

Hawaii Marine

MCB Hawaii commemorates 70th anniversary of Dec. 7 attacks

Kristen Wong
Photojournalist

On Wednesday morning, the flag was flown at half-mast as Marine Corps Base Hawaii held its annual Kaneohe Klipper Memorial Ceremony, commemorating the 70th anniversary of the “day that will live in infamy.”

At 7:52 a.m., on Dec. 7, 1941, then-Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay was attacked by the Japanese Imperial Navy prior to the larger attack on then-Pearl Harbor Naval Station. On that day, 18 service members and two civilian contractors from NAS Kaneohe were killed. For many years, MCB Hawaii has commemorated the attack with the Kaneohe Klipper Memorial Ceremony at the Kaneohe Klipper Monument, near the base flagpole. This year, however, the ceremony was held between Hangars 101 and 102, for a special unveiling.

The sun warmed the flightline as the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band provided musical accompaniment. Many guests who were either survivors of the attacks, or had ties to the survivors or the fallen were present.

Guests included William Watson, son of the fallen Raphael Watson of Patrol Squadron 12; Frank Galbraith, a cousin of fallen Ensign Joseph Smartt, of Patrol Squadron 11; Edna Shiroma, daughter of fallen civilian contractor Kamiko Hookano; and many more.

“I was very impressed by the Marines [in formation],” said retired Sgt. Maj. William M. Braddock, who attended the ceremony for the first time.

Braddock, a native of Mer Rouge, La., said seeing the Marines in the ceremony made him want to be young again and join them once more. Braddock enlisted in 1940, and was a security

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Frances Carmichael, the former caretaker for John W. Finn, and Michael Smith, a retired master gunnery sergeant, unveil a plaque dedicated to Finn, during the annual Kaneohe Klipper Memorial Ceremony, outside of Hangar 101, Wednesday.

Secretary of Navy visits MCB Hawaii



Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Secretary of the Navy Raymond Mabus speaks with a crowd of Marines and sailors about the future of the Navy and Marine Corps at Dewey Square on Marine Corps Base Hawaii before attending the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Tuesday. After speaking with the service members, Mabus toured the base, observing the different renewable energy initiatives here.

Mabus greets Marines, sailors, observes energy conservation on base

Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter
Combat Correspondent

Marines and sailors aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii had the chance to meet Secretary of the Navy Raymond Mabus Tuesday when he visited the base during his trip for the 70th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Oahu.

During his appearance at Dewey Square in front of hundreds of Marines and sailors, Mabus presented a Purple Heart, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals with combat distinguishing devices and conducted a meritorious promotion. He spoke to the crowd about the future of the Navy and Marine Corps and answered questions from those in attendance. After, Mabus toured MCB Hawaii, observing different energy conservation programs implemented here.

“Thank you for letting me be here today and presenting these awards,” Mabus said to the crowd of service members. “One thing I get to do is recognize excellence and heroism. The awards just given are heroic and are worthy of attention.”

Mabus thanked the Marines and sailors for their sacrifice and

dedication. He then talked about the Corps returning to its amphibious roots as an expeditionary force in readiness during the drawdown in Afghanistan and the Defense Department’s proposed budget cuts.

“We’re making sure as the Marine Corps gets drawn down, we do it in a way to keep the faith with the Marines and their families,” Mabus said. “The Marine Corps is going to look a little different when it comes down, with the addition of special operators, but [the Marine Corps] is still going to be the most lethal fighting force in the world.”

Mabus also took photos with service members before touring the base with Col. Brian P. Annichiarico, MCB Hawaii commanding officer, and Kent Murata, director of installations, environment and logistics, MCB Hawaii, to see the different energy programs.

Murata said the base will be completely energy self sufficient by 2015. To explain the base’s outlook, Murata showed Mabus the layout of the base, Net Zero housing and the new bachelor enlisted quarters construction site.

“We have a solar energy contract that will provide us at least one

megawatt of power for the base,” Murata said. “Then coupled with other programs, the [combined energy] will make the base its own community supplier of energy.”

Murata explained that there is no silver bullet to becoming energy independent. Wind, solar, bio fuel and other renewable energy sources individually are not enough to fix the problem.

But a combination of several systems using one system’s strength to compensate for the deficiency in another, such as using bio fuel to reinforce the lack of energy produced by solar panels at night is an effective way to become energy independent.

After the tour concluded, Mabus ate lunch at Kahuna’s before departing the base. Mabus also spoke at the 70th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor ceremony Wednesday.

“I have no better part of my job than going out and speaking to Marines and sailors and finding out what’s on their minds and finding them an answer,” Mabus said. “The men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps cannot be touched by any force on earth.”

Bringing heroes home

1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment holds memorial to honor fallen hero

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Combat Correspondent

More than 200 Marines from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment gathered at Dewey Square to honor the life of Cpl. Nicholas S. Ott during a memorial ceremony here, Dec. 6. Ott made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting counterinsurgency operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

According to his peers, the Squad leader from 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company was a true reflection of a leader. The 23-year-old native of Manchester, N.J., was a month away from completing four years in the Marine Corps when he gave his life. Before arriving to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Ott was part of the Marine Corps Security Forces. Heroically, he passed on his first combat deployment.



Cpl. Colby Brown | Hawaii Marine

Family and friends of the late Cpl. Nicholas S. Ott listen to a speaker during a memorial ceremony at Dewey Square here, Tuesday.

“He was the definition of a hard-tracker,” said Cpl. Felix J. Davila, squad leader, 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company. “If we had any tasks he would help us get it done or do it himself. He had a great relationship with everyone around him, especially his squad. Cpl. Ott was all around a squared away Marine—one of the best.”

When asked about his squad leader, Lance Cpl. Daniel Diazrico, a rifleman in Ott’s squad, had nothing but good words to say about his mentor.

“Out of all the leaders we had, he was truly known for taking care of his Marines,” Diazrico said. “He was always real calm, never really yelled, but we respected him greatly. He put his Marines first always, was never afraid to learn anything and always asked questions. He had all the characteristics of a great leader.”

Ott had a unique appreciation for life, and brought smiles to whoever was in his presence. His parents, Debbie and Stephen Ott, described their son as an easygoing guy who respected his hometown, had a lot of friends, loved the Marine Corps and genuinely cared about those he led.

“He enjoyed the fun aspects of being a Marine,” Debbie said. “He was a risk taker but was all about bringing his Marines home safe. He was close to a lot of people and wasn’t afraid to put others before himself.”

Ott’s selfless character was seen in the eyes of his Marines, family, and friends. His dedication to mission accomplishment and high spirits is a trait remembered by many who knew him.

“On patrols he was always one of the first ones up and ready,” Davila said. “Just being around him



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Capt. Charles Siedlecki, Charlie Company commander, native of Berlin, N.J., and his wife pay their respects to Cpl. Nicholas S. Ott during a memorial ceremony at Dewey Square here, Tuesday.

helped me grow as a leader. He had a great abundance of knowledge and made sure that everyone around him stayed on their game. He made a lot of people smile and was always willing to help.”

After the rifle salute ended the memorial service, Ott’s family, friends, and fellow Marines took time to pay their respects at his memorial stand.

Cpl. Nicholas S. Ott is survived by his mother Debbie Ott, his father Stephen Ott and his sister Julia Ott as well as his fellow Marines, who will never forget the sacrifice he made and the care he showed to all who knew him.



Special Olympics
MCB Hawaii hosts annual Special Olympics on base. See **B-1**



Holiday Lights
MCB Hawaii families start the holiday season with tree lighting ceremony. See **C-1**

Saturday
High — 81
Low — 69

Sunday
High — 82
Low — 70

NEWS BRIEFS

Environmental service project

Join the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department and community volunteers in removing weeds from native fish and wildlife wetland habitats on base, Saturday, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the H-3 Gate visitor parking lot at 8:30 a.m. sharp. There will be an escort to the work site, and gloves and tools are provided. Wear old clothes, close-toed shoes and sunscreen. Bring plenty of water. You will get wet and muddy. Letters of Appreciation will be issued. If interested call Todd Russell at 216-7135 or email todd.russell@usmc.mil by today.

Beach walkers beware: Don't touch monk seals!

Critically endangered monk seals are hauling out on our base's beaches with greater frequency than ever. It is a federal offense and a violation of the base regulations and the Endangered Species Act to approach, disturb, harass or harm these individuals in any way. If a monk seal is seen on or near a beach, do not approach it. Stay at least 100 feet away and call the Military Police Department at 257-2123. For details email Diane Drigot at diane.drigot@usmc.mil.

Volunteer opportunities with Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society

Publicity Coordinator - Use your journalism skills to help Marines and sailors discover unknown resources. Editing a newsletter, conducting a publicity campaign and designing other public affairs materials are just a few of the accomplishments we can add to your resume if you're the right person.

Layette workers - Do you love knitting and crocheting? Use your skills to make baby blankets for our Budget for Baby program. These blankets are added to the Gerber gift sets given for newborn babies.

Caseworkers - Are you good with finances and want to help Marines and sailors with financial education and assistance? A very rewarding position is open and we provide training and reimbursement for child care and mileage. If you're interested please call the local office at 257-1972/1973 or email kaneohenmcrs@gmail.com.

