive in spreading dangerous diseases like dengue and yellow fever according to the Hawaii State Department of Health <http://hawaii.gov/health/about/dengue/index.html>. In 2001 and 2011, Hawaii had an outbreak of Dengue Fever. Dengue Fever is a viral illness spread by mosquitoes. Request all departments, commands and families take basic house cleaning measures around operational area and our homes to prevent unnecessary breeding of mosquitoes.

Below is a list of some commonly used containers that hold water. Ensure containers are emptied and sprayed with dish soap or tossed away after every rain:

- Buckets
- Cans/Bottles/Jars and their lids
- Toys, particularly plastics, such as plastic jungle gyms
- Swimming and wading pools
- Wagons and wheel barrows
- Flower pots and saucers (inside and outside)
- Bird baths
- Blocked gutters
- Tree and root holes
- Tarps over wood piles
- Air conditioner drain areas
- Hubcaps
- Pet water bowls
- Trash cans
- Flat roofs
- Boats and canoes

Operation Identification and MPD House Check Program

Personnel residing aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Camp H.M. Smith, and Manana Housing can check out electronic engravers at no cost from the Military Police Department Crime Prevention Division located at Bldg. 1095. Eligible residents leaving their homes unoccupied for more than five consecutive days can also utilize the MCBH MPD House Check Program. For details, call 257-8312.

Important phone numbers

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| On-Base Emergencies | 911 |
| 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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Military Police Department to host gun registration event

Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter

Combat Correspondent

The Military Police Department on Marine Corps Base Hawaii will have a gun registration event at Bldg. 1096, April 10, for all residences on base who haven't registered their privately-owned weapons in accordance with Base Order 10003.

"We're having this gun registration because it has come to our attention that they're a lot of weapons on MCB Hawaii that are not registered," said Maj. Amy Ebitz, provost marshal. "This creates a hazard for us because if officers are responding to a location, we need to know if they're weapons present. Not knowing could create a safety issue and we don't want anyone getting hurt."

According to the base order, all privately-owned firearms, underwater spear guns, pellet, BB, compressed gas and dart pistols and rifles need to be registered with MPD upon arriving on MCB Hawaii.

In addition, all firearms need to be registered with the State of Hawaii through the Hawaii Police Department before being registered on base.

"The requirement to have a weapon registered within 48 hours is going to be waived specifically for this event," Ebitz said, assuring residents that they

will not be penalized for bringing an unregistered weapon during the amnesty period April 10. "Also the requirement for the weapon to be registered with HPD is also going to be waived for this event."

When residents arrive at Bldg. 1096, they will meet with Officer Derek Hinkley, head of crime prevention, MPD, to register any weapons. Hinkley said that registration paperwork from the State of Hawaii is the only thing needed in order to register a firearm on base.

However, if a firearm is not registered with the State of Hawaii, residents need to bring the weapon to MPD and paperwork on its transportation to Hawaii.

Hinkley also explained that weapons other than firearms, such as spear guns, pellet guns, etc., don't need to be registered with the State of Hawaii but need to be brought to MPD to be registered.

According to Hinkley, the entire process for someone to register their weapons with MPD should take no more than 10 minutes.

"This is an opportunity to come forth and get your weapons registered," Ebitz said. "I think previously a lot of people didn't do it because going through HPD is a tedious process and it takes time out of their schedule, so they don't register their weapons before they come here. But we want our Marines and sailors to do the right thing and this is an opportunity to do so."



Staff Sgt. Brian Tuthill | Hawaii Marine

The Military Police Department will host a gun registration event at Bldg. 1096 on April 10 for all residences on base.

Base Marine Aviation Training Systems Site growing, changing

Kristen Wong

Photojournalist

Visitors got a glimpse of the new face of Marine Corps aviation training as the Marine Corps Aviation Training Systems Site held an open house for the base community at its temporary facility, Bldg. 221, Monday.

"MATSS belongs to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing which is in Okinawa, Japan," said Maj. Kevin Halpin, the officer in charge of MATSS Kaneohe. "We're located here to provide support to [Marine Aviation Group 24] to facilitate their training requirements."

Though MATSS primarily provides training for Marines and sailors at MAG-24, other units, like Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, and 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment have also been able to use the facilities for their own purposes.

The MATSS on base was established in its temporary home at Bldgs. 221 and 4041 and has been functioning since October 2011. However, Monday's open house showcased the MATSS classrooms, which were recently newly-furnished.

The MATSS function is to aid Marine Corps Base Hawaii's aviation field service members in completing required training. In the coming years, new training opportunities will become available, just in time for the future decommissioning of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadrons 362 and 363, making way for Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367.

Currently, there are five staff members at MATSS, though the number will likely increase over the next few years. Since the first MATSS was established at Marine Corps Air Station New River more than eight years ago, MATSS have also been established at several air stations, including as MCAS Yuma, MCAS Camp Pendleton, and MCAS Cherry Point. Each MATSS is set up differently, to accommodate the units' needs for each base.

Within weeks, MATSS Kaneohe is expecting the arrival of a CH-53E Containerized Flight Training Device, and an Enhanced Aircrew



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Ted Allen, operations coordinator at the Marine Aviation Training System Site, chats with Col. Brian P. Annichiarico, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and Mark A. Dungan, deputy director of Operations and Training, at the MATSS Kaneohe open house, Monday.

Externals Trainer, according to Capt. Derek Sharp, operations officer, MATSS Kaneohe.

"The CH-53E Containerized Flight Training Device, which will be set on a pad outside of Bldg. 4041, will train CH-53E pilots in a high fidelity simulation," Sharp said. "The Enhanced Aircrew Externals Trainer will be housed in Bldg. 4041, and will allow crew chiefs and aerial observers to practice external lift operations without the logistical burden of conducting it in the aircraft. These two devices will be linked together, to allow pilots and aircrew to practice this core skill together."

"We're trying to reduce the amount of money it takes to train pilots and air crew by taking them off the flightline and putting them into high-fidelity simulators," Sharp added.

Currently, Bldg. 4041 houses the CH-53D Weapons System Trainer. The trainer will eventually be torn down, and UH-1Y and AH-1Z simulators will be installed.

Within the next few years, MATSS from the various bases are planning to connect with each other digitally, through the Aviation Distributed Virtual Training Environment.

The ADVTE will allow service members on one base to virtually train with service members from another base without having to travel.

"It is important to note that as this program pushes on, we will be able to link our simulators with all of the other Marine Corps flight simulators worldwide," Sharp said.

Halpin said this newfound digital technology may result in changes in the Marine Corps' training and readiness manual over time.

"I think you'll see [training and readiness manuals] will be geared toward simulator flights but at the same time that does not take away the importance of [flying] the actual aircraft," he said.

Construction of a permanent MATSS facility for the training classrooms and a Network Exercise Control Center is expected to be complete in Fiscal Year 2016. Virtual training missions will be monitored from the control center.

Many more training devices and opportunities are in the works, and projected as far out as Fiscal Year 2019.

For now, the classrooms in Bldg. 221 and the CH-53D WST are both available for training.

Ted Allen, the operations coordinator for MATSS Kaneohe, recommends that units request use of MATSS facilities at least a month in advance, though depending on the situation, the facility could potentially host a unit within 24 hours. For more information about training with MATSS Kaneohe, call 257-5708 or 257-9996.

Base Chapel Holy Week and Easter

April 6 (Good Friday)

Protestant Service - 5 to 5:45 p.m.
Catholic Service - 6 to 7 p.m.

April 7 (Holy Saturday)

Catholic Easter Vigil - 8 to 9:30 p.m.

April 8 (Easter Sunday)

regular Sunday schedule
Protestant Sunrise Service - 5:30 a.m. at
Fort Hase Beach

AROUND THE CORPS

II MEF receives new sergeant major

Cpl. Bryan Nygaard
II Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Sgt. Maj. Carl Green relinquished his post as sergeant major of II Marine Expeditionary Force to Sgt. Maj. Robert G. VanOostrom during a ceremony in front of the MEF Headquarters Building at Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 30.

Many members of Green's family, including his wife Zelda, their son and two daughters, were in attendance. Carlton Kent, the 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, along with many other sergeants major, both retired and currently serving, were also present for the ceremony.

