

# Hawaii Marine



Pfc. Paris Capers | Marine Corps Base Quantico

Sgt. Nathaneal J. Brannan, at left, a combat instructor with 3rd Marine Regiment, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven D. Dacre, hospital corpsman, 3rd Marine Regiment, and the other recipients stand with their Marine Corps League Awards during a presentation ceremony Wednesday at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. "I received the award on the parade grounds at Quantico by the Assistant Commandant and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps in person," Dacre said. "I felt honored to be selected for this award and it was a humbling experience to be there."

## 3rd Regiment Marine, sailor awarded by Marine Corps League

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

A Marine and a sailor with 3rd Marine Regiment were both recognized by the Marine Corps League at the 2011 Enlisted Awards for their significant contributions to combat readiness in ground and medical support elements. Sgt. Nathaneal J. Brannan, combat instructor, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven D. Dacre, hospital corpsman, received their awards Wednesday at

the 31st annual Modern Day Marine Military Exposition at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. "I served as staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the 3rd Marine Regiment Training Support Center, teaching service members everything from basic marksmanship to combat tactics," Brannan said. "I had a great chain of command who recognized the work I have done with my Marines." Nominees underwent a very competitive selection process that went

to the highest levels at Headquarters Marine Corps. Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Michael P. Barrett made the final recommendations to the Marine Corps League for the awards. "I received the award on the parade grounds at Quantico by the Assistant Commandant and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps in person," Dacre said. "I felt honored to be selected for this award and it was a humbling experience

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## French marines train with 2/3 in allied exercise

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A French platoon of 35 airborne marines came to Marine Corps Base Hawaii last week for the ongoing joint training exercise Americal with Marines from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. The French platoon from the 8th Parachutist Infantry Regiment arrived Sept. 22, and their training with the Marines is scheduled to conclude Oct. 10. The French marines will follow 2/3's training schedule during their time here. As part of the exercise, the Marine Corps sent one platoon from Fox Company, 2/3, to

French New Caledonia, an island northeast of Australia, where the remainder of the French regiment is currently training. *See FRENCH, A-8*

A French airborne marine escapes from the helicopter egress trainer at the pool here Tuesday during the joint U.S.-French training exercise Americal. "The kind of training we're doing with the French is peculiar," said Staff Sgt. Stephan Kaphart, platoon commander, Fox Company, 2/3. "The kind of training like the obstacle course and helo dunker is the same in France, but ours is more difficult."



Pfc. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

## CLB-3 officers hear wisdom of former Vietnam POW

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

Retired Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee speaks to Combat Logistics Battalion 3 officers during a professional military education session at The Officers' Club here Sept. 22 about his overwhelming experiences while being held prisoner at the "Hanoi Hilton" prison camp for seven years during the Vietnam War. The audience listened to Coffee in amazement as he told them about the tap language he developed for communicating and used it to teach art history and in turn learn petroleum engineering.



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Officers from Combat Logistics Battalion 3 listened to a motivational speech by former prisoner of war and retired Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee during professional military education on base Sept. 22. Coffee was a naval aviator flying reconnaissance missions over Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam War. While on a mission over North Vietnam, Coffee was injured after his plane was shot down. He was captured by the North Vietnamese Army and taken to the Hoa Lo Prison, notoriously known as "Hanoi Hilton," and spent the next seven years at the POW camp enduring harsh torture

and unbearable living conditions. Before the PME started, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ronald Wilckens, explosive ordnance disposal officer, CLB-3, introduced Coffee and read his numerous awards and decorations, both military and civilian, which include a Silver Star, a Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Star Medals and two Purple Hearts. After being taken to the prison camp in Vietnam, Coffee said he couldn't believe that he had been captured and thrown into prison. For days he was tortured and locked in a small prison cell, Coffee prayed and asked why this was happening to him. Gradually, Coffee's prayers changed, asking God to help him survive imprisonment and come out a stronger person.