Upcoming modifications to Grainger store meeting

The Grainger store, located in Building 209, will be modified. Changes will impact processes to purchase office supplies and industrial hardware. The new store will provide an expanded product line to include office supplies and provide an easier means to conduct transactions. Customer input is needed to ensure successful implementation. A meeting for all GCPC card holders and AO personnel will be held on Dec. 13 at Combat Camera Classroom 3 from 2-3 p.m. to discuss the transition and address any concerns. For more information call Lt. Renken at 257-6725.

"The Last Word" all hands poetry event

If you're interested in showcasing your talents in spoken word, then come to the SNCO Club for "The Last Word" poetry event and feel the power of poetry.

This event is open to all hands and civilians will be from 7-10 p.m. on Dec. 16. Doors open at 6 p.m., no cover, free pupus, and dress to impress while you showcase your talents! For more information contact Staff Sgt. Jones at 628-8323.

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Iron Chefs bring Kitchen Stadium to Marine Corps Base Hawaii



Photos by Cpl. Vanessa American Horse | Hawaii Marine

Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto and Lance Cpl. Eva Castillo, food service specialist, Headquarters Battalion, present their food to the celebrity judges during a taping of "Iron Chef America" at Hangar 101, Sunday.

Cpl. Vanessa American Horse

Combat Correspondent

Celebrity chefs fired up grills and left spectators drooling Sunday, in a special military taping for The Food Network.

Hangar 101 was transformed into Kitchen Stadium as the popular food series "Iron Chef America" taped a special Armed Services episode on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sunday and Monday.

Three teams were assembled consisting of Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto with Lance Cpl. Eva Castillo, food service specialist, Headquarters Battalion; Iron Chef Cat Cora with Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Downey, culinary specialist, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii; and Iron Chef Michael Symon with Specialist Oscar Alvarado, food service specialist, Headquarters Support Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division.

Each military chef was chosen by their commands as the most qualified in Hawaii to represent their branch of service.

"I had no idea I was going to be picked for this," Castillo said. "I won the Chef of the Quarter competition here and they asked me if I wanted to do it. I was honored to be considered and I'm thankful that my superiors let me represent the Marine Corps."

The pairs battled against each other in a 60-minute competition to claim the title for the best military chef position. Beaming sunlight, pressure to be the best and a crowd full of supporters challenged the contestants' dexterity and stamina.

"The intensity of the culinary battle was my favorite part," Downey said. "Being able to work with world-renowned chefs and their high level of

talent made it exciting."

Honolulu native Mark Dacascos, also known as "The Chairman" on the series, was present throughout the ceremony and provided the essential opening statement: "So now America, with an open heart and an empty stomach, I say unto you in the words of my uncle: "Allez cuisine!"

Dacascos spent his early childhood visiting Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay with his grandparents. Each Sunday they would come aboard base to fish and Dacascos would look forward to his ritual each week.

"My fondest memories of visiting this base was to put on my Marine Corps fatigues and an Army helmet covered in netting and camouflaged leaves," Dacascos said. "We'd go through the security gate and I would eagerly salute the guards and they would salute back."

Dacascos also works together on the set of the latest edition of the TV series "Hawaii 5-0" with one of the competition's celebrity judges, Daniel Dae Kim. Kim, who resides in Honolulu with his family, weighed in his opinion of the elaborate dishes prepared by each duo.

Kim was once the co-owner of the Kahala Mall restaurant, "The Counter."

On Monday, Hangar 101 was once again transformed for a special tailgating show featuring chefs Morimoto and Symon. The University of Hawaii Marching Band and the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band participated in the taping and spectators came to watch all the action.

Both shows are scheduled to air on The Food Network early next year.

For more information on "Iron Chef America" visit The Food Network website at <http://www.foodnetwork.com/iron-chef-america>.



Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto cooks with Lance Cpl. Eva Castillo, food service specialist, Headquarters Battalion, during a taping of "Iron Chef America" at Hangar 101, Sunday.

Future Staff NCOs gain knowledge for leadership



Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Sgt. Maj. James R. Futrell, sergeant major, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, speaks with recently promoted regional staff sergeants and staff sergeant-selected sergeants about the responsibilities of becoming a staff noncommissioned officer during a two-day seminar at the Staff NCO Club, commonly known as the Rocker Room, on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Nov. 30. "Take care of your Marines and give them the same opportunities to get where you are now," Futrell said. "Everyone here was selected by the same selection board, and you're the best at what you do."

A Zen-ful Visit



Delegates from the Japan Religious Committee for the World Federation Hawaii gather to pray for peace in front of the Kaneohe Klipper Memorial, Wednesday. The group, with more than 100 visitors this year from the Shinto, Buddhist and Catholic faiths, also prays annually at the USS Arizona Memorial. For more coverage of the visit, see next week's Hawaii Marine.

Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

AROUND THE CORPS

Thai, US militaries restore services

Lance Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez
Marine Corps Bases Japan

LOP BURI, Thailand — U.S. service members together with the Royal Thai Army assisted Thai citizens with cleaning a school here Nov. 20 in the aftermath of serious flooding that affected much of the country.

In coordination with the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok and the Royal Government of Thailand, U.S. Pacific Command directed theater service components to conduct joint operations in support of disaster assessment and relief operations in Thailand. Joint U.S. forces are continuing to support Thailand in its flood relief efforts.

More than 35 U.S. service members assisted members of the Royal Thai Army in cleaning the Sanamchai School of debris left from flood water inside the school's facilities. The work included wiping down furniture and scrubbing stains off walls caused by flood water.

"You can actually see on the walls where the water levels stopped and stayed for a while," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Love,



U.S. service members assisting the local community remove fallen debris at the Sanamchai School in Lop Buri, Thailand, Nov. 20.

radio chief with III Marine Expeditionary Force Flood Relief Command Element. "We moved a tree that had been knocked over from the flood, chopped the limbs

down, and moved everything over to one area so they could easily access it to dispose of it later."

The Thai citizens have been very

appreciative, according to Navy Lt. Nicholas Fleming, an operations officer with the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Lassen.

"The fact that we were able to move all the debris out of their facilities and get it all cleaned up made them all very happy," said Fleming. "The governor even stopped by, came in to see what we were doing, and was very happy to see us."

Not only did the local community enjoy seeing U.S. service members, but even members of the Royal Thai Armed Forces were thankful for assistance.

"I really appreciate all the service members being here, especially in this area that has a school for children," said Special Col. Wittaya Wachirakul, J-3 Directorate, Royal Thai Armed Forces. "One thing I believe is when the Thai people come into trouble, the first country they think of is the U.S. and then you can see on their faces, not only the children but on the men and women around here. They feel happy the U.S. is helping, comfortable and safe because the U.S. came."

Marines, Junior Rank prepare for Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl

Lance Cpl. David Flynn
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — After a yearlong search for the top 100 high school football players in the country, the rosters are set and Junior Rank, in partnership with Marine Corps Recruiting Command, is focusing efforts to make the inaugural Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl week in Phoenix a success.

Junior Rank is a youth football organization dedicated to developing the next generation of student athletes through education, evaluation and instruction.

Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl week, slated for Dec. 29, through Jan. 4, at Chase Field in Phoenix, is a series of football-focused events, culminating in the first ever Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl. The week is the final phase of MCRC's 2011 partnership with Junior Rank.

Leading up to this point, Marines were involved throughout 21 Diamond Flight football camps hosted by Junior Rank during the summer and were present for the High School All-American Selection Tour, where players received their invitations to play in the historic game.

The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, scheduled for Jan. 3, will feature 100 of the best high school football seniors in the nation. The East-West format all star game will include players who attended Junior Rank Diamond Flight football camps during the summer. The game is to be nationally televised on CBS Sports Network.

Different than the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, players selected for the the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl must demonstrate moral and scholastic excellence in addition to their skill on the gridiron.

"The Marine Corps wanted a game not only focused on athletic excellence, but academic excellence and moral character," said Lori Proctor, account supervisor, JWT. "We found the right partner for that in Junior Rank."

JWT is the advertising firm which represents MCRC.

Although most players participating in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl have received athletic scholarships to various colleges and universities, some have not yet accepted offers. Expected to be in attendance at Chase Field are numerous college scouts who break down the athlete's play and determine how they can help a team at the next level.

Another nationally televised event during bowl week will be the USMC Proving Ground Combine. The Proving Ground Combine, through a series of football



Student-athletes at the Chattanooga Junior Rank Diamond Flight football camp run with ammo cans as part of their Marine-led physical training session June 2.

drills, will test the abilities of 300 high school juniors. Marines will be present throughout the combine to assist coaches and provide motivation for the athletes. The top performers in the Proving Ground will receive invitations to play in next year's Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl. Football fans once again should tune in to CBS Sports Network for the combine.

In addition to the football events during the combine, participants will also take part in a seminar with Marines, where they will learn the importance of leadership, in addition to other core values that drive Marines and Junior Rank.

"The United States Marine Corps is the embodiment of honor, tradition and working with your teammate to achieve an objective," said Shaon Berry, CEO, Junior Rank.

Berry, a former University of Pittsburgh running back, founded Junior Rank in 2008.

For players too young to participate in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl or Proving Ground Combine, Junior Rank and the Marines will host the Junior Academic All-American Bowl Jan. 2.

The Junior Academic All-American Bowl is a football

game for 7th and 8th grade students. Maintaining focus on character and academics, players must display the same ability in the classroom as they do on the football field to participate.

"Players participating in the Junior Academic All-American Bowl must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and a character recommendation to participate," said Sarah McCollum, account executive, JWT.