Green, who has been the sergeant major of II MEF since July 2009, served for 34 years in the Marine Corps. Thirteen of those 34 years have been as a sergeant major. In addition to deploying overseas numerous times, Green has served as a drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. and has been assigned to all three MEF's.

"[Green] has served in every leg of the MAGTF (Marine Air-Ground Task Force)," said Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton

Jr., commanding general of II MEF. "He has identified young leaders, molded and trained young leaders and provided sage counsel for senior leaders, not only for his entire tour, but particularly for the last 13 years."

During the ceremony, Green acknowledged all of the leaders he has had throughout his career and how they influenced him as he rose through the ranks.

"If I could leave you with one thing it would be, 'Never forget where you came from and how you got there,'" said Green.

Green's replacement, VanOostrom, recently served as sergeant major of Marine Corps Installations East from August 2009 to March 2012.

"To the 57,000 Marines [of II MEF], know that I come committed everyday to do what Sgt. Maj. Barret says as he goes out and about," said VanOostrom. "We are going to demand of you to bring your 'A Game' then your leaders have to be prepared to bring theirs as well and I'm committed to do that."

During the ceremony, Green was also awarded the Legion of Merit for his superior service. He will be retiring from the Marine Corps later this year.



Cpl. Bryan Nygaard | II Marine Expeditionary Force

Sgt. Maj. Robert G. VanOostrom, the incoming sergeant major of II Marine Expeditionary Force, receives the sword of office from Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general of II MEF, during a relief and appointment ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 30. VanOostrom recently served as sergeant major of Marine Corps Installations East from August 2009 to March 2012.

Marine receives Silver Star for actions in Afghanistan



Lance Cpl. Timothy Childers | 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

Sgt. Ryan T. Sotelo, Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, 1st Marine Division, after receiving the Silver Star at San Mateo, Calif., March 30. Sotelo received the United States' third highest award for combat valor for actions he took as a squad leader with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment while deployed to Sangin District, Afghanistan.

Lance Cpl. Timothy Childers
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — The parade deck at San Mateo was filled with Marines March 29, as Sgt. Ryan T. Sotelo, a San Mateo, Calif. native, was awarded the Silver Star.

He was honored for the actions he took as a squad leader with Company K, 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 7, while deployed to Sangin District, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, 1st Marine Division, presented the medal to Sotelo, who is now a scout sniper with Bn. Landing Team 3/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The Silver Star Medal is the United States' third highest award for combat valor and is fifth in the precedence of military awards.

"It was humbling when the

general pinned on the star," said Sotelo. "When we perform out in country we don't do it for metals, we do it for the Marine on the right and left of us."

On Nov. 25, 2010, Sotelo's squad was ambushed in an open field with machine gun and small arms fire, killing the platoon commander.

Without hesitation, Sotelo took charge of the unit and moved them to a nearby canal. He then sprinted through heavy fire across open ground to retrieve the body of his fallen lieutenant.

With the defensive position now unreachable because of intense small arms fire, he called in supporting arms to cover the squad's movement to a nearby compound. As insurgents began to assault the position, he fearlessly led his squad as they repelled the enemy.

When one enemy combatant began to fire on an exposed Marine, Sotelo closed in on the insurgent

and killed him with a grenade.

"As soon as we got across, we got lit up and engaged in every direction," said Cpl. Jose Launder, Company K, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines. "Sotelo just ran over and threw a grenade."

After a reinforcing Marine unit was pinned down by heavy fire from the insurgents, Sotelo again disregarded his own safety to engage the enemy machine gun with rifle, finally calling in an air strike that silenced the enemy fire.

"I think a lot of us are here because of his actions that day," added Launder.

Realizing that his situation was dire, Sotelo led a fighting withdrawal more than 600 meters through enemy fire to bring his squad back to friendly lines and safety.

Sergeant Sotelo will continue serving his country as he prepares for the 15th MEU's upcoming deployment scheduled for this summer.

Mary Fay Pendleton students run to Afghanistan

Cpl. Jovane Henry
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Public Affairs

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — The students of Mary Fay Pendleton School, along with teachers, family members, service members and countless volunteers, "arrived" in Afghanistan today, marking the end of a 7,540-mile journey to promote support for deployed troops and physical fitness.

The two-day trek covered the distance between Oceanside, Calif., and Afghanistan, where thousands of Camp Pendleton sailors and Marines are currently deployed.

More than 900 students from kindergarten through eighth grade, deployed service members, various Pendleton units and families across the nation began running March 1 to help reach the final goal, said Wendy Hill, principal of Mary Fay Pendleton School.

"This run started out as just a school event, but throughout the month it's really taken on a life of its own," said Hill. "We've had sailors and Marines from the Marine Expeditionary Units running laps and sending us photos, deployed parents getting their units involved in Afghanistan, neighbors coming out. It's been a wonderful showing of cooperation and community."

Each week, the students ran laps on the track at Mary Fay, and recorded their progress. Students were also encouraged to solicit donations from family, friends and local business to go

toward new school equipment, field trips and educational opportunities.

The entire month of running and fundraising culminated in a two-day jog-a-thon at the Mary Fay Pendleton school track, March 29 - 30, with local news media covering every step as the students raced across the finish line.

Students ran with self-made signs on their backs showing who they were running for.

Many ran for their mothers and fathers in Afghanistan.

For many of the students, especially those with a parent currently deployed, the run represented more than just staying in shape.

"My dad is in Afghanistan right now, and he loves running, so I'm doing this to show I care," said Hannah Wijcicki, 8, a third grader at Mary Fay. "We can talk about how my running is going whenever he calls and that's really fun."

During its course, the "Run to Afghanistan" evolved into a priceless lesson on community and friendship, said Janelle Field, a coordinator and committee member for the jog-a-thon.

"Next door neighbors and students with both parents here have teamed up with kids whose mom or dad is gone, and it's really just heart-warming to see," said Field. "Our children are learning that as a military community, we're all in this together and that they're a special part of our society."

For Lt. Col. Ahmed Williamson, battalion commander of 9th Communications Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, participating with



Cpl. Jovane Henry | Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

Mary Fay Pendleton School students run during Mary Fay Pendleton School's "Run to Afghanistan" at the school track, March 29. More than 900 students, along with teachers, family members, service members and countless volunteers, ran 7,540 miles to promote support for deployed troops and physical fitness.

his daughter Nilah, 9, represented much more than a way to promote fitness.

"I'm usually deployed, so I take every chance to interact with my daughter, and this is an extremely worthwhile

cause," said Williamson. "This event shows the great connection of the military community. Our troops are out there defending us and we are running to honor them."

DOGS OF WAR:

FRIENDS AND SAVIORS OF MARINES IN AFGHANISTAN

Story and photos by
Cpl. Reece E. Lodder
Combat Correspondent

GARMSIR DISTRICT, Afghanistan — Without the Marine's watchful eyes and his dog's trained nose, the round metal container packed with 40 pounds of homemade explosives could have wreaked destruction on their patrol.

The Feb. 8 security patrol through the Loya Darvishan region of southern Helmand province was no different than the hundreds of others conducted by Lance Cpl. Jarrett Hatley, his improvised explosive device detection dog Blue and fellow Marines with 3rd Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

While passing through the tiny farming village of Daywala, their Afghan National Army partners stopped to search a suspicious compound. Upon finding several mortar casings, the patrol moved to search the surrounding compounds. They avoided the roads due to the threat of IEDs, opting to cross into an adjacent field through an arid, three-foot canal.

Before stepping into the canal, Hatley noticed a darker patch of dirt that looked recently disturbed. Halting the patrol, he sent Blue to sniff for explosives. Moments later, the yellow Labrador retriever laid down next to the area, confirming the presence of an IED on the path a dozen more men were about to travel.

Hatley was thankful he and Blue found the IED. He considered anything less a failure.

"While we're on patrol, everyone looks to Blue and I to keep them safe," said Hatley, a 21-year-old native of Millingport, N.C. "If we mess up, my friends behind me

could get blown up ... because of my mistake."