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## USO gala raises more than \$60,000

**Kristen Wong**  
*Photojournalist*

**HONOLULU** — More than 350 guests entered the United Services Organization's second annual gala in style — beneath the steel blades of the Punahou School Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps' sabers, Saturday evening. More than \$60,000 was raised at the gala, which was held on the grounds of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. The funds will go toward various USO programs which benefit the military. "When you think in terms of how much goodness this can translate to, that will directly benefit our military ohana, as we lift up their spirits with more morale and service programs throughout the year," said Eva Laird Smith, the director of USO Hawaii.

The evening kicked off with boat tours to the USS Arizona Memorial, and refreshments for guests mingling among the stone monuments and the main center. As the sun cast a terrific orange and purple hue to the sky upon its descent below the horizon, The Chris Vandercook Jazz Ensemble serenaded civilians and service members dressed in their finest uniforms or aloha attire. To compliment the ensemble were the vocals of USO JustJazz competition first place winner Susie Walsh Eubank, dressed in a sparking blue gown and a flower nestled above her ear. "It was a terrific event," said Sgt. Maj. Robert Eriksson, base sergeant major, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "I think it was a great setting ... hearing all those patriotic songs, to be on those grounds and to know what happened there [made it special]." Even for the guests who didn't have ties with the military could get a little insight into what the USO does and what the military does. I hope next year they hold it in the same place." Eriksson, who attended the gala with his wife, said he enjoyed the meal and the entertainment. Eriksson, who has visited the USO Airport Center in Honolulu, calls the USO volunteers "fantastic." "You would never guess they were a volunteer," Eriksson said. "[The] customer service

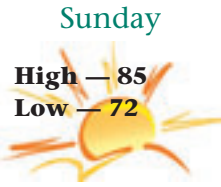
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**We are the champions**  
Terror Squad battles Postal for championship  
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**Island Tour**  
Service members take tour around island  
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## Legal Assistance Office closure

## Hilltop Pool closure

## ING Direct 25k Run (Mokapu Gate closure)

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Rosado also said she believed this camp was teaching her new cadets unit cohesion, which is important for young leaders to experience.



Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

**Cadets in the Navy Junior ROTC program at Kalaheo High School listen to corpsmen as they teach the students about first aid at Waterfront Operations on base Sept. 23.**

When asked about what she wants to take out of this program, Rosado said, "I actually just want to be a good leader and teach the cadets in ROTC about how cool military life can be."

# MCB Hawaii holds motorcycle safety stand down

## Rochelle Smolinski

## Photojournalist

"These courses aren't going to make you experts by any means," Diprete said. "It will give you a bit more of an edge, but the onus is on the rider to kind

# BASE SAFETY MOTORCYCLE CLASS SCHEDULES

## OCTOBER 2011

DATE	TIME	CLASS	LOCATION
4 – 5 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Basic Rider Course	Conf Rm/Classroom
7 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Military Sport Bike Rider Course	Classroom
13 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Experienced Rider Course	Classroom
14 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Military Sport Bike Rider Course	Classroom
18 – 19 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Basic Rider Course	Conf Rm
21 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Military Sport Bike Rider Course	Classroom
25 – 26 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Basic Rider Course (Novice)	Conf Rm
27 Oct.	0730 - 1600	Experienced Rider Course	Conf Rm



# AROUND THE CORPS

## Fallen Marine remembered

Cpl. Michael Minor, an assistant patrol leader for 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, gives a command to the rifle detail during the memorial service for Cpl. Michael Dutcher at Patrol Base Fires, Sept. 20.



Cpl. Nathan McCord | 2nd Marine Division

**Cpl. Benjamin Crilly**  
*Regimental Combat Team 8*

**PATROL BASE FIRES, Helmand province, Afghanistan** — Kind, passionate, resourceful, knowledgeable, humble and brave: those were just some of the words fellow Marines used to describe Cpl. Michael Dutcher during a memorial service for the Asheville, N.C., native at Patrol Base Fires, Sept. 20.