Junior Academic All-Americans will also have the opportunity to learn from the players they hope to one day emulate. According to McCollum, Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl players will be involved in a Big-Brother type mentorship program with their younger counterparts.

All told, 500 student-athletes will be showcased throughout the week. With their participation, along with the efforts of Marines, Junior Rank and other organizers, the wheels have been set in motion for a successful inaugural Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl Week.

"We look forward to bringing in the best athletes from across the nation to a beautiful setting in Phoenix for a true celebration of the game," said Berry.

CLB-1 builds route, brings growth to Helmand

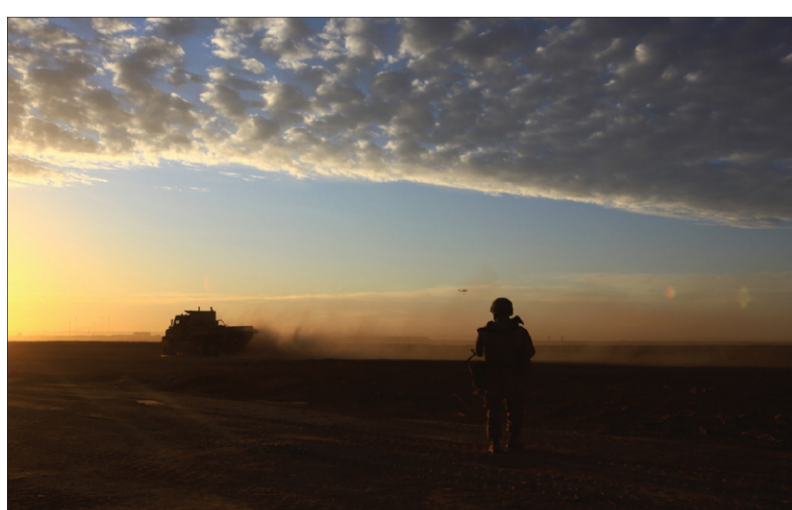
Cpl. Katherine M. Solano
2nd Marine Logistics Group

FORWARD OPERATING BASE GERONIMO, Afghanistan — The Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), are currently in the midst of a first-time operation. They are constructing a route between the Nawa and Marjah districts in Helmand province.

The multiple-week project along Route Victoria will bring a route to an area that has no other distinguished roads.

"Basically there is no set road here right now [so] it's important for Helmand province as a whole," said 2nd Lt. Ian Chuckran, the operations platoon commander with Alpha Company, CLB-1. "It will provide trafficability even after the Marines and coalition forces leave the area."

The construction will include multiple phases over its course. The land needs to be leveled, blast holes need to be filled in, gravel needs to be transported to the worksite from various areas and culverts will be emplaced for



A Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 1, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), posts security as construction vehicles carry gravel to a worksite in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Nov. 22.

irrigation and flood prevention.

"The interesting part of this mission is all the different aspects of this route," said Chuckran. "Raising the road, the placing of culverts, and all of the civilian considerations, drainage considerations, and general mobility and engineering considerations is stuff you don't really learn about or think about until you are actually on the project."

Upon completion, the road will provide coalition forces with a safe route between the districts, as well as give locals the chance for commercial growth. Route Victoria is a long-lasting solution and will continue to allow Helmand province stay open for business.

"Building a longer lasting road like this should provide the government and the people the opportunity to travel between districts and create that freedom of movement that will allow the government to be successful later on," concluded Chuckran.

More than toys for the 'keiki'

Cpl. Isis M. Ramirez
U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

HONOLULU — If Santa had any forces about making enough toys for the less fortunate keiki (children) of Hawaii, with the help of the Marines he can now confidently visit many Oahu homes and fill any unused Christmas tree space.

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific and BAE Systems held the 4th annual Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall here, Dec. 1. The event featured the MarForPac Band and was MarForPac's gift to the community and an opportunity to support the Toys for Tots program.

Every year, as the holiday season draws near, U.S. Marine Forces Reserve conducts a nationwide donation program to provide gifts for the less fortunate children in the U.S.

At the concert, hundreds of toys and more than \$2,000 were donated, but the real gift was the show put on by the band.

The concert was not only a holiday event, but also a chance for the band to share some Marine Corps customs with the audience. Lt. Gen. Duane D. Thiessen, commander, MarForPac, and the audience took their turns rattling the Blaisdell Center Concert Hall with motivating "ooh-rah's" just before the start of music.

The MarForPac Band, along with guest performers such as 10-year-old Aidan James, Hawaiian Soul and Henry Kapono rocked the audience into the holiday spirit.

"I came out for the Marines and the military and to be here to enjoy everyone on Christmas ... the joy of being here and the Aloha," Kapono said. The Hawaii State Ballet performed the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and other dances, which brought a needed Christmas delicacy to the event as they pranced around the stage.

Local duo HAPA added a mellow holiday flair to the program.

Jim Nabors, honorary Marine corporal, made a special appearance and sang "Silent Night" and "Little Drummer Boy."

Romance was the only theme missing until Cpl. Jeremy Catledge, trombone player for the MarForPac Band, and Ginai performed "Baby It's Cold Outside" with guest guitarist Chris Vandercook.

After the musical performances, Thiessen had a treat for the audience as well. He invited children to the stage and passed out "Doot-duh-doo's." After sharing a story about his musical abilities as a child, he demonstrated how to play "Jingle Bells" by singing "doot-duh-doo" into the small plastic tubes.

As the concert ended, Santa made a surprise appearance and thanked the audience for helping him gather toys for the children.

This concert helped Marines and the Hawaii community bond for the holidays.

"It joins the Marines with the community musically," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael W. Smith, the officer in charge of the MarForPac Band. "This is the town where our home is, where our spouses go to work and our children go to school. It's not just a show to entertain. It's a show to embrace our community."



Lt. Gen. Duane D. Thiessen, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, presents Henry Kapono, professional musician, singer and songwriter, with his personal challenge coin after the 4th annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall on Dec. 1. Thiessen gave a coin to each of the local performers after the concert. The concert was an opportunity for the community to make donations to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii program.



Photos by Cpl. Tyler Main | U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific



Staff Sgt. Andres Trujillo and Lance Cpl. Thomas L. Serrante, guitarists for the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, entertain a large crowd during the 4th annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center Concert Hall on Dec. 1. The band performed with local guest artists and Marines collected donations to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii program.

Left, Aidan James, a 10-year old ukulele player and singer, covers Justin Bieber's song "Mistletoe" during the 4th annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall on Dec. 1.



Members of the Hawaii State Ballet perform a Chinese dance from "The Nutcracker" at the 4th annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall, Dec. 1. The concert was an opportunity for the community to make donations to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii program.



Honorary Marine Corporal Jim Nabors sings "Silent Night" at the 4th annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall, Dec. 1.

Cpl. Jeremy Catledge, trombone player for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, and guest entertainer Ginai sing "Baby It's Cold Outside" at the 4th annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) Holiday Concert at the Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall Dec. 1. The concert showcased guest artists including Jim Nabors, Henry Kapono and many others.

Logan's Drive: Marine's son donates birthday gifts

Kristen Wong

Photojournalist

It has been seven years since Logan Jordan first volunteered at a Toys for Tots warehouse in Alabama, and seven years since he started a tradition of giving his birthday presents to the annual campaign.

This year, Jordan is now a student at Kailua Intermediate School, and continues to grow and change. But one thing has not changed — his desire to help others.

Jordan celebrated his 13th birthday at Waikulu Community Center with friends and family, Sunday. This year he collected more than 130 gifts, \$150 in gift cards and \$200 in monetary donations, with which he purchased two bicycles and two tricycles, all for youths in need.

"He's a solid kid," said Master Sgt. Rodney Harris, the battalion communications chief of 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. "He's got a servant's heart and that's uncharacteristic of a child his age."

The son of a Marine in 1/12, Jordan was born in Louisville, Ky., and has lived in several places as his father reported to various duty stations. The family has been stationed in Hawaii for the last six years.

On Sunday, Jordan dressed as an elf for the children, feasted on his favorite banana cake with Chantilly icing and played the video game "Dance Central" while chasing down and managing his two young energetic siblings, all with a smile on his face. One would never guess that Jordan has been in and out of the hospital throughout his life and each day, wakes up in pain.

Since he was a toddler, Jordan has had polyarticular and systemic Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. This condition prevents him from playing contact sports such as tackle football. Nevertheless, Jordan stays as active as possible. He and his family have also participated in the Hawaii Arthritis Walk for several years, and he will be the walk's honoree, May 20, 2012.

"We've really appreciated the work that Logan and his family have done to make other people aware of arthritis and that kids can get arthritis too," said Jennifer Hee, executive director of the Arthritis Foundation Hawaii Branch.

Jordan has also been chosen to represent the state of Hawaii at the Arthritis Foundation Advocacy Summit from April 16 to 18, 2012. Joining families representing other states, Jordan will share his story with members of Congress and meet with various senators.

"I was really impressed," said Hee of meeting Jordan. "He showed maturity way beyond his years."

Hee mentioned how impressive it was to see Jordan's respect for his family.

"[Jordan] is definitely someone we want to represent



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

"I can't put into words how good I felt knowing that I was able to be a part of a group of people who cared enough to give back," Logan Jordan said at his birthday party, Sunday, describing his first Toys for Tots volunteer experience.

the Arthritis Foundation," Hee said.

Though many people may think arthritis is only suffered by older adults, the Arthritis Foundation estimated in 2007 that there were more than 290,000 children in the United States with juvenile arthritis.