This necessary pressure constantly rests on the minds of 30 'America's Battalion' dog handlers and their Labrador retrievers, who are currently supporting their fellow Marines and Afghan National Security Forces in Garmsir.

During pre-deployment training in Hawaii last year, Hatley — a rifleman by trade — and other 3/3 infantrymen raised their hands at the opportunity to become dog handlers. Some were eager for the challenge of learning a new skill; others simply wanted to help protect Marines and Afghans from getting hurt, Hatley said.

Between spending seven months "running and gunning" for insurgents on deployments in Helmand's Nawa district in 2010 and cross training as handlers last year, the Marines' roles and responsibilities changed. Though they remained with their platoons, they were now called to think and care for two.

On deployment in Garmsir, thousands of miles from safety in the States, the pairs of IED hunters travel, work and live together. They fly on helicopters en route to clearing operations, search passersby at vehicle checkpoints and rest next to one another after exhausting patrols.

Clearing patrol routes from the front, handlers and dogs are the first line of defense against the enemy IED threat. Together, they experience biting sandstorms, bitter cold and, as the summer months near, scorching heat. As a team, they endure the arduous grind of security patrols and standing post.

"They get tired just like we do ... they're dogs, not machines," said Lance Cpl. Nick Lacarra, a dog handler with CAAT-2, Weapons Company, 3/3, and 20-year-old native of Long Beach, Calif. "They still want to chase animals and jump into the canal to cool off."

While the dogs are often a challenge to manage, they're vital to each mission. Their presence and proficiency helps riflemen focus on their mission instead of worrying about striking an IED, Hatley said. Since arriving here in November, IED detection dogs have found four drug caches and two IEDs.

Though the latter number is a fraction of the 25 IEDs 3/3 Marines have uncovered, the handlers are thankful these finds are fewer than they've historically been in Garmsir. In both Nawa and Garmsir, they've seen friends and peers maimed by IED explosions. As they continue their search for IEDs here, they're quick to agree "less is more."

"I'd rather not find any IEDs this deployment than have my dog and I miss one," said Lance Cpl. Cody Varnell, a dog handler with Combined Anti-Armor Team 2, Weapons Company, 3/3, and 20-year-old native of Mesquite, Texas.

In between their challenging duties, handlers and their fellow Marines often unwind by playing 'fetch' with the dogs using plastic bumpers and Frisbees. Since the good-tempered Labrador retrievers are consistently happy and energetic, they always help boost the Marines' morale, Lacarra said.

"Even when we're not patrolling, we keep our dogs engaged," Lacarra said. "This keeps them active and takes our minds off of what we have going on."

In a combat environment largely devoid of the safety and comforts of home, the energetic Labrador retrievers are neither pets nor expendable objects. They're faithful friends and saviors of Marines.

"My dog Blue is pretty much like another Marine, I guess," Hatley said. "He doesn't know he's doing it, but he's protecting all of us. If I have him on a patrol and there's an IED that could hurt us, I know he'll find it."



Lance Cpl. Isaiah Schult, a dog handler with Jump Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and 20-year-old Indianapolis native, jokes with Afghan children while providing security with Big, an improvised explosive device detection dog, during a shura outside a local residence here, Nov. 22, 2011. On deployment in Helmand province's Garmsir district, the 'America's Battalion' dog handlers and their improvised explosive device detection dogs live, travel and work together. In a combat environment largely devoid of the safety and comforts of home, the energetic Labrador retrievers are neither pets nor expendable objects. They're faithful friends and saviors of Marines. Since arriving here in November, IED detection dogs have found four drug caches and two IEDs.



"While we're on patrol, everyone looks to Blue and I to keep them safe. If we mess up, my friends behind me could get blown up ... because of my mistake."

- Lance Cpl. Jarrett Hatley, dog handler, 3rd Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment

Lance Cpl. Nick Lacarra, a dog handler with Combined Anti-Armor Team 2, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and 20-year-old native of Long Beach, Calif., and Coot, an improvised explosive device detection dog, hold security in a field during a partnered security patrol with Afghan Border Police here, Jan. 30.

Lance Cpl. Stuart Ferreri, a dog handler with Guard Force Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and 21-year-old native of Northglenn, Colo., and Fancy, an improvised explosive device detection dog, search the outside of a truck commuting past Checkpoint Drabbiash while Afghan National Police patrolman Dost Mohammad examines the contents of its bed during Operation Gridlock here, March 21.



Cpl. Kyle Click, a dog handler with 3rd Platoon, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and 22-year-old native of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Windy, an improvised explosive device detection dog, search the perimeter of the Safar School compound here, March 18.



Cpl. Sharadan Reetz 21, from Indianola, Iowa, and Lance Cpl. Jarrett Hatley, 21, from Millingport, N.C., an assaultman and a dog handler with 3rd Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, rest next to Blue, an improvised explosive device detection dog, after clearing compounds with Afghan National Army soldiers during Operation Winter Offensive here, Jan. 4. On a Feb. 8 security patrol with Afghan National Army soldiers in Helmand province's Garmsir district, Hatley and Blue found a 40-pound IED in a canal only moments before a dozen more men were to cross it. "My dog Blue is pretty much like another Marine, I guess," Hatley said. "He doesn't know he's doing it, but he's protecting all of us. If I have him on a patrol and there's an IED that could hurt us, I know he'll find it."

The Ginsburg Address: building resilience



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Dr. Ken Ginsburg gives a presentation at the Base Chapel, Tuesday. Among other topics, Ginsburg talked about various styles of parenting, the difference between a perfectionist and a high achiever. He gave suggestions about how to maintain communication with children, such as listening to them and turning off their “parent alarm.”

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Photojournalist

Marine Corps Base Hawaii parents and various guests attended a lecture by Dr. Ken Ginsburg at the Base Chapel, Tuesday.

Ginsburg’s presentation was held twice, one for parents and one for family readiness officers, childcare professionals and other guests. He also spoke at Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks.

Ginsburg, a pediatrician, is the author of “Building Resilience in Children and Teens” and “Letting Go with Love and Confidence.”

In partnership with the Child, Adolescent and Family Behavioral Health Office of the U.S. Army and the Military Child Education Coalition, Ginsburg has spoken to various audiences nationwide.

Ginsburg’s said his purpose is to aid in “building resilience for children and teens.” Though he has spent many years working with children of varied backgrounds, the most recent years have been spent working with military children.

“The fact that there are efforts to promote resiliency among military children should not imply military kids are not resilient,” Ginsburg said. “Having parents committed to a life of service is the most protective thing in their life.”

Among other topics, Ginsburg talked about various styles of parenting, the difference between a perfectionist and a high achiever. He gave suggestions

about how to maintain communication with children, such as listening to them and turning off their “parent alarm.”

The “parent alarm,” Ginsburg explained, is the tendency for a parent to immediately start lecturing their children about what they believe is right or wrong in a situation. As an example, he gave a scenario in which a son tells his mother that he has met a girl, and his mother is quick to point out that he is too young to date.

“When you use the parent alarm, kids stop talking,” Ginsburg said.

Among the attendees was base resident D.J. Blaine, a mother of three and a former teacher. Blaine, who earned a degree in early childhood development, was interested in learning “new ways to help my kids.”

Through Ginsburg’s talk, Blaine will practice rephrasing statements “to get the best results” when addressing her children.

“I really enjoyed all of it,” Blaine said. “It’s all about formulating an actual parenting plan instead of handling the one moment.”

Other attendees were not only parents, but professionals and service members from the base.

“He clearly is an expert in the field, absolutely enjoys what he does and shares his knowledge with others,” said Lt. Col. Carolyn D. Bird, commanding officer, Headquarters Battalion, who introduced Ginsburg. “The passion he displayed, coupled with his personal experiences made him very engaging. Moreover, he

spoke the comment or question, clearly explained the science/reason behind it, and then tied it together. I have four pages of notes, and not only did it help with my own parenting and children, but also with the young men and women of Headquarters Battalion.”

Amanda Taylor, Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills trainer, not only works with children and adolescents in her LINKS for Kids class and LINKS for teens and tweens. She is also a mother of five.

“I thought it would be very interesting to find out tools and tips for building resiliency, but also to help in my role as a LINKS trainer, because I teach children,” Taylor said. “[Ginsburg’s interpretation of child behavior] fell in line with so many of the children that I run into in my classes and personal life.”