Dutcher, a team leader for 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, was killed in action Sept. 15, while on patrol in Sangin, Afghanistan.

Even before paying the ultimate price for freedom, the 2007 Asheville High School graduate and Junior ROTC cadet gave himself to the platoon in many ways as an individual, a teacher and as a natural leader. He didn't fit the look of a stereotypical lean, mean, chisel-jawed Marine, but every day he proved wrong what first impressions would lead one to believe.

"Cpl. Dutcher was one of my first Marines as a platoon commander when I checked into the unit," said 1st Lt. Charles Poulton. "When I first looked at him, I saw this little guy with tiny spectacles that did not do much for his command presence."

Anyone who drew conclusions about Dutcher's character based on his appearance alone were proven wrong in short order. He was known for his courage. His intelligence kept him keenly aware of risks he faced, yet he still volunteered for dangerous

assignments; his rationale was to keep his brothers safe.

Dutcher was engaged and had made plans for when he got back from Afghanistan and after he got out of the Marine Corps.

"He often talked about having a family with Rachael (Dutcher's fiancée), watching his kids grow and being a teacher," said Cpl. Dan Wheeler, a fellow team leader who served with Dutcher in 1st Plt., and in 2nd Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Company when the two were assigned to Marine Corps Security Forces. "But looking back, in a way, he already did. He was able to see many of the young Marines in this platoon grow into who they are today. He taught all of them things from Marine Corps knowledge to all those useless and random facts that have nothing to do with the conversation."

Dutcher was a gold mine of information regardless of the topic. He was the platoon's go-to man when equipment failed and kept the platoon going whether or not he had a manual.

"Cpl. Dutcher was the smartest man with the most useless facts," said Cpl. Victor Sierra, a fellow team leader with 1st Plt. "He could tell you how many grains of salt fit into a 4-ounce container or how if you put a 9-volt battery and a light bulb in a metal container you could make your own microwave."

"AskJeeves.com had nothing on Cpl. Dutcher," said Sierra. "He was our own AskDutcher.com."

He lived up to his role as a non-commissioned officer by training junior Marines with classes using his familiar voice.

"He would make a 10 minute class seem like it would take two hours because he would talk in a monotone voice," recalled Sierra. "I am always going to miss that about Dutch."

"But he also taught us all how to live selflessly," said Wheeler.

Dutcher did this through the way he carried himself and by putting his Marines before himself. During his life and in his death, he always made sure that the guy to his left and the man to right were taken care of professionally and personally. At times he did it by just being himself and pressing on with a smile on his face and his recognizable mud-covered glasses from a patrol.

"Cpl. Dutcher was the nicest person around. He did everything for his brothers," said Sierra. "He would never complain. You would rarely see him without a smile on his face."

Dutcher lived and died selflessly for those he loved and served with to ensure they made it home. It was a pure love that others emulated and admired him for.

"Cpl. Dutcher had one mission and one mission only: make his platoon better no matter what he had to do," said Poulton. "Cpl. Dutcher had no ego to feed, no desire to seek credit for a job well done; only a strong desire to have his platoon succeed."

## Long-distance capable sights: New optic enhances heavy machine guns



Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning | Marine Corps Installations Pacific

**Lance Cpl. Matthew D. Khamsihong**, a motor transport operator with III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, fires the MK19 while using a new optic system Aug. 14. The system is designed to increase the weapon's accuracy.

**Lance Cpl. Matthew Manning**  
*Marine Corps Installations Pacific*

**CAMP HANSEN, Japan** — Marines from various units within III Marine Expeditionary Force trained with the first optics system specifically designed for the MK19 and M2 .50-caliber Browning machine gun at Range Two on Camp Hansen, Sept. 14.

The system, inspired by the rifle combat optic, squad day optic and machine gun day optic for the M16 service rifle, M249 squad automatic weapon and M240B machine gun, respectively, was field-tested by the Marines for potential incorporation into the Marine Corps' arsenal, said Kenneth Silvers, the new equipment trainer for Marine Corps Systems Command, Headquarters Marine Corps.