"Logan is my hero," said his mother. "There's not a day where he's not in pain ... but he keeps going on, he doesn't stop."

Classmate Zoe Johnson said it was "really generous" of Jordan to donate his birthday gifts. She described Jordan as "funny," and someone who enjoys dancing. Classmate Samantha Turner added that he is smart, and she goes to him for help with math problems.

Jordan also provides support for his fellow classmates in the Peer Education Program at his school and has volunteered to clean a homeless veterans shelter. But to him, 'giving back' can be something as simple as helping a person fix their car battery or making someone smile.

"You don't have to donate your birthday gifts to give back," said Jordan in his birthday speech. "That is

just something close to my heart. As I look around this room, I see so many of you 'give back' every day and don't even realize it."

Jordan also helped his mother manage the house and babysit his younger siblings while his father was deployed.

"It's nice knowing [during this] deployment that I didn't have a little kid ... I had a young man filling my role," Jordan's father said. "My deployment was a lot easier knowing that he was back here ... we're proud parents. I have no doubt he's going to surpass [my wife] and myself."

Still, Jordan, who aspires to be a Marine, credits his family for his various accomplishments.

"I couldn't have done any of it without my parents," Jordan said.

KLIPPER, from A-1

Also in attendance were Tom and Jim Cunningham, the stepsons of Allen E. Cunningham, of VP-11, who was wounded during the attack. Allen Cunningham has attended the Kaneohe Klipper Memorial Ceremony many times, as far back as the 1960s, but he was unable to travel this year.

Tom Cunningham noted how contradictory the peaceful atmosphere was at the ceremony, though this location was where the attacks occurred and where his stepfather went through such chaos and was almost killed.

"The irony of that is very, very deep," Tom Cunningham said.

Guest speaker Dave Griffin, of Vancouver, Wash., attended the ceremony with 21 members of his family. They are relatives of Navy Lt. Daniel Griffin, who was one of the 20 killed during the attacks. Griffin shared the story of his grandfather's experiences on Dec. 7, 1941, in a speech.

"People talk about [the WWII generation being] the 'greatest generation,' and I think it's true," Griffin said.

Griffin and his family also later visited the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. They paid their respects at the site where 70 years ago, the sailors of NAS Kaneohe Bay temporarily laid their fallen to rest in coffins along the beach.

Retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Smith then

approached the podium and told the audience about Medal of Honor recipient John W. Finn. At 32 years old, Finn, a chief aviation ordnanceman, played a significant role in countering the Japanese attack of NAS Kaneohe Bay, Dec. 7, 1941. Finn, who passed away on May 27, 2010, was the guest speaker at the 2009 Kaneohe Klipper Memorial Ceremony.

“His actions here that morning resulted in the first Medal of Honor of World War II.”

— Retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Smith

"His actions here that morning resulted in the first Medal of Honor of World War II," Smith said. "He was the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient and of the 15 men who earned the Medal of Honor that day, he was the last survivor but he was much more than that. He was an American patriot. He was a national treasure, a storyteller, a professional junkman and a friend."

Finn originally had the day off on Dec. 7, 1941, and was called in that morning.

Despite being wounded several times, Finn shot at enemy planes for two and a half hours, and is credited with taking down one.

"As we drove around the flightline, John told me this story. But what really caught my attention were the Marines and sailors who walked around with presumably no idea of what Chief Finn had done here that day," Smith said. "I promised John that day I would fix that, and I said there would be a marker here to let the whole world know what he did."

Smith and Frances Carmichael, Finn's friend and former caretaker, unveiled a new plaque dedicated to Finn. It will be displayed at Hangar 103, where his office once was.

Col. Brian Annichiarico, commanding officer, MCB Hawaii; Sgt. Maj. Marvin Dixon, battalion sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion; Navy Capt. Christopher Ramsden, commanding officer, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2; and retired Lt. Cmdr. Cass Phillips, former radioman of Patrol Squadron 11, stood before a traditional commemorative wreath in front of the monument by the base flagpole. Salutes were rendered and the MarForPac Band closed the ceremony, playing "Anchors Aweigh" and "The Marines' Hymn."

"It's important to remember the sacrifices of all who defended NAS Kaneohe that day," Annichiarico said. "[Also] remember that today there are sailors and Marines deployed in harm's way all around the globe to protect the freedoms we continue to enjoy in the United States."

NAVY LEAGUE TOURS TRAINER



1st Lt. Diann Olson | Hawaii Marine

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian Somers, gunner and range training officer in charge, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, leads a tour of Navy League members from the Hawaii chapter through the Infantry Immersion Trainer at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Dec. 1. More than a dozen Hawaii chapter members toured the facility for the first time while Marines and sailors from Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, trained. The Navy League's tour took them through Site 3 where they were able to experience not only the smells of the marketplace and coffee house, but encounter both civilian and enemy avatars inside shops and buildings. The tour wrapped up in the after-action room where Hawaii chapter members watched Echo company's training from the previous day.

FROM MALAYSIA TO AFGHANISTAN



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Dan Geltmacher, range manager, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, leads members of the Malaysian Army around a simulated village of Afghanistan at the Infantry Immersion Trainer, at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Dec. 2. The Malaysian Army officers were in town meeting officials with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, and toured several trainers used by Marines and soldiers.

Sports & Health

Olympic athletes compete on base

Marine Corps Base Hawaii hosts 2011 Special Olympics



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

Nadella Canty, 2011 Special Olympics bowler, receives assistance from two volunteers while bowling in the 2011 Special Olympics Hawaii Holiday Classic, Saturday. The athletes came from all around Hawaii to participate and before they were able to advance to state championships, they had to complete a series of qualifying matches and practice sessions.

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber

Combat Correspondent

Families, friends and athletes gathered together at K-Bay Lanes for the 2011 Special Olympics Hawaii Holiday Classic, Saturday. More than 50 participants showed in attendance for their chance to bowl in the tournament but more importantly to have fun.

"Bowling is my favorite sport," said Cheryl Obrero, a bowler in the event. "It's the only sport I play and I like the competition. I like to come home with a lot of medals on my neck."

The athletes came from all around Hawaii to participate and before they were able to advance to state championships, they had to complete a series of qualifying matches and practice sessions.

"We have to practice every day before this because they want us to be good," Obrero said. "They work with us and help us if we need it too."

Volunteers were scattered throughout the bowling alley to provide assistance to the bowlers if needed. These volunteers included high school athletes, civilian personnel, and students and alumni from Whittier College.

"Being with the athletes and seeing how happy they are is the reason why I do this," said Cindy Ujimori, director of volunteers. "Their energy,

smiles, laughs and just seeing how much fun these athletes are having is what volunteering is all about."

Each athlete bowled multiple games and kept the best score, however, all bowlers were winners and according to the volunteers, the medals seemed to bring smiles right away when given out.

"This is a perfect example of receiving much more than you give," said Doug Bennet, volunteer. "By working with these athletes, we are able to talk with them and really see that what we do for them helps, and they're grateful. We know that we are blessed and our reward is simply just seeing the joy on all of their faces."

Bowling was one of three events held at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Athletes from all over Hawaii also participated in basketball at the Semper Fit Center and bocce, Italian long bowling.

For years the Special Olympics has given these athletes a chance to compete in the sport they love. From European bowling to modern day basketball, these participants were able to soak in the limelight by participating in what they love to do.

"I meet new friends here that like to bowl as much as me," Obrero said. "Everyone's nice and cheers me on and it makes me really happy. I can't wait for [Special Olympics] next time."



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AND THE WINNER IS?



Quentin Redmon, drug demand reduction officer, Substance Abuse Counseling Center, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, presents Capt. Roy H. Haskins, officer in charge, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment (remain behind element), with a check for \$750 as the winner of the Big Division category of the 101 Days of Summer program Tuesday, here. The money went to 3/3's unit discretionary fund. Second place in the Big Division and \$500 went to Headquarters Battalion. The winner of the Small Division was Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay and Wounded Warrior Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii took second place in the Small Division. The 101 Days of Summer Program started in 2003 as an alcohol and substance abuse prevention program.

Sgt. Scott Whittington | Hawaii Marine

The up-close kill

Garrett Cole
Contributing Writer



Pirates vs. Ninjas: Who's on top of their game?

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.



COLE



SAUTER

Curse you foul shadow, thou no match for mighty Blackbeard

Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter
Combat Correspondent

Pirates vs. Ninjas to me sounds a lot like a Godzilla movie. Godzilla vs. whoever and the outcome is always the same; Godzilla beating the crap out of anyone and every one he meets. This is the perfect analogy to understand what the outcome of a Pirate/Ninja battle. I mean, who would you be more intimidated by? A 6-foot 5-inch battle scarred man with a dozen swords, guns and smoke coming from his thick black beard? Or a five-foot Japanese guy (by historical tradition) wrapped in loincloth?

It's a historical fact pirates have been around since pretty much forever compared to ninjas who have been around for only the past couple of centuries. While both are steeped in popular culture, there are actual pirates around today while ninjas have fallen into myth.

Piracy has actually been a more lucrative trade than being a ninja. Pirates steal all the gold they want, all the rum they want, travel anywhere they want and just about do anything else they want. If I were a pirate, I would be down in Tortuga every day. Being a ninja would actually suck since all you do is sneak around all day and you don't receive recognition for your conquests and above all get killed in "The Last Samurai."