Taylor particularly liked Ginsburg’s suggestion of helping children find the answers to questions or concerns instead of merely telling them the answer.

“When you honor their independence, kids will come back to you,” Ginsburg said.

She also liked the coping strategies that Ginsburg offered for children when they experience stress, especially children of service members, who experience situations like deployments or moving.

“Children don’t come equipped with [coping strategies],” Taylor said. “I thought it was such a great resource that was brought to the base.”

She said she hopes that more parents will see the benefit in attending presentations such as Ginsburg’s.

For details, visit <http://www.fosteringresilience.com/>.

Mom speaks out at K-Bay against drunk driving

Christine Cabalo

Photojournalist

When Theresa Paulette speaks at Marine Corps Base Hawaii about the damage caused by drunk driving, it's from her own heartbreak.

Her 15-year-old son, Brian, was killed in September 1992 when a repeat offender hit him at an intersection near Windward City Shopping Center in Kaneohe. The man behind the wheel, who had six arrests and two previous convictions for drunk driving, was never tried in criminal court in her son's case.

"It's in telling that story, you hope you make a difference in young people's lives to not drink and drive," said Paulette, a Kailua resident. "I do this so they aren't injured, killed or cause a crime."

For 15 years, Paulette has volunteered to speak at MCB Hawaii's monthly Alcohol Impact Education Class and in unit safety briefings. She volunteers with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and was president of its Hawaii Chapter for several years.

Her visits consistently make an impression with audiences of the Alcohol Impact Education Class, said Alton Arakaki, program director, Substance Abuse Counseling Center.

Arakaki said he's seen audiences visibly react to her story and has read countless feedback forms from people pledging not to drink and drive because of her visit.

"For many Marines and sailors, she would be their own mom's age," he said. "I think that resonates with them."

During her talks, Paulette reveals many grim details about her son's death because of a drunk driver.

Paulette has shared with audiences how she found her son's teeth at the crash site and saw how his body was ripped apart by the truck that hit him.

"My story, or any story, compels people to see the actual consequence," she said. "They see the face of the victim and that's why we do it. Otherwise if you just read a statistic in the paper, you can gloss over that."



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

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— Theresa Paulette

Her visits are inspiring, said Jaime Gutierrez, counselor, SACC. He said she is courageous for sharing her life and continuing to speak out about the dangers of driving under the influence.

"It is everyone's responsibility to ensure their safety and the safety of everyone around them," he said. "She

helps send the message that drunk driving is not tolerated and encourages others to take a leadership position."

Whether she meets with military audiences or shares her story in the community, Paulette said she wants people to remember drunk driving is completely preventable. In her speeches, she always tries to

make clear she and MADD are not against alcohol but against driving drunk.

She said she's glad many MCB Hawaii leaders and the SACC have taken up the cause to prevent drinking and driving.

Although her son died almost 20 years ago, Paulette said she and her family still regularly feel the loss.

She said she still wonders what life her son would grow into if someone hadn't made the decision to abuse alcohol and get behind the wheel.

"It's not just the parents affected, it's the entire family and community," she said. "It rips you apart because it's so sudden, violent and preventable."

RIBBONS AND PINWHEELS: APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



(Left) Ines Chandler visits a table manned by Brenda Huntsinger, Installation Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program manager, and Florence Yamashita, a prevention specialist with the Family Advocacy Program, at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Commissary, Tuesday. (Above) Florence Yamashita, a prevention specialist with the Family Advocacy Program, hands a pinwheel to Natalie Sreng, 5, at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Commissary, Tuesday. Among other observances, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com> for events throughout the month and see story on C3.

Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

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Group 24. “We are grateful for those times, memories and joys we now celebrate.”

During his speech, the “Red Lions” commanding officer said six fallen Marines would be long remembered alongside other Marines who died performing their duty.

The ceremony occurred almost one year after Cpl. Jonathan Faircloth, an aerial observer with the squadron, died in a separate helicopter mishap, March 29, 2011. Revor said he felt lucky to have known all “magnificent seven” Marines of the squadron who made the ultimate sacrifice.

“We still feel their presence as they guide us and as they lift us up,” Revor said. “We will never forget them, just as we have not forgotten Cpl. Faircloth.”



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

The wife and daughter of Master Sgt. Travis Riddick place a flower lei into the water after the release of Riddick’s remains into Kaneohe Bay. Those who attended the memorial tossed in flowers, petals and leis in memory of the fallen. “In five minutes of conversation with Master Sgt. Riddick, you’d felt like you’d known him your entire life,” said Gunnery Sgt. Wesley Allin, safety supervisor, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363. “He had that type of ability to calm everybody.”

RIFLE, from A-1

line. The Marines did push-ups before being told to load a magazine and engage targets. The purpose of the physical exercise was to create stress, such as an accelerated heart rate, common in a combat environment.

“This training that we’re getting is really good and helpful, especially for the newer Marines,” said Lance Cpl. Mario Kloc, automatic rifleman, 1/3, and native of Munster, Ind. “This is practice before exercises so they know how the weapon feels and how it operates.”

While the relay was running to their next firing positions, Lt. Col. Christopher P. O’Connor, 1/3 commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Dennis J. Collins, 1/3 sergeant major, came to observe their Marines and see how the training was conducted. When the Marines finally finished the relay, O’Connor and Collins examined the targets and asked a few Marines about the training experience.

“It’s important for the Marines to see us out here because it shows that this [training] matters to us,” O’Connor said about their trip to range. “The training they’re getting is a significant part of what we accomplish as an infantry battalion. So every time the Marines are training, we try to get out, see how they’re doing, see if they’re motivated, and they see the value of their training.”

Sports & Health



Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Patrol Squadron 4 Skinny Dragons defenders try to block Jonas Guevara, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 Warriors Team 1 forward, from making a basket during an intramural basketball game at the Semper Fit Center, Monday. The Skinny Dragons defeated the Warriors in a landslide victory, 62-29. "When the second half started, we just stepped up our defense and slowed down our pace a little bit so we didn't make sloppy mistakes," said Shane Kitterman, VP-4 forward. "We expected to play well throughout the whole game but I didn't imagine that we'd run up the score this much."

Skinny Dragons set fire to Warriors VP-4 devours MALS-24 Team 1 in landslide victory, 62-29

Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter
Combat Correspondent

The fairy tale of a knight slaying a dragon unfolded in reverse as Patrol Squadron 4 Skinny Dragons devoured Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 Warriors Team 1 in a landslide victory, 62-29, during an intramural basketball game at the Semper Fit Center, Monday.

Following the tip off, these two well-established teams battled for the opening baskets that would determine the rest of the game. Within the first few minutes of the half, the Warriors offense managed to put a few points

on the board ahead of the Skinny Dragons. However, the failure to complete layups and accurate passes allowed VP-4 to gain a crucial lead.

"This team starts off at a moderate pace and we just progress as the game goes on," said Warriors forward Jonas Guevara. "We were not expecting to be up by much or down by much. We just have to see how the rest of the first half goes to adjust our strategy."

With less than eight minutes left and the score at 18-6, the Warriors struggled to catch up. Since the Warriors failed to complete additional layups and free throws, the Skinny Dragons created more scoring

opportunities that enabled them to double their points over MALS-24.

"When this team is down this much, it's a 50/50 chance that we'll either gain our momentum back or not," Guevara said. "It's not looking good now."

The first half ended with the Skinny Dragons leading the Warriors 22-12. As the second half started, the Warriors repeated several of the same mistakes they made in the first half. Consequently, by not focusing on completing passes or layups, VP-4 attained a 44-22 lead with 10 minutes left in the half.

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we just stepped up our defense and slowed down our pace a little bit so we didn't make sloppy mistakes," said VP-4 forward Shane Kitterman. "We expected to play well throughout the whole game but I didn't imagine that we'd run up the score this much."

During the last few minutes, the Skinny Dragons held a commanding lead over the Warriors. With victory secured, VP-4 lowered their intensity and pace further to kill time left in the half. The game ended 62-29.

"We never set out to double our opponent's score to win a game," Kitterman said. "Overall, it was a good game, but you do what helps you win."