The training was a two-day evolution consisting of both classroom time and time on the firing line.

"The first day, we gave the Marines a class on the heavy machine gun sighting system," said Silvers. "The second day of training consisted of the live-fire portion of the new equipment training package."

While conducting the practical application portion of the new equipment training, Marines fired practice rounds from the MK19 40mm automatic grenade launcher.

"There is no high-explosive charge with these rounds, but the Marines are still wearing full personal-protective equipment," said 2nd Lt. Erik B. Salzman, platoon commander for Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

The new heavy machine gun optic consists of the M520 ballistic extended rail mount, the M521 heavy day optic and the SUQ31 reflex sight, according to Lance Cpl. Matthew D. Khamsihong, a motor transport operator with III MEF Headquarters Group, III MEF.

According to Salzman, the sight system, with all its various pieces, appears large and confusing at first.

"The system can be a little intimidating at first," said Salzman. "There are a lot of moving parts on it. Once we have given the Marines a class on the new system, and they receive range time with the sights, I am confident they will be able to effectively employ the sights when they are deployed."

One of the dangers in using iron sights on heavy machine guns is the potential for friendly fire incidents when engaging long distance targets, he said. This new optic system decreases that risk by allowing better target identification.

"Normally, any MK19 or .50-caliber gunner would end up using only the basic iron sites," said Khamsihong. "With this system, it improves our accuracy a lot by allowing us to actually sight-in and fire."

The reason for the development of a heavy machine gun optic is so Marines are able to quickly and accurately engage hostile forces, Silvers said.

"The system was designed to improve first-round hit capability," said Silvers. "So if we can accurately estimate the range to the target, the first burst coming out of the gun should make contact with the target. If it doesn't, the day optic has a mil pattern inside which directly relates to the traverse and elevation mechanism for both of the guns. The gunner can look through the scope, see where he missed the target, and based upon that mil reading, he can actually apply that to the 'T' and 'E,' so the second burst should always be on target."

"It drastically increases the lethality of both weapon systems," he added.

The design of the heavy machine gun optic still has potential for some change, Silvers said.

As Marines deploy and use this optic in combat situations, the feedback they give on how they think the system should operate can potentially influence design changes in the next five years, said Silvers.

Find a video demonstrating this weapon system at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KBoh729ink](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KBoh729ink).

## Killing Time: A sanctuary of spades

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

**MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.** — Dimly lit by the neon glow of chem lights, Lance Cpl. Jared Honeyman escapes from his day into a sanctuary of spades.

Seated in his tent on a box of meals, ready-to-eat, he draws a deck of cards from the cargo pocket of his utility trousers. He deals cards out to three friends seated around him, and in return, receives an equal number of sarcastic comments. A balmy desert heat permeates the air, ignoring the fact the sun has long since disappeared below the horizon.

Honeyman's days are long and often boring. He rotates through a tedious cycle of standing post, picking up trash and practicing infantry skills. Playing spades is his escape from the grind of grunt life.

"After training and working in the heat all day, it's a good mental break from the stress and monotony of being here," Honeyman said. "Everything we're doing has a purpose, but there is always down time. Sleeping gets old."

Though Honeyman sits among infantrymen, he isn't one. He's an administrative specialist-turned-grunt with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment's Guard Force Platoon. Since he's a POG — the grunts' affectionate name for "personnel other than grunts" — there's a gap he needs to bridge. By opening conversation over spades, he steps into their personalities and family lives.

"Even if we only have a few minutes, we throw down a game, open up and break the ice ... that barrier," Honeyman said. "A simple card game builds a common bond and gives us a chance to compete. We're Marines; competition filters into everything we do."

Necessity didn't lead him here. At home in Tulsa, Okla., a short while ago, the 26-year-old was near completing a bachelor's degree and managing his successful lawn maintenance business. But he knew money and book knowledge didn't equal life experience.