Now onto the fighting, pirates use sheer brute force to overwhelm their opponents with a vast arsenal of conventional and psychological weapons. Besides the swords and guns

already mentioned, pirates use the Jolly Roger flag and scream "arrrrrrgh" to psyche out anyone they're facing. Ninjas are quiet and don't utter a peep. Kind of like the battle cry of the 300 Spartans against the stoic Persian immortals. And we all know how that ended (pirates have their own language on Facebook).

I understand ninjas have an equal variety of weapons to choose from, but other than the katana, all of the ninja's weapons are designed for stealth and that's boring. Someone might say a ninja could just use a poison dagger to kill his enemy. To make this clear, if alcohol poisoning couldn't kill a pirate, then I don't think ninja poison could either (rum gives pirates an extra life in video games).

The effect pirates had on society is profound in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" films. Jack Sparrow has become the face of all pirates and everything pirate cemented in movie history.

I don't see any Jack Sparrow of ninjas yet. Maybe if the ninja got drunk and sailed on the Black Pearl and revealed his identity then maybe the ninja would have a chance at being commercially successful. Pirates are the rulers of the sea, and money moguls that ninjas will never be.



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Discussion boards everywhere are in a raging debate of pirates versus ninjas. Both have been comically portrayed in media, which has prevented people from looking at the reality of what would actually happen in this situation. The battle would be far from epic due to the proverbial stomping of the pirates.

According to my teacher, Robert Fraser, Master-Instructor of the Bujinkan Shirowashi Hawaii Dojo, ninjas were a network of farmers and people close to nature that focused on survival and fighting skills.

"They excelled in advance military strategies and philosophy, fighting techniques, widespread weapon knowledge and proficiency," Fraser said. "The total warrior trained to forego personal desires They expected to die on every mission but strove to survive. They did not seek death, they just were not afraid of it; 900 years of passing on knowledge through 34 generations to preserve natural justice of those before."



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Ninjas are portrayed as stealthy masked assassins clothed in black camouflage. Though not far from the truth, ninjas were nothing supernatural, just well trained and physically, mentally and spiritually conditioned. These warriors were able to climb, swim, run, jump, and fight with more precision than any pirate could attempt.

Fraser said that a ninja can map the terrain, plan the attack, and draw the pirates into a trap or uncommon ground where defending against an ambush would prove hopeless. Ninjas wouldn't have fought at sea because there weren't any boats with cannons. Their main strategy would be to sink pirate ships by punching holes in their hulls or lighting them on fire by sneaking on board. This would keep the pirates from returning to their stronghold. The ninja would never allow them to have an upper hand.

On land, a ninja wouldn't fight out in the open since the pirates relied too much on guns. This weakness would have been exploited, as a ninja would have probably destroyed the powder kegs leaving projectile weapons useless. Besides, flintlock pistols take almost five minutes to load, which is too much time for an inaccurate shot. This would have given a ninja time to deal a deadly blow.

If swords were drawn it would have been the pirate's cutlass against the katana, which is one of the most well crafted swords ever designed. A cutlass is a dull, corroded knife, rusted from blood, saltwater and fighting. Pirates depend on chaotic swordplay based on fencing, which has too much emotion and too little technique. The ninja wouldn't go into a clashing of blades; he would probably encircle or sneak up for a killing stab in the neck. The pirate would never see it coming.

In a hand-to-hand combat scenario, ninjas are trained in various combat forms for the purpose of silencing an opponent. The aim is to either kill or severely maim to the point of debilitation. Pirates don't have any fighting technique, which results in chaos and injury.

Pirates, whether in history or movies, will always lose against the ninja. These silent assassins are too highly trained and conditioned to survive to be beaten by undisciplined scallywags from the sea. Why this match up was ever considered is an ultimate insult to Japan's fiercest warrior.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Sports and Health

Semper Fit Center and Base Pool holiday hours

Patrons are welcomed to workout at Semper Fit on Christmas Day and Dec. 26 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Base Pool will be open Christmas Eve from noon to 5 p.m., before closing during Christmas Day and Dec. 26. For more information about upcoming holiday hours into 2012, go to <http://www.mccshawaii.com/holidayhours.shtml>.

Youth Winter Water Sports

Take the one-week "Introduction to Water Sports" class at the Base Marina. Children 8-18 can spend their holidays in the water. The class includes sailing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and snorkeling. Sessions will occur from Dec. 19-23 or from Dec. 26-30. For more, call 254-7666.

Commander's Cup Golf Classic

The Commander's Cup Golf Classic will be held Dec. 16 at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. The tournament is open to active duty service members, dependents and military civilians. Registration ends Dec. 12. For more information, call 254-2107 or stop by the ProShop.

Winter Break Kid Fit

The Semper Fit Center will be hosting Kid Fit, to keep children physically active while on break from school, Dec. 19-23 and Dec. 27-30. There is a registration fee for the first child, and for each

additional child. For more information, call Semper Fit at 254-7597.

Semper Fit Juniors Program

Diving classes are available for children as old as 13. Sessions are held Wednesdays and Fridays in the afternoon. Learn how to dive off of the 1-meter and 3-meter spring boards at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's main pool. Class fees include four sessions. For more information, call 754-4602.

Spring Board Diving Class

This program is held monthly, every second Thursday. Upon completion of the program's Fitness Basics class, gym users ages 14-15 will be issued an individualized pass to use the center without an adult present. For details, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

High Intensity Tactical Training Center Hours

Work out with TRX trainers, kettlebell weights, tethered medicine balls and more at the High Intensity Tactical Training Center at Building 1034. Marine units or groups may use the center on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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

For more information, call Bldg. 1033 at 254-7594.

2012 INTRAMURAL SPORTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

Men's and Women's bowling starts at Bowling Center 1st session 13
Men's Basketball starts at SFC 20
Men's Baseball starts at Riseley field 25

FEBRUARY

Co-Ed Softball starts at Annex field 10

APRIL

Men's Softball starts at Annex field 20

MAY

Soccer League starts at Pop Warner field 21

Men's and Women's Volleyball starts at SFC 19

JUNE

Men's and Women's bowling starts at Bowling Center 2nd session 11

Swim meet 20

JULY

Men's basketball starts at SFC 2nd session 18

AUGUST

Tackle football practice starts 1

SEPTEMBER

Tackle Football season starts at Pop Warner field 4

IM Softball Tournament @ Annex field 17

OCTOBER

IM Softball Tournament @ Annex field 22

NOVEMBER

IM Softball Tournament @ Annex field 19



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

Kayla Aponte, Marine quarterback, scans for an open receiver during the women's intramural flag football championship game against the Navy at Pop Warner Field, Sunday. Both championship contenders were the first teams created in the league, so the fight for the trophy was all the more competitive. The Navy and the Marine Corps played for the first time three months ago. The league grew and added the Army and Air Force teams. The two teams that started the league were playing for the finish.

Sharks sneak past War Dogs in controversial championship game

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber

Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps War Dogs and Navy Sharks intramural women's flag football teams played in the biggest game of the season at Pop Warner Field, Sunday. A win in this game wasn't for a better record or to advance. This game was for the championship and most importantly — respect.

The Navy and the Marine Corps played each other for the first time three months ago. After the growth of the league and the Army and Air Force teams addition, the two teams that started the league were playing for the finish.

The Sharks played aggressively on offense throughout the entire game, matching the physical play of the War Dogs and securing the Championship with a score of 27-21 and an undefeated record.

The first quarter was a full-fledged battle for possession. The Sharks came out with a simple but effective offensive game plan of short passes for medium gains. Pass after pass the Sharks made their way downfield, forcing the War Dogs back to their own goal line.

A five-yard pass from Sharks quarterback Ines Chandler to one of her receivers connected inside the end zone for the first touchdown of the game.

"We're a second-half team," Stephen Lane, War Dogs head coach, said. "We've tried everything in the book to change that but it's a fact. Going into the game I told the ladies to relax and be calm, we knew the Navy was going to come out tough and they



Michelle Dannenberger, Navy tight end, snags a pass during the women's intramural flag football championship game against the Marines at Pop Warner Field, Sunday.

did. The short passes killed us at first but we switched up our defense to man coverage and let it play out from there."

The War Dogs were able to redeem themselves quickly on the next possession by executing a series of pass plays that tied the game up early.

Medium passes seemed to be most effective for the Marines at the start of the game but the Sharks were able to adjust defensively, stumping the Marines for the next few possessions.

"My girls had intensity on defense," August Young, Sharks head coach, said. "On offense we believe surely but steady will get us to the touchdown and short passes will bring us points. The Marines played hard and it was a good game with two great teams."

Before halftime, the Sharks took advantage of an interception on defense and scored another touchdown. The War Dogs, now down 14-7, found themselves trailing once again behind the high-powered offense of the Navy.

The second half started with another touchdown drive from the Sharks after a War Dogs turnover.

Down 21-7, the War Dogs fought desperately to catch up again but an unsuccessful possession put the War Dogs on defense. By switching to man coverage the War Dogs were able to stop the Sharks from advancing.

The War Dogs quickly caught up on the scoreboard. Habitually they found themselves in the red zone and twice they were able to secure a touchdown. The Sharks responded in the next series with another touchdown, once again creating a gap in the score.

The final drive was one to remember. The War Dogs worked their way mid-field with only 10 seconds remaining. With no more timeouts, the War Dogs quickly snapped the ball to throw a 50-yard hail mary to the end zone.