CRUISE ALONG K-BAY

Ed Matthews, sailing instructor, Base Marina, rigs a sail to a 16.5-foot sailboat docked at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Matthews will be teaching adults how to sail during his morning class from 9:30 a.m. to noon beginning next week. Classes are held twice a week for an entire month. Adult sailing lessons will also be available in the evenings starting at 5 p.m. in May.



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Competitive balance ruined

Sgt. Christopher Zahn
Quantico Sentry

The Kentucky Wildcats thoroughly dominated their opponents in their run to become the Men's National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Champions. They were always the best team on the floor, no matter who they played, and with the exception of a miracle buzzer beater against Indiana University, had a perfect record.

But is that really surprising to witness? Look at the talent that team was loaded with, a prime crop of freshman and sophomore players who will be playing in the National Basketball Association sooner than later. These are not players who have been groomed into top-shelf talent, they arrived on campus possessing those skills and having four or five of the best players in the country on one team means a national title is expected, not earned.

So how much did Kentucky's championship season reflect the sea change of culture in college basketball? I think that title game has exposed just how far the competitive balance has skewed away from all the reasons why I watch and the scapegoat for it is the infamous "one and done" rule.

When John Wooden and his historic UCLA squad dominated college basketball, they did so because they had players who bought into a system, who played together for years, and who benefitted from the teachings of one of the sport's greatest coaches.



If you're on a team loaded with other superstars, then it's easy to showcase your talent. You will always look better than you might actually be when you have great teammates to share the load."

Kentucky won the title this year because Jon Calipari used the "one and done" rule as a tool to his advantage. He didn't sell these players on the benefits of being a college athlete, the pride of playing for a school, or the opportunity to grow

their game under his expert tutelage. The only sales pitch needed was that coming to Kentucky would be a fine stopping point on their journey to the NBA. He didn't need them to commit fully to anything; he really just wanted to rent their services. And the best players in the country bought in. They know that there is no financial benefit to slaving away at a college where they are the only premier talent on the team.

But if you're on a team loaded with other superstars, then it's easy to showcase your talent. You will always look better than you might actually be when you have great teammates to share the load.

But, that culture is going to destroy the fantastic amount of parity that typically exists in college basketball. Cinderella teams are going to become a faded relic of the past, most of the 68 teams who get selected for the NCAA tournament will only become practice sessions for the elite programs.

It's a problem that there is no easy solution for. Fans of the rule will make the case that college basketball would be diluted without those players good enough to go to the NBA or that too many kids would get bad advice on their talent level, jump to the league before they're ready and then fail.

But the system is currently failing every player who stepped on a basketball court by favoring and rewarding those who only have their eyes set on that paycheck. That's the lesson of Kentucky's bought and paid for national title. I hope they kept the receipt.



NCAA Basketball: One and Done

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



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AMERICAN HORSE

Darwinism rules on the court

Cpl. Vanessa American Horse
Press Chief

As the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship game came to an end, disappointed fans everywhere were quick to complain and blame the "one and done rule" for the Kentucky win. Instead of whining about something they can't change, fans should be happy to see great talent on the court at a collegiate level.

With National Basketball Association commissioner David Stern talking about increasing the rule from one to two years, fans would get even more time to watch players increase their skills. Unfortunately, this hurts the players who are ultimately looking for a big paycheck.

The threat of injuries and a loss of popularity can kill an NBA career faster than John Calipari can pick his next round of draft picks for the University of Kentucky. Sadly, people will do anything for money and most NBA players admit they fulfilled the "one and done" requirements without taking school seriously.

I can't blame players for looking for someone to take them to the next level, and NCAA coaches love the fact that they won't have to pay for the talent on their teams. To have nine players go into the first round of the last four NBA drafts is impressive, and shows that Calipari knows what he's doing.

"If you're a player who wants to win and looking to get on to the next level, Kentucky is the place," said Derrick Rose, who played for Calipari on the Memphis Tiger's NCAA team in the 2007-2008 season. "... Getting guys to the next level, his resume speaks for itself."

Usually coaches dread rebuilding their team, but to repeatedly change out players each year and keep

team morale high is a challenge within itself. Calipari has not only done that, but also maintained adequate grades and accountability. It seems clear that Calipari has found a system that works for him and his players. Just because he's winning, should it be judged like a bad Charlie Sheen blog?

I'd ask Rose and John Wall, who went number one, if they knew what they were getting themselves into when they were coached by Calipari. I'm sure they did. I'm also sure that Kentucky will try again to match the five first-rounders it had in 2010.

There are a lot of rules that I don't understand, but have to follow, but the "one and done rule" makes sense for everyone. The NFL requires three years of college and people complain about that, too. Get over it and accept that at the end of the day basketball is a business. People need to get paid and sacrifices will have to be made.



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SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Sports and Health

Golf into shape at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course

Marine Corps Community Services has authorized a special rate for all Wellness Program participants. Enjoy nine holes of play at the Klipper Golf Course from Monday to Thursday at a discount. Take advantage of another opportunity to exercise. Specifically, all who are registered with the Wellness Program will be extended the discounted sunset rate for nine holes of play, for walking the course. For details, call 254-1745.

Surf and Turf 5K

Need a change of scenery for your morning run? Check out the Surf and Turf 5K run on April 14 at 6:30 a.m. The run will take you from the Officers' Club on through the Klipper Golf Course, and along North Beach. This event is open to the public. Register now. Late fees begin if registering after April 6. Packet pickup will take place April 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Semper Fit Center. Online registration closes April 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Aqua Aerobics

The seasonal Aqua Aerobics class offered by the Semper Fit Center will begin April 14. The Aqua

Aerobics classes will be held Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Base Pool.

High Intensity Tactical Training Center Hours

Work out with TRX trainers, kettlebells, tethered medicine balls and more at the High Intensity Tactical Training Center at Bldg. 1034.

Marine units or groups may use the center weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Anyone who wishes to use the facility must request the key from the Satellite Fitness Center at Bldg. 1033 next door. A noncommissioned officer must be responsible for returning the key and cleanup of the center after use. For details, call 254-7594.

Semper Fit Juniors Program

The Semper Fit Juniors Program will be held every second Thursday of each month. The program is 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 about the Semper Fit Juniors Program or when the next class will be, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597. Information is also available on <http://www.mccshawaii.com>.

Sail away at Base Marina

The Base Marina is starting a new Adult Sailing Course, where patrons can learn the basics of sailing in just four days! Classes will be offered monthly beginning in May.

Each course consists of four one-day sessions held on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn to sail on a Capri 16.5', Boston Whaler Harpoon 5.2' and American 18'. Call 254-7666 to sign up.

Give up tobacco

The Health Promotions Office and the Navy Health Clinic Hawaii staff help smokers and dip users quit tobacco in this free four-session class. Learn how to cope with cravings. Tobacco users can also get help obtaining nicotine medication. Class is held Tuesdays at Kaneohe Bay and Wednesdays at Makalapa. For more information, contact Health Promotions at 254-7636.

Bowl in the East West Travel League

Sign up for this new league including adult and junior bowlers! Play here at K-Bay Lanes and at Barber's Point for several weeks. The league is pay as you play and an individual scratch league. For more information, call K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

2012 INTRAMURAL SPORTS CALENDAR

April 20 Men's softball starts (Annex Field)

May 21 Soccer league starts (Pop Warner Field)

May 19 Men's/Women's volleyball starts (SFC)

June 11 Men's/Women's 2nd bowling session starts

July 18 Men's basketball starts at SFC 2nd session

Aug. 1 Tackle football practice starts

Sept. 4 Tackle football season starts (Pop Warner Field)

Sept. 17 Intramural softball tournament (Annex Field)

Oct. 22 Intramural softball tournament (Annex Field)

Nov. 19 Intramural softball tournament (Annex Field)

For more information about intramural sports on base, call 254-7591.



Cpl. Jovane Henry | Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Public Affairs

George Brown, executive director of the Camp Pendleton Armed Services YMCA, accepts a donation of \$50,000 from professional golfer Michelle Wie and Tom Loveless (far right), vice president of sales for Kia Motors America, during the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour at La Costa Resort and Spa, March 22. The donation will go towards the ASYMCA's Operation Hero program, which provides after school mentoring and tutoring to elementary school-aged children free of charge.