As he relaxes and festers in a filthy, sweat-starched uniform, he's experiencing life. Honeyman doesn't say it, but he knows he's somewhat crazy to have left what he had. He wanted a challenge, and in this moment, it's winning a card game and fighting to convince he's been wearing sunscreen. A toothy grin and leathery red face kill his argument.

In the desert, Honeyman's been humbled by filling sand bags and serving chow. These menial tasks have adjusted his perspective. They've helped him relate to the boiling pot of Marines with which he lives and works.

"We've come from different walks of life, been thrown into this platoon and are expected to ace our mission," he said. "Simple things like playing cards help us build trust, so when crap hits the fan, you know the other Marines will be there for you — whether it's in our personal lives or on patrol."

The days leading up to his deployment to Afghanistan are long, but the weeks go fast ... and Honeyman's key to relaxation is only a cargo pocket away.



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

**Lance Cpl. Jared Honeyman** (left) escapes into a sanctuary of Spades with friends following a day of pre-deployment training on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 3.



# REHEARSING FOR WAR

## Marines of 'America's Battalion' train for Afghan battlefield



**Cpl. Reece Lodder**

*3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment*

Lance Cpl. Theodore McCormick, a machine gunner with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, prepares to load an amphibious assault vehicle to begin Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 2 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 16. During the Enhanced Mojave Viper training exercise here, the Marines of "America's Battalion" are training to kill enemy fighters by practicing counterinsurgency operations. McCormick is from Erie, Colo.

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



Lance Cpls. Channing Bergen and Matthew Adair, riflemen with India Company, 3/3, hold watch over a detainee at an entry control point during CHB 2 at Range 210, Sept. 15. Bergen, 19, is from Waterloo, Wis. Adair, 22, is from Germantown, Wis. Next month, "America's Battalion" will deploy to Afghanistan's Helmand province to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

**MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.** — Storming through the desert on helicopters and tracked vehicles, the Marines of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, practiced counterinsurgency operations during Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 2 at Range 210 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., from Sept. 14 to 19.

Greeted by a bronze sunrise, infantrymen with India, Kilo and Lima Companies took turns loading up and departing their combat outpost. Though the objective wasn't far, their movement was painstakingly slow. Marred by enemy anti-air assets, the helos, tracked vehicles and supporting tanks navigated the route and destroyed aggressors.

Prosecuting these enemy targets enabled the Marines to set the battlefield's condition before moving onto it, 1st Lt. William Peters, the executive officer for Kilo Co., 3/3, said.

Hours later, they escaped the confines of metal to begin their work. Squads of infantrymen bounded through the village flanked by M1A1 Abrams tanks. Dodging simulated explosions, they rooted out the enemy by shooting green upper-body silhouettes posted in buildings and window frames.

Lance Cpl. Joshua Leventhal, a team leader with Kilo Co., 3/3, said the range was a reality check needed before deployment.

"We're faced with targets, but they aren't notional any more," Leventhal, 22, from Orlando, said. "If we're not accurate, they aren't going down. In Afghanistan, accuracy over volume is a lifesaver."

Leventhal is itching to leave on his second deployment. For seven months, his seniority will demand both maturity and proficiency.

"I'm directing my team now, instead of only being a trigger-puller," Leventhal said. "My Marines are looking to me, as their leader, to make the right call. In training, the alternative can be corrected easily. In combat, you can't take it back."

The village quieted upon completion of the Marines' attack. The sky's blue tones shifted back to orange, and then to the black of night.

But the fight wasn't over. From their defensive position, mortar men with Weapons Company, 3/3, and Kilo Co. machine gunners repealed an enemy counter-attack. Supported by artillery and attack helicopters, they drowned the enemy in fiery explosions and hails of neon tracer rounds.

"We're practicing twice as hard here," Lance Cpl. Chris Gazley, a radio operator with Kilo Co., 3/3, said. "We know we won't always have the time to react. Firefights can go down in seconds ... he who hesitates is lost."