As the clock wound down to zero, the War Dogs launched the ball into the air in hopes of connecting. All eyes were on the ball as it hung in the air and dropped into War Dogs receiver Carmen Hatton's hands. Referees immediately threw their hands up signaling it was a touchdown.

The cheers from the crowd and adrenaline ceased as the referees called timeout to talk about the last play. The decided the ball never passed the end zone plane and took away the War Dogs touchdown.

"I wish we had instant replay," Lane said. "In our minds it was a touchdown so obviously in the Navy's mind it wasn't a touchdown. It was a great ball game though and we couldn't have asked for a better game."

Ride 2 Recovery supports wounded warriors

Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter

Combat Correspondent

More than 70 cyclists from Oahu and the mainland rallied at the Pacific War Memorial on Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the Pearl Harbor Cyclefest to help raise money for wounded warriors as a part of the Ride 2 Recovery charity event, Saturday and Sunday.

The Cyclefest started with a 48-mile ride from base toward Waimanalo Beach, past Waikiki and ended at the U.S.S. Missouri Memorial on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Saturday.

Since 2007, the Ride 2 Recovery program has helped raise money to buy specially made bikes to suit the needs of the service members. This Ride 2 Recovery is the first to be held in the state of Hawaii.

"I heard about this ride through a friend in the squadron," said 1st Lt. Kevin Roche, a pilot with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463. "I've done small rides and races before but this is my first Ride 2 Recovery, so it should be fun."

As people gathered at the memorial, some cyclists prepared their bikes by pumping up their tires and assembled their bikes after taking them off their car racks. The majority of the cyclists were from off-island and were bused up to MCB Hawaii shortly before registration started. Among them was former Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore "Sal" Giunta, Medal of Honor recipient.

"I just got out of the Army and since I've been



Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

The Ride 2 Recovery cyclist group heads out the back gate of Marine Corps Base Hawaii into Kailua starting the Pearl Harbor Cyclefest, Saturday.

with Ride 2 Recovery for a while, I was asked if I was interested in coming out and doing this," Giunta said. "This is my first time in Hawaii, so it's nice to come out and see the sites during the race."

Giunta is the first living Medal of Honor recipient for actions after the Vietnam War and the third to earn the medal during Operation Enduring Freedom

in Afghanistan.

"Wounded Warriors have different programs Marines can sign up for as a form of therapy," said Sgt. Jesus G. Mendoza, former combat engineer, Wounded Warriors Detachment - Hawaii. "Today they're about six wounded warriors here for the Ride 2 Recovery."

The ride started out the back gate with Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Bandy, ride coordinator, leading the way down the coastline. Police and members of the American Legion escorted the cyclists. As they arrived in Honolulu, participants said bystanders were waving and cheering and motorists were honking their car horns in support of them.

"The island has a beautiful scenery," Giunta said. "The ride was smooth as we went through the city, and seeing the people cheer was great."

The group reached their final destination at Ford Island and completed the 48-mile ride at the U.S.S. Missouri Memorial. Pizza and energy drinks awaited them for a ride-well-done.

"I just take it one day at a time," Giunta said. "I have no expectations for the upcoming ride, just get on a bike and start riding."

The following day, cyclists once again embarked on a ride. This time, they completed a 75-mile ride starting and ending at the Neal S. Blaisdell Park.

For more information about the Ride 2 Recovery program, visit the program's website at <http://www.ride2recovery.com>.

Co-op covers child care

Group provides childcare for gym users

Christine Cabalo

Photojournalist

Parents at Marine Corps Base Hawaii can work out without worrying about child care by helping other families.

More than a dozen Semper Fit Center users have joined the base's independent cooperative child care network. The co-op members receive regular free child care while exercising at the center, in return for volunteering to watch over children for three sessions each month.

"I think more than anything it allows [parents] of small children a chance to get away for an hour to get some great exercise and release those amazing endorphins that only exercise can bring, so we can all be better [parents]," said Crystal Nix, co-op coordinator. "The kids also love to play with all the other kids, and they get a good amount of social interaction through the co-op experience."

Nix, who took over leadership of the co-op in June 2010, said it's been available to the base's exercising parents for more than three years. Before leading the group, Nix frequently used the service herself.

"I am a wife of a Marine pilot who is constantly training and rarely home," Nix said. "So the co-op in a sense has been for my mental health."

The co-op offers child care at Racquetball Court 1 on weekdays at the center for approximately three-hour sessions.

Inside the closed area, children can play with building blocks and sports balls, read books or have dress up time. For every six children at the co-op, a volunteering parent is available to watch them.

Nix said many are surprised to find out they only need to volunteer just nine hours to gain steady child care at the center for an entire month. All volunteers need to do is list the times

they're available, and Nix will set a schedule a month in advance.

The setup works well for co-op member Jill Peters. She brings her children with her when volunteering for child care, as members are welcomed to do. Without having the co-op, Peters said she would be limited in her exercise and only able to go walking with her children. Now she can vary her activity and enjoys taking the pilates classes while her children are in the co-op's care.

"It's a good solution especially if your spouse works long hours and you don't want to ask friends to babysit all the time," Peters said. "You can take advantage of the center's classes during the day."

Dropping off her sons Joel and James with the co-op, Tara Bultema said she appreciates how the service is available while she does anything at the center. She's seen others use the service while getting a massage from the center's masseurs or doing simple tasks like taking a shower uninterrupted.

While she works out for an hour or less, Bultema's sons can enjoy spending time with other children.

"They look forward to it," she said. "When I'm running out here, they sometimes run in groups or play relay games."

As families with the co-op transfer to other duty stations, both Bultema and Nix said openings for the service come and go.

With the holidays approaching, several spaces for the co-op are now open. Although Nix said she would ideally like to have an onsite facility for child care, the co-op has helped many parents maintain a healthy lifestyle.

"The co-op is an all volunteer based and is great when everyone works together to make it work," Nix said.

For more information, email mcbhcoop@hotmail.com.



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Tara Bultema helps her son into a Buzz Lightyear costume before heading off to work out at Semper Fit Center, Monday. Bultema is one of several families who use the Marine Corps Base Hawaii volunteer cooperative child care network while working out at the gym. Members of the co-op pledge to watch children for three sessions each month and receive child care at the gym later on.

ASKAUNTY KBAY

Dear Aunty K-Bay,

I'm so confused about breastfeeding in public. I want to keep breastfeeding as long as possible but I still have to do my errands and have a life. I usually try to cover up modestly while I'm breast feeding in public, but still I sometimes get negative comments or unwanted stares. Some people say it's not healthy for the baby and others say I should only do it in private places. HELP!! What do you say?

— Determined Nursing Mom

Dear Nursing Mom,

I applaud your determination to give your baby the best nutrition available — and save money at the same time. You can't control what other people say and do, so I wouldn't worry too much about their comments. It's definitely not unhealthy for baby to be nursed out in the community. It's helpful if you are near a source of water to wash your hands first, but wipes will do just as well. It's usually best to be in a quiet, calm place, but when it is necessary almost any situation will do as long as mom and baby are safe. It's easy to have a light weight cape or smock or just a piece of cloth to put over baby's head and your breast for modesty and to keep out dust and sun. There are state and federal laws as well as Marine Corps orders that stipulate that no place of business can bar you from being there if you are breastfeeding. Most department stores provide a space for breastfeeding, though some are more user-friendly than others. (The Marine Corps Exchange on base has an area set aside in the restroom for breastfeeding) If you don't want to deal with the logistics of breastfeeding in public, there are alternatives that don't involve starving your baby. If you feel secure that breastfeeding is well established and your baby does not mind a bottle and you pump, you can carry breast milk in a cooler or insulated bag for relatively short trips. Or, you can use formula sometimes while out and about if it doesn't interfere with your milk supply and baby likes it. It's unfortunately a quirk of our culture that very low cut, revealing tops are seen as fashionable and don't bother people, but seeing a bit of breast while breastfeeding somehow does. Don't give up. **For more information or to send your questions please contact the New Parent Support Program at 257-8803, email us at askauntykbay@gmail.com or find us on Facebook with MCCS.**

MILITARY VETERANS, COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS STUDENTS VISIT VP-9



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Above, Navy Lt. Brad Berthelotte, aircraft division officer, Patrol Squadron 9, chats with former sailor Clarence Pfundheller, at Hangar 104, Monday. Below, Cmdr. Craig Mattingly, executive officer, VP-9, chats with Bruce Heilman, who served four years in the Marine Corps, and Parke Piper, who served three years in the Corps, at Hangar 104, Monday. Students from the College of the Ozarks and five military veterans visited VP-9. For the full story, see next week's issue of the Hawaii Marine.

Dec. 7, 1941 first responder: VP-11

Dec. 7, 1941 marked the beginning of World War II. As we reflect on this event, we remember those who were part of it with an appreciation for their bravery.

Patrol Squadron 11 was among the first responders on that infamous day. At the time there were 36 patrol planes at Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay. The Navy PBV Catalina Patrol Squadron had 12 planes assigned to them.

At 7:52 a.m. the squadron's duty section of the day and the personnel who arrived early to take over was present when the attack began. The Japanese Imperial Fleet caught the base completely by surprise as the first wave of nine enemy fighters circled at low altitude taking aim at the control tower and the PBVs moored

in Kaneohe Bay. It lasted about 15 minutes and set ablaze all the planes that were on the water and some on the seaplane ramp. The second attack hit more PBVs setting them on fire. Personnel took immediate offensive action firing back from machine guns salvaged from PBVs. Two enemy planes crashed into Kailua Bay and one crashed on base, Reed Road.