Michelle Wie, Kia Motors donate to Operation Hero

Cpl. Jovane Henry

MCB Camp Pendleton Public Affairs

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Professional golfer Michelle Wie, in partnership with Kia Motors America, presented the Armed Services YMCA of Camp Pendleton with a \$50,000 donation during the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour at La Costa Resort and Spa, March 22.

The donation will go toward the ASYMCA's Operation Hero program, which provides after-school mentoring and tutoring to elementary school-aged children free of charge.

"We are most grateful to Michelle Wie and Kia for giving such a generous donation," said George Brown, executive director of the Camp Pendleton ASYMCA. "Operation Hero is a critical program, and this donation will go a long way to ensuring its success."

For Tom Loveless, vice president of sales for Kia Motors America, the donation presented a way for the company to have a part in giving back to a worthy cause.

"Our headquarters is located in Irvine, so we consider Camp Pendleton our community," said Loveless. "We just wanted to show that we appreciate the sacrifices service members and their families make each day. It's a stance we share with Michelle, so partnering up on this venture was very meaningful to us."

The opportunity to give back meant a lot personally to Wie, who attended the YMCA as a child.

"I'm a big advocate of educational empowerment and showing gratitude for

those who selflessly serve our country, so this moment is close to my heart," said Wie. "I want these children to know that even though they may go through hard times, they must stick with their schooling and persevere. No dream is too big to accomplish."

Employees and children from the Operation Hero program were on hand to witness the donation.

"It was very nice of Michelle Wie and Kia to give us a donation because some of the activities we do cost money,

and now we can continue to do them without worrying about running out of money," said Ashley Verhasselt, 10, who participates in Operation Hero. "This is really going to help so many kids."

Some of the children present already had ideas at to what they think the money should go towards.

"I hope we use the money to get more materials for arts and crafts," said Emily Verhasselt, 7, also a member of Operation Hero. "We could have a bunch of pizza parties too."



Professional golfer Michelle Wie signs autographs for military children who participate in Operation Hero after giving a donation in partnership with Kia Motors during the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour at La Costa Resort and Spa, March 22. Operation Hero is a national program that provides after school mentoring and tutoring to elementary school-aged children free of charge.

Cpl. Jovane Henry | Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Public Affairs

EDITORIAL: KALI FOR THE CORPS

Brandon Bosworth

Photojournalist

Say the words "martial arts" and most people will think of Bruce Lee, "The Karate Kid," the most recent "Ultimate Fighting Championship" bout, or the latest joke about Chuck Norris. They don't tend to think of guys swinging sticks at each other or trying to slash an opponent with a training knife.

Yet the Filipino weapon art of Kali (sometimes called Arnis or Escrima) is a valuable system for a Marine or anyone else serious about learning practical combat skills. If you have any doubts about this, check out the 1999 USMC Close Combat Manual. The stick and knife techniques shown in Chapter 3, "Hand-Held Weapons," are virtually identical to what you might learn in a Kali class.

"The United States Marines have had a long history with the Filipino martial arts, even though it is not well known," said Burton Richardson, founder of Battlefield Kali and Jeet Kun Do Unlimited. "Since the days of the Spanish-American War, U.S. Marines serving in the Philippines were acquainted with and later learned the ways of the Filipino bolo."

While there are a variety of styles of Kali practiced in the Philippines, in general, the main focus is on fighting with sticks and blades.

Unlike many Asian martial arts in which you learn empty hand techniques first and then move on to weapons, in Kali you start training with weapons right from the start. The reason for this is simple: Kali originated as a war art. Battles between different villages and clans were common throughout Filipino history, and knowing how to win at armed hand-to-hand combat was simply a vital skill someone had to have to survive.

Kali has much to offer modern martial artists. While the chances of being involved in a straight-up stick fight or knife duel are slim, the skills developed in stick and knife sparring translate to unarmed fighting as well.

Consider, for example, footwork. Kali footwork uses a series of angles and indirect attacks that are easily applicable to boxing and kickboxing. Some have even argued that Muhammad Ali used some Kali footwork he picked up from Filipino boxer Gabriel "Flash" Elorde.

Speed is also a factor. You can swing a stick far faster than you can throw a punch. Because a stick is so quick, you have to improve your reaction time to avoid getting hit. If you do a few rounds of stick sparring and then do a few rounds of boxing immediately afterwards, chances are you'll find that you are quicker and more alert.

Then there is the simple fact that despite modern weaponry, there is still a place for such seemingly primitive weapons. It is also not uncommon to find sticks and knives in the hands of street criminals. Granted, the sticks will probably not be the rattan "bastons" Kali practitioners use.



Former Marine Manny Valladares and Brandon Bosworth, both Kali instructors, demonstrate generating power with a stick at a charity event to benefit victims of last year's disasters in Japan.

The stick may take the form of a baseball bat, pool cue, or even an antenna ripped off a car in a parking lot. (It does happen!) As for blades, thugs carry everything from wannabe Rambo knives to straight razors to box cutters to switchblades. In Kali, you will learn how to fight stick vs. stick, blade vs. blade, stick vs. blade, and how to deal with an armed opponent when you don't have a weapon yourself.

Even on the modern day battlefields of the Middle East, Kali can prove useful. "Today, functional training (emphasis on sparring) of Kali, Eskrima, and Arnis is very valuable for our troops, especially functional knife defense," Richardson said. "The Philippines has been a knife culture for centuries, and the techniques and tactics for dealing with the blade have been proven over and over again in combat. If a blade is pulled in close proximity, a Marine or soldier will not have time to get to his firearm, and so he must be able to first deal with the knife threat empty handed. I ensure that all military personnel that I train become highly proficient in blade defense, and I am happy to report that our students have prevailed in a few blade attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan. The functional training saved them."

Thanks to Hollywood, Kali has enjoyed a bit of a revival in the U.S. recently. Films such as "Hannah," "The Hunted," and "Mission: Impossible 3" have featured the art. Perhaps most famously, Kali is the main fighting style of Matt Damon's Jason Bourne of the Bourne Trilogy.

If you are interested in trying the Filipino martial arts yourself, please visit <http://www.battlefieldkali.com>, or <http://www.fitmonkeyhawaii.com>.



Battlefield Kali founder Burton Richardson and instructor Brandon Bosworth demonstrate proper form in Kali, a Filipino martial art.



JUNIOR BOWLERS STRIKE IT BIG

K-Bay Lanes Eastside Junior Bowling Team, who participated in a Feb. 18 tournament at Schofield Lanes, stand together at K-Bay Lanes. The team earned 12th place in the tournament, with several individual and team awards. Team members who placed in the top 30 for individual and doubles events are Alex Abafo, Amanda Beaty, Konrad Hunt and Desmond Lando.

Photo courtesy of K-Bay Lanes



MPD



Crime Prevention Tip of the Month:

When leaving your car unattended make sure to lock the vehicle and close the windows. If there are any valuables in the vehicle remove them or hide them so they are not in plain view. Don't make your vehicle a criminal's next target.

MPD Contact Numbers & Locations

- To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls contact the Desk Sergeant:
257-1018/2123; Bldg. 1096
- For information regarding check in/out, fingerprinting, or weapon registration contact:
257-6994; Bldg. 1095
- For information regarding pet registration, fishing regulations, or lost/found animals contact the MPD Game Warden:
257-1821; Bldg. 1821
- For information regarding vehicle decals, base passes, and vehicle registration contact:
257-2047/0183; Bldg. 1637/1095 for MCBH & (808) 477-8734/8735; Bldg. 601 for Camp Smith
- For information regarding traffic regulations, citations, or traffic court contact the Traffic Court Bailiff:
257-6991/6992; Bldg. 1095
- For all other numbers not listed contact Base Information:
449-7110

For more information visit the MPD website:
<http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/mp/default.htm>

Topic of the Month

April is "Alcohol Awareness Month" and there will be alcohol awareness campaigns Statewide. Remember, if you are under the age of 21-years-old it is against Marine Corps Order 1700.22E and Hawaii State Law to possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Moreover, if you are 21 years old or older, knowingly selling or providing alcoholic beverages to someone that is under the age of 21 is prohibited; this includes not checking their identification cards prior to providing them alcoholic beverages. Military personnel who violate this Marine Corps Order are subject to disciplinary action under the UCMJ and/or other administrative action, and civilian personnel who violate this are subject to civilian criminal prosecution and debarment from MCBH installations. As always be responsible when consuming alcoholic beverages, and if having a get together on base, be sure to abide and follow the base orders regarding quiet hours: 10 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday and midnight from Friday through Saturday. Regardless of quiet hours be respectful of your neighbors; a loud noise complaint can occur anytime of the day. If you suspect that underage consumption of alcohol is occurring report it to MPD by calling 257-1018/2123.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER



Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

"Open da Window" series continues as we discover the fourth of our five endangered birds protected by MCB Hawaii, the `alae ke`oke`o (Hawaiian Coot). The `alae ke`oke`o is a dark slate gray waterbird with a white bill and a large patch on the top of its head. This patch is usually white and varies from bluish white to yellow to dark blood red. Male and female coots look alike with white undertail feathers seen while swimming or during their courtship displays. This large 15" length

waterbird is fiercely territorial and capable of adapting to various wetland habitats like drainage ditches and golf club ponds. Our Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course man-made ponds are prime locations to find the `alae ke `oke `o. They're usually silent, but have been heard uttering chicken-like "keck-keck" and "keek" notes.

Currently listed as an endangered species, its population ranges from 2,000-4,000 individuals most living on Oahu, Kauai, and Maui.

Open da Window – Looking for wildlife on MCB Hawaii "Hawaiian Coot"

Weed warriors needed!

MCB Hawaii Weed Warrior and local community volunteers help to protect wildlife habitat by removing invasive weeds in the ponds.

Get involved and make new friends this April 14 as a Weed Warrior!

Contact Base Environmental 257-3694 to volunteer or for more information. Letters of Appreciation will be issued.

BASE, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

11th Annual Lanikai Triathlon

Swim, bike and run in this fast-paced trip around Kailua scheduled April 22. Triathletes will start with a 500-meter swim at Kailua Beach Park, then bike for 20K, and finish off the race with a 5K run back to the park. Packet pickup begins April 20, and awards will be given to the top three finishers and by age category. For more info, go to <http://www.bocahawaii.com>.

An Evening with the Arts

Join us for a Hawaiian Art Charity Auction. Friday, April 13. Preview starts at 6 p.m., Auction begins at 6:45pm. Located on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Hangar 103, bayside.

Includes drink ticket, door prize ticket, and pupus. Visit koschawaii.com for more information. This event is open to the public, visitors needing base

access please email artauction2012@hotmail.com sponsored by Kaneohe Officers' Spouses' Club.

The event is hosted by 3rd Radio Bn. HMH-463, and MALS-24.

Aloha Detachment Marine Corps League Scholarship

Approximately ten scholarships (\$2,000-\$4,000) will be awarded for the 2011-2012 academic school year based on Academic Achievement, Community Involvement, Leadership, Merit and Recommendations.

Applicants must be a high school senior in good standing and be one of the three:

- enrolled in either a Marine or Navy Junior ROTC program on Oahu

- a dependent of a Marine or sailor stationed with Marine Corps Base Hawaii

- a dependent of a retired Marine or sailor employed aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii or a dependent of a member in the MCL Aloha Detachment

Completed application must be postmarked no later than April 16, and mailed to:

Marine Corps League
Aloha Detachment
Attention Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 1101
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be reviewed. The scholarship committee will review and evaluate each application before final selections are made. Scholarship committee selections are final. Selectees will be notified early May 2012. For additional information or a copy of the application, call Aloha Det. Commandant John Ah Chick at 227-9115.

MOKAPU BRIEFS

2012/2013 PTA Executive Board

Nominations for next year's board positions are being accepted until April 13. Nomination forms can be returned to P-6 or the PTA box in the front office. Any questions can be emailed to PTAMokapu@gmail.com, subject line: Board Nominations.

Parent Coffee Hour/CPC Meeting April 11

The Parent Community Networking Center (PCNC) is holding a coffee hour and Classroom Parent Coordinator (CPC) meeting in P-6 from 8-9 a.m. Please bring a breakfast treat to share as you meet with other Mokapu Elementary School supporters.

PTA Bingo Night April 13

The PTA invites you to a fun evening of spaghetti and Bingo! Dinner will be served from 6 - 6:30 p.m. (cost is \$3 per person, children 5 and under are free), and Bingo will begin at 6:45 p.m. (cards are \$1 each). We will even be including a few rounds of "Picture Bingo" for our younger attendees. This is going to be a great time, so please make plans to join us!

Scholastic Book Fair April 16 - 20

The Book Fair returns this Spring. Join us in the school library to purchase books for your children, family, teacher or even yourself!

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

Island paradise found on the North Shore

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter
Combat Correspondent

Visitors imagine white sandy beaches, crystal blue surf and wild green jungles when they venture on a tropical Hawaiian island excursion. It's easy for tourists to be sucked into the Waikiki scene of mega shopping, crowded beaches and midnight parties. But the ultimate destination for thrill seekers is located on Oahu's North Shore.

Home to Hawaii's annual big wave surfing competitions, Haleiwa is known to be a surf town, especially to visitors when they pass the welcome sign of a surfer upon arriving. And being a surf town, surfing gear is easy to find.

"I think a lot of people like to come here because of the challenging waves and the skill that it takes to ride them," said Eddie Crawford, Surf n Sea store manager. "In the past few years, I've seen a lot of visitors from around

the world come here. It's really interesting."

Located just before the Anahulu Rainbow Bridge, the Surf n Sea shop offers customers scuba, surfing and paddle boarding lessons, as well as kayaking, fishing and shark cage diving.

"Back in 1987, I came here during the surfing championship and I stayed here after I finished college, I just fell in love with it," Crawford said.

Besides surfing from sun up to sun down, Haleiwa is home to a locally famed glass sculpture shop known as Oceans in Glass. Here, visitors can view the rare art of lampworking. According to www.northshore.com, the sculpture manipulates a solid glass rod in a 5,400-degree flame.

Krista Woodward, a featured artist at Oceans in Glass, said as a professional glass sculpture, she primarily focuses on portraying sea life from her experiences while

diving and snorkeling.

Without a doubt, no tourist destination would be complete without equally famous cuisine. Haleiwa is home to the island famous Matsumoto Shave Ice. Founded in 1951, mostly tourists, including celebrities such as Tom Hanks, visit Matsumoto.

"We just got a condo here and we wanted to come and see Matsumoto because our kids told us about it," said Lynn Bright, a tourist from Salt Lake City. "I've been eager to try the different flavors because they have so many."

Bright admitted that there was a lot to do in Haleiwa and wished she could have spent more time doing the various activities around town.

"When you visit Haleiwa, one day doesn't do you justice," Crawford said. "There is just so much stuff to do and if you only spend one day here, you're selling yourself short."



Haleiwa visitors can take surfing lessons at the Surf n Sea shop right next to the Haleiwa Beach Park.



The Surf n Sea shop provides a wide variety of aquatic gear, water sports rentals, and beach apparel.



Tourists eat shave ice after visiting Matsumoto Shave Ice during their visit to Haleiwa on Oahu's North Shore, March 18. Home to Hawaii's annual big wave surfing competition's, Haleiwa is known to be a surf town, especially when visitors pass the welcome sign of a surfer upon arriving. "I think a lot of people like to come here because of the challenging waves and the skill that it takes to ride them," said Eddie Crawford, Surf n Sea store manager. "In the past few years, I've seen a lot of foreigners come here. It's really interesting."

PASS IN 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



BOSWORTH

Brandon Bosworth has loved reading as long as he can remember. He reads everything from books about history and philosophy to serious literature. His favorite books ran the gamut from Albert Camus' "The Stranger" to Haruki Murakami's "The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle." He has a real love for good thrillers and mysteries, though finding ones that can actually be called "good" can be a challenge.