This was the first military installation on Oahu to be attacked by the Japanese. Two duty officers from VP-11 were lost during the battle. Total casualties at NAS Kaneohe Bay included 20 dead and 69 wounded. The squadron worked through a very difficult time and prevailed. They kept the faith, turned tragedy into triumph and defeat into victory. In the



Courtesy photo

A car drives past burning PBV-5 seaplanes outside Hangar 1 aboard Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay during the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks. Direct hits to Hangar 1 caused the structure to ignite and burn down to its steel frame, destroying the two seaplanes inside.

words on the Kaneohe Klipper monument: "They gave their today for our tomorrow." Source: David Trojan

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

Christmas is coming to town

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



A girl dances to the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific band playing Christmas carols during the tree lighting ceremony at the Base Chapel here, Sunday. "I was so excited to see the lights on the tree turn on," said Ariana Sanchez, 4, whose father is a sailor with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37. "The tree is so pretty." Three, two, one ... the lights came on and the families awed and cheered at the beautiful tree. The families were encouraged to stay and listen to a children's choir sing carols with the band and wait for the arrival of Santa Claus on a fire truck.

Among the many Christmas trees in Hawaii, one particular tree was selected for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Base Chapel here. It stands more than 50-feet tall, complete with a variety of colorful lights and festive decorations.

Santa came to town to prepare for his early visit to Hawaii, where he greeted numerous families from the base.

"This is our first time seeing the tree lighting ceremony," said Sara Coates, a Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 spouse. "I can't wait to see the tree when they light it up."

After the opening prayer, the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band played Christmas carol classics, including "Feliz Navidad," "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

"I wanna wish you a merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart," the crowd sang as the band played and children danced along to the popular holiday tunes.

"I thank you all for coming this evening for the tree lighting ceremony," said Col. Brian P. Annichiarico, the base commander, to the crowd. "I just have one question to ask the kids — have you all been good this year?"

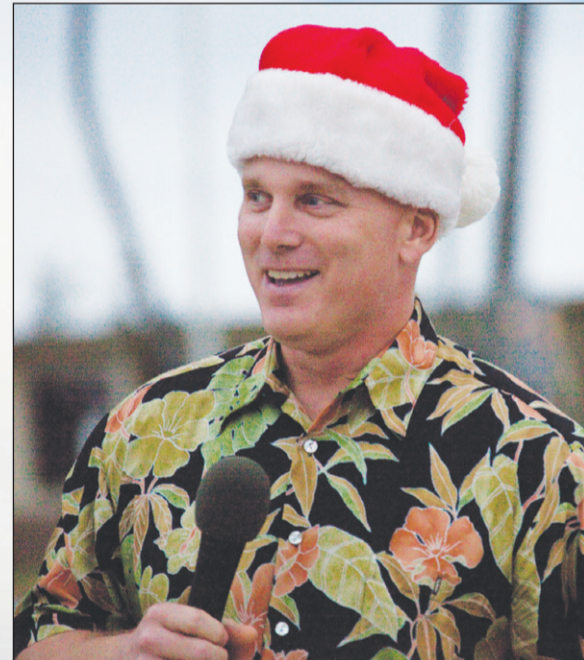
Annichiarico introduced the Mokapu Elementary School coloring and essay contest winners: Adrian Martinez, 1st Grade coloring contest winner, Dulce Euclide, 2nd Grade coloring contest winner, Lydia Rice, overall coloring contest winner, Laura Recklies and Jesus Ramirez, essay contest winners, and Makayla Manion, overall essay winner.

Annichiarico and the contest winners then prepared to light the tree by pushing an oversized plunger.

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"I want to thank you all again for coming out tonight and have a great and safe holiday season," Annichiarico concluded.



Col. Brian P. Annichiarico, base commander, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, gives thanks to the crowd of families who came out to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Base Chapel here, Sunday. "This is our first time seeing the tree lighting ceremony," said a Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 spouse. "I can't wait to see the tree when they light it up."



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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.



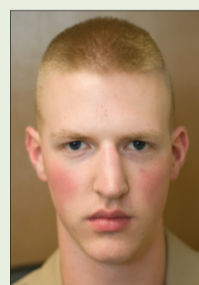
So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, The Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm feel free to submit your own reviews.

Better Know A Critic



COLE

Garrett Cole believes that filmmaking is less about big-budget blockbusters and special effects and more about effectively telling a story through pictures and good screenwriting.



SAUTER

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

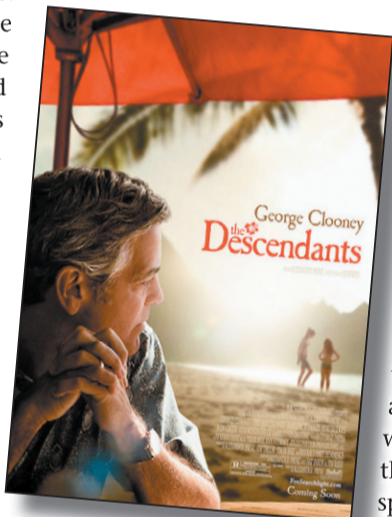
'The Descendants': The strength of family

Garrett Cole

Contributing Writer

Tragedy and resentment are emotions not typically associated with this time of year, and definitely not conventionally used to strengthen family ties. Strangely enough, director Alexander Payne has effectively used emotions like a mid-life crisis as a formula for both character and story development. Payne again proved his ability to captivate audiences by telling an ordinary story, depicting real-life problems and the character's ability to cope with and grow from conflict such as dealing with retirement and loneliness in "About Schmidt."

"The Descendants" follows the journey of Matt King (George Clooney), who is torn between his career, family, and inheritance. King is a successful lawyer on Oahu as well as a descendant of King Kamehameha I. Together with his cousins, King must decide whether or not to sell their inherited land. Even with his current predicament, he and his two daughters are dealing with something even more pressing and time sensitive. King's wife was



put into a coma after a boating accident. Having been physically absent for the majority of his family's lives, he's now faced with having to raise his two daughters alone after terminating his wife's life support. Reality then sets in as King becomes torn with the hard fact that he needs to change his life around for his family, especially after new revelations come out about his wife living a secret life.

Within the first 10 minutes I was happy to see that this was the first movie seen where Hawaii didn't look like a tourist trap.

The film had enough of a local touch that Hawaii audiences could relate and a universal feel that mainland audiences would recognize as well. One intriguing feature was that the plot wasn't anything special, but that's what made the film unique. Conflict in movies typically focus on protagonist

or antagonist relationships and directors sometimes forget that minor problems should receive the same

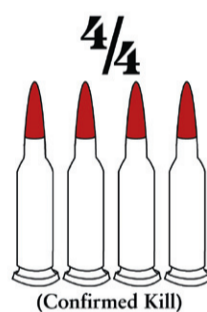
recognition. What stood out to me was that the film had a genuine levity about real life situations without having to work too hard to be funny. It was also one of the best examples of using visuals to tell the story instead of relying on too much dialogue.

The actors are the driving force behind the success of the film. Clooney typically plays more aggressive characters in films such where he played an assassin in "The American" and a fixer in "Michael Clayton." This film was new territory for him and also the first major feature for supporting actress Shailene Woodley who plays King's 17-year-old daughter.

"The Descendants" could be the most defining film of their careers. Both delivered an intense and realistic performance in dealing with their complicated issues.

Overall, the film was a riveting tale of love, loss, tragedy, forgiveness and growth. Payne has delivered a film that will captivate and intrigue audiences with the strength of a family whose love pushes them to overcome their trials and tribulations.

I would recommend this film to anyone looking for a feel-good movie and wants to break away from the big-budget blockbusters.



'The Muppets' are back for a Muppetastic time

Lance Cpl. James A. Sauter

Combat Correspondent

If there's one thing I'm proud of, it's my lively childhood. I grew up on several classics such as "X-Men" and "Pinky and the Brain." I wasn't raised in the generation watching "The Muppets Show," but I knew about them through popular culture.

So when "The Muppets" movie came out in theaters, I'll admit that I was interested in seeing it because it looked like a decent family comedy that everyone could enjoy. I went against the grain since everyone else saw "Twilight," but I've always been a maverick.

The film begins with two brothers, Gary (Jason Segal) and Walter (Peter Linz) growing up together and experiencing some of the childhood drama a majority of people can relate to.

Gary is successful at sports and dating girls while Walter struggles with the fact that he hasn't grown above five feet tall (he's a muppet so bear with me) Walter doesn't know his niche in life, until he discovers "The Muppets Show" and dreams of meeting the stars of the show.

But when he finally has the chance to visit the Muppet studio, Walter is shocked that the studio is being sold and demolished by money mogul Tex Richman (Chris Cooper) for oil drilling. Walter,

Gary and his girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams) set out to reunite the muppet cast, who haven't seen each other for several years, to put on one last show and raise the money to save their studio.

Despite the fact that this film is geared toward a younger audience, it was incredibly humorous and entertaining.

I was worried for a second when the first scene was intentionally made to look like the Sesame Street back lot, but when the setting changed over to Hollywood and the musical dance numbers started going, my worries disappeared.

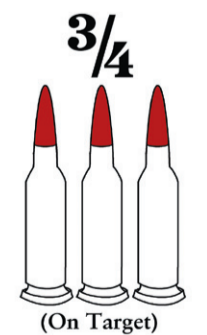
The animation of the inanimate puppets was superb and has come a long way since they first aired on TV.