WHITTINGTON

Sgt. Scott Whittington is an action movie junkie. As a kid he would sneak on roller coasters he was too short for, rode dirt bikes without his mom's permission and occasionally smacked bullies in the face with schoolbooks. He loves the rush.

Life lessons from a functional PI

Brandon Bosworth

Photojournalist

Some people feel a sense of accomplishment because they read the entire "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Or all seven books of the Harry Potter series. Or even all 16 of Lee Child's "Jack Reacher" novels.

Well, I think I have those beat. I just finished reading all 40 of the late Robert B. Parker's "Spenser" series of detective novels, and just within the last six months.

You may be thinking, "That's one heck of a long series!" and it is. But bear in mind the first novel, "The Godwulf Manuscript," was published way back in 1973, and Parker tended to write roughly one book a year.

What attracted me to the series? I've long been a fan of the classic American genre of the hardboiled private eye fiction. It isn't the intricate mysteries that draw me in. Those are secondary. I tend to agree with Raymond Chandler, creator of famous PI Philip Marlowe, that plot mostly is an excuse for the main character to go around interacting with different people.

The appeal of Robert B. Parker's books is not only the interactions, but the main character himself. Spenser ("like the poet" as he often likes to point

out) was a more complex and interesting detective than those who came before him. Unlike the chain smoking heroes written about by Chandler or Dashiell Hammett and played by actors like Humphrey Bogart, Spenser took care of himself. He jogged, pumped iron, and boxed. He had his indulgences, though. He was a gourmet cook, for example, and he loved beer, and fans always loved references to whatever brew Spenser

was enjoying in any particular book. (For the record, at the start of the series, his favorite beer was Amstel — real Amstel, not the light stuff. By the last few books, he had become a big fan of Blue Moon Belgian White.)

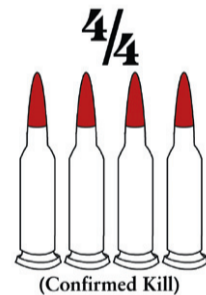
But there was way more to Spenser than being tough and liking a good beer. There was a depth to the character you don't see too often, and that depth is what made and continues to make Spenser a positive fictional role model. Though Spenser (like Parker) was a veteran of the U.S. Army, his personal philosophy would no doubt resonate with more than a few Marines. To put it simply: Do what you say you are going to do. That theme runs all through the series. It even applies to Spenser's formidable allies — Hawk,

Chollo, Vinnie Morris — who, despite being on the wrong side of the law, are men of their word.

One of the great things about Parker's Spenser is that he is a man with a personal philosophy that is thought out well enough to share it with others. A perfect example is in one of the earlier novels, "Early Autumn." In this book Spenser takes a weak troubled teenage boy under his wing with the goal of making him a strong and self-reliant individual. As with the Marine Corps, part of this means being in good physical condition and having useful skills. "You got nothing. You care about nothing," he tells the boy. "So I'm going to have you be strong, be in shape, be able to run 10 miles, and be able to lift more than you weigh and be able to box. I'm going to have you know how to build and cook and to work hard and to push yourself and control yourself."

Robert B. Parker died in 2010. A new author is continuing the Spenser series, but to be honest, I'm not interested. I have enough of the original books to reread and enjoy for the rest of my life. And I'll always keep Parker's memory alive by trying to do what I can to be just a little bit Spenser-like in my own way, most of all by remembering that simple mantra that is so often forgotten nowadays: Do what you say you are going to do.

Now, if you'll excuse me. I have to do some chin-ups and maybe have a beer afterwards.



'Game of Thrones' sits atop HBO's drama library

Sgt. Scott Whittington

Editor

"Game of Thrones," HBO's medieval fantasy series aired its first episode of its second season April 1 and lived up to its first season's award-winning reputation.

The television series, based on George R. R. Martin's series of novels titled "A Song of Fire and Ice," began in April last year and viewers were introduced to a imaginative world of deceit and political maneuvering.

Audiences may recognize Sean Bean, who portrayed Boromir in "Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring," as he

brings Martin's character Eddard Stark to life.

If there was daytime drama in the 15th Century, this show would be the modern day "Days of our Lives" with a few whimsical elements and sword fights.

There are seven separate kingdoms all vying for the Iron Throne, a chair made of thousands of swords forged by a

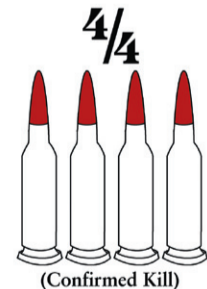


dragon's breath. The set designs, costuming and landscape are incredible. It feels like you're a fly on the wall watching life play out and there are several storylines and multiple characters to keep up with. There's no need to fast forward through any particular storyline. None are boring and you'll miss something important.

Even if you don't have HBO, it's worth

the money to purchase the series on DVD. But start with Season One first. If you don't have a TV, go to the nearest store and buy one, preferably one bigger than 40 inches for the full visual effect. Even if you're not into fantasy-style shows, this series is totally watchable.

I promise you it won't make you feel like joining a Live-Action Role Playing group that breaks out into Styrofoam sword fights at the local park.



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.



"Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" PG13 Today | 7:15 p.m.

"Safe House" R Today | 9:45 p.m.

"Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" PG13 Saturday | 7:15 p.m.

"Wanderlust" R Saturday | 9:45 p.m.

"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" PG Sunday | 2 p.m.

"Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" PG13 Sunday | 6:30 p.m.

"Wanderlust" R Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Protecting keiki: Child Abuse Prevention Month

Kristen Wong

Photojournalist

The month of April has been reserved in order to shed light upon serious issues, including child abuse.

In 2010, an estimate of more than 690,000 children were reported as “victims of maltreatment,” according to the Children’s Bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Several units and Marine Corps Community Services entities are hosting several events this month for education and awareness of this issue.

Drivers entering the base may have noticed the pinwheels planted in the grass by the road. The pinwheels, which were placed on Friday, each representing an abused child.

Throughout the month, the base community is encouraged to wear blue ribbons every Monday in recognition of child abuse prevention. The ribbons are available at Marine and Family Services and information tables throughout the month.

On April 12, Marine Corps Family Team Building and SAPR will host “Keeping Safe in Cyberspace Class for Parents and Kids,” at 6 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center. The class will offer tips on Internet safety.

Until April 13, the program is collecting gently used or new stuffed animals in the “Teddy Bear Round Up,” at the Base Chapel, the Semper Fit Center, Marine and Family Programs Counseling Services, CYTP locations and Pearlridge Center-Uptown Center Stage. The stuffed animals will be given to various local charities and shelters.

The New Parent Support Program will also host its first Keiki Aloha Expo, scheduled for April 13



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Samantha Bryson, 3, holds a new pinwheel she received from the Family Advocacy Program, at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Commissary, Tuesday.

at 1 p.m., in the Fairways Ballroom at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. There will be approximately 30 nonprofit organizations and vendors on and off base, as well as workshops, teaching topics like infant massage and positive communication. The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition will be available to educate and assist parents on child car seat installation.

The expo, which may become an annual event, is intended to provide parents and those expecting with information about services available on and off base, according to Diane Whitcomb, program manager for New Parent Support Program.

There will also be a “Pinwheels for Prevention Fun Walk/Stroll,” at 1 p.m., on the same day as the expo. The walk will begin at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, and end at Riseley Field. Everyone is invited to walk, where they will eventually tie a pinwheel to the fence at Riseley Field, and return to attend the expo. Those who walk will receive an extra ticket for a door prize at the expo.

“We’ve never done it before,” said Kalani Mills, the program manager of the Family Advocacy Program. “We’ve mainly been doing info tables and briefings but this year we decided to get out there and show our support and get other people involved. Child abuse is everybody’s business.”

There will be informational tables on April 11 at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Commissary, and April 19 and 20 at Mokapu Mall, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about events on base, call FAP at 257-7780.

MCB HAWAII STANDS UP TO CHILD ABUSE



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Molly Skeel, administration support assistant, Family Advocacy Program, tallies donations for this year’s “Teddy Bear Roundup.” New and gently used stuffed animals will be collected at Marine and Family Programs Counseling Services and other locations at MCB Hawaii until April 13 to support non-profit organization Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. Donations will also be collected April 14 at Pearlridge Center.