The techniques of incredibly talented puppeteers bring the characters to life on screen was amusing to watch because it made the puppets realistic realistic and funny. The only thing done

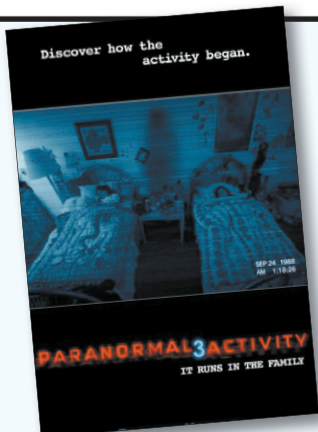
differently in this movie versus the old TV show was the computer techniques that removed the black wires that are used to make the Muppets move their arms and legs.

I thought about how hard it was to put this film together. The filmmakers have to work with puppet animation, puppeteers and live performers and combine that with musical and dance numbers. Anyone who knows anything about movies knows that musicals are one of the hardest genres to make, and "The Muppets" pulled it off quite well. But hey it's the muppets and they've been doing it for decades.

Overall, the film was well-paced, the characters and story were entertaining, and the comedy was actually funny. Take your family and friends, have a good laugh and experience the pop culture phenomenon that is "The Muppets."



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



- "The Three Musketeers" PG13 Today | 7:15 p.m.
- "Footloose" PG13 Today | 9:45 p.m.
- "The Big Year" PG Saturday | 7:15 p.m.
- "Paranormal Activity 3" R Saturday | 9:45 p.m.
- "Johnny English Reborn" PG Sunday | 2 p.m.
- "The Thing" R Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
- "Paranormal Activity 3" R Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN KANEOHE



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The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, performs for spectators lined up along the sidewalk. The parade started from Haiku Road and ended at Castle High School on Kaneohe Bay Drive. Members of the community, including several Hawaii radio stations, schools, churches and other organizations decorated floats which were showcased during the parade.

More helping hands: New child care center opens

Christine Cabalo

Photojournalist

Marine Corps Base Hawaii officials were on hand Monday to greet the newest addition to the base, the Laulima Child Development Center.

After a blessing by Hawaiian priests, the center opened to a tour for base residents and workers. Children on the center's waitlist will be the first to use the new facility when full-time operation starts Dec. 12.

"There was a great need for this facility," said Esta Staples, Marine and Family Services director, Marine Corps Community Services. "In Hawaii, an active duty parent finding infant care can be a challenge. In town it can be rare to find or expensive."

The 17,986 square-foot facility features a full kitchen, laundry room and administrative space in addition to ten classrooms for children. A total of 70 percent of the classrooms are outfitted for infant

and pre-toddler care. However, classrooms can be rearranged for different age groups should base demand change. The new center can accommodate up to 122 children ranging from infants up to 5 years old.

Several sustainable features are built into the new facility, and base officials are seeking certification in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design system. The center includes room lights turned on by sensor and use of sustainable materials.

"I'm excited we'll be working in a more eco-friendly place," said Maria Torres, center director. "I think it will help develop a sense of caring for the environment in the children too. They'll see the sensor lights and know about conserving electricity."

The new center doubles the number of infants and children the Marine and Family Services department can look after, said Janet Hooten, Child, Youth and Teen Program administrator, MCB Hawaii. She said she hopes having another facility in

addition to the two existing centers run by MCCS will help reduce waiting. Those who want their children enrolled in the new center can plan ahead.

"You don't need to wait until your child is born to get on the waitlist," Hooten said. "As soon as parents know and have a doctor's certificate they can get on the list."

Both Staples and Hooten said generally military construction projects may take several years to complete, but congressional figures and the Base Facilities Department helped keep this project on target.

"It's really rewarding to have a new facility," Hooten said. "It's amazing to see it go from design plans to final construction in two years."

In many ways, Hooten said the new center's name is well chosen. In Hawaiian, Laulima means "helping hands" or "working together."

For more information about signing up for the service, call 257-7430.



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Maria Torres and Candice Alesna ceremonially open the new Laulima Child Development Center at Marine Corps Base Hawaii by untying the maile lei during a ceremony held Monday.

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Right: (from left) Alicia C. Sams, 4, Isabella L. Sams, ten-months old, and Leslie M. Sams, 9, visit with Santa Claus during the Mingle and Jingle with Santa Claus at Kahuna's Sports Bar and Grill on base Saturday. "Santa Claus is cool because he gives everyone presents," Leslie said. "I asked him for a horse, but I really want a little pony."

Left: Clifton I. Sams, 2, visits with Santa Claus during the Mingle and Jingle with Santa Claus at Kahuna's Sports Bar and Grill on base Saturday.

Photos by Cpl. Vanessa American Horse | Hawaii Marine



MCCS HOSTS "HOMECOMING NIGHT" FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Courtesy Photo

Base residents order food from the Shogunai Tacos food truck at "Homecoming Night" sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services at Mokapu Mall, Dec. 2. Prizes, discounts and samples were provided by base businesses and local food trucks were ready to serve hungry customers throughout the event.



Courtesy Photo

Santa Claus visits with children at the base Marine Corps Exchange during "Homecoming Night" sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services at Mokapu Mall, Dec. 2. Prizes, discounts and samples were provided by base businesses and local food trucks were ready to serve hungry customers throughout the event.

BASE AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Windward Choral Society fourth annual holiday concert *Today and Saturday*

Today at 7 p.m., artistic director Susan McCreary Duprey and the Windward Choral Society will perform "Tis the Season," the fourth annual holiday concert at the Base Chapel.

There will also be a second performance on Saturday, 7 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church at Koolau. This performance includes traditional Christmas carols and various music from around the globe.

Both concerts are free and the Base Chapel concert is open to those with base access. The concert is dedicated to

the deployed Marines and sailors of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and their families.

West Oahu Pearl Harbor honors KIA *Saturday*

The National Park Service will present a wreath to honor the service members and civilians killed in West Oahu during the Dec. 7, 1941 attacks. The ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. at Barbers Point, Kalaeloa Airport.

The ceremony will also include a Marine Corps Honor Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band. Visitors will also have a chance to see

historical display aircraft, meet with survivors of the attack and see the new high-definition release of "Tora! Tora! Tora!" Guests include several attack survivors and veterans like retired Marine John Hughes, a 92-year-old survivor and Marine Corps Air Station Ewa Field attack veteran. For more information, call 685-3045.

Kapolei Food and Craft Gift Fair *Saturday*

Join in the fun at the Prince Kuhio Community Center to find unique handmade gifts, food and more. The fair also features children's entertainment and prizes. The fair starts at 9 a.m.

Admission and parking is free. For more information, call 457-2703.

Craft Fair *Dec. 15*

On Dec. 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. there will be a craft fair at the Waikulu Community Center, 5081 Bingham Way. Many of the crafters are military spouses or members!

There will be a Toys for Tots donation box on hand. You will receive a coupon toward your craft purchase for each toy donated. There will be tutus, ornaments, jewelry and more. For more information, call Kendra Moss at 783-9477.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MOKAPU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mokapu Gear Sale *Ongoing*

Mokapu logo gear available for sale. Cash or checks should be made payable to Mokapu PTA. Order forms and samples are available to view in P-6. For details email PTAMokapu@gmail.com.!

Winter Wonderland *Today*

Winter Wonderland "secret shopping" will be set up in P-6 (PCNC/Transition Portable) today. Hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 2:45 p.m. Students will be able to come in, shop and purchase small gifts for friends and friends. This is the last opportunity for your child to purchase small gifts for friends and family and also to surprise you with a gift for the holidays!

Toys for Tots Collection *Today*

Please help us support the MCBH Toys for Tots program by donating a new, unwrapped toy for a child in need this holiday season. We will be presenting our Toys for Tots donations to the organization today at the chorus production. If you also bring a new, unwrapped toy that night, you will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate, just in time for the holidays! Thank you for your participation.

Jingle Bell Jukebox *Today*

Mokapu is scheduled to present "Jingle Bell

Jukebox" today at 7 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

PTA Reflections Contest *Tonight*

The local level "Reflections Contest" winners will be announced at the chorus production tonight at 7 p.m. Please join us as we honor our outstanding students.

Parent Coffee Hour/CPC Meeting *Dec. 14*

The Parent Community Networking Center is holding a coffee hour and classroom parent coordinator meeting in the school cafeteria from 8-9 a.m. Please bring a breakfast treat to share as you meet with other Mokapu Elementary School supporters.

Papa John's Pizza Night *Dec. 15*

Support Mokapu by ordering pizza! Place your order for Dec. 15, and submit the price sticker from the side of the box to the front office or to P-6. Papa John's donates a portion of the sales directly back to Mokapu. This is a great way for our community to help our school.

Winter Break *Dec. 16-Jan. 3*

Students will be out of school from Friday, Dec. 16 through Jan. 3. School will resume Wednesday, Jan. 4. Happy Holidays!

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BIRD?



The months of November and December make up the "annual shearwater fallout" season on base and around the islands.

Juvenile wedge-tailed shearwaters (seabirds) that are learning to fly often get disoriented by city lights, and fly inland instead of toward the sea.

Consequently they fall to ground and get injured or become vulnerable to predators or other hazards.

If found, please contact the Military Police Department at 257-2123.

Military Police will mobilize designated personnel who will take follow-on actions to rescue and safely re-release these birds to the wild or to rehab.