As the sunrise signaled a new day, the Marines began re-building their rapport with the village's citizens — role-playing Afghans.

Peters said the transition from attacking aggressors in a village to integrating back into it is very realistic to what the Marines of 3/3 will face in Afghanistan.

During 3/3's deployment to Helmand province's Nawa district last year, Peters said Kilo Co. transitioned from a daytime firefight to a meeting with village elders the same evening.

"Sometimes we need to be very aggressive in pursuing targets," Peters, 25, from St. Louis, said. "At other times, we need to focus on pursuing information and sitting down with village elders."

During the Enhanced Mojave Viper training exercise here, the Marines of "America's Battalion" are training to kill enemy fighters by practicing counterinsurgency operations. Next month, they'll deploy to Afghanistan's Helmand province to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

"The deployment is going to be long and hard," Leventhal said. "We won't get the job done overnight, but our work will pave the way for future battalions. We're anxious to get there and fight the enemy."



Cpl. Richard Mikesell, a squad leader with Kilo Co., 3/3, digs in a machine gun position during CHB 2 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 16. Mikesell, 23, is from Chubbuck, Idaho. "We won't get the job done overnight," said Lance Cpl. Joshua Leventhal, a team leader with Kilo Co., 3/3. "But our work will pave the way for future battalions."



Marines with Lima Company, 3/3, load a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter to begin Exercise Clear, Hold, Build 2, Sept. 18. The battalion's line companies — India, Kilo and Lima — each arrived by helicopters or tracked vehicles to clear enemy activity from the village, establish security and rebuild rapport with local nationals.



Marines with Kilo Co., 3/3, bound down the battlefield during CHB 2 on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 16. Squads of infantrymen bounded through the village flanked by M1A1 Abrams tanks. Dodging simulated explosions, they rooted out the enemy by shooting green upper-body silhouettes posted in buildings and window frames. "Sometimes we need to be very aggressive in pursuing targets," said 1st Lt. William Peters, the executive officer for Kilo Co., 3/3. "At other times, we need to focus on pursuing information and sitting down with village elders." During 3/3's deployment to Helmand province's Nawa district last year, Peters said Kilo Co. transitioned from a daytime firefight to a meeting with village elders the same evening.



# Voices of Religious Tolerance speak in Garmsir

**Cpl. Colby Brown**

*Regimental Combat Team 5*

**GAMRSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan** — More than 100 district and community leaders from Helmand province attended the Voice of Religious Tolerance reunion shura here, Sept. 14.

The VORT program was originally a partnered initiative between the Afghan government, the Kingdom of Jordan, Regimental Combat Team 1 and the U.S. Department of State that exposed 30 key leaders from Nawa, Marjah, Garmsir, and Lashkar Gah districts to a prosperous, moderate and modern Islamic society.

The attendees visited several historic religious sites, listened to lectures and engaged in discussions with Jordanian government and religious leaders. Like most people in Helmand, the attendees had never experienced tolerance and cooperation across the religious spectrum.

“What they walked away from the trip with is an understanding that if all the tribes get along and are at peace with one another, infrastructural progress will increase,” said Capt. Joshua Cavan, the assistant operations officer for 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. “It shows them that Islam and religious tolerance can coexist.”

Witnessing positive interaction between Jordanians of different Islamic sects and other faiths, like Christianity,



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**Gamsir District Governor Mohammed Fahim speaks during the Voices of Religious Tolerance reunion shura here, Sept. 14. The VORT program was originally a partnered initiative between the Afghan government, the Kingdom of Jordan, Regimental Combat Team 1 and the U.S. Department of State that exposed 30 key leaders from Nawa, Marjah, Garmsir, and Lashkar Gah districts to a prosperous, moderate and modern Islamic society. The program's key themes of tolerance and cooperation with Muslims and non-Muslims alike were reinforced by district officials during the reunion shura.**

brought to light the benefits of a society in which people of different faiths can peacefully coexist. The program's key themes of tolerance and cooperation with Muslims and non-Muslims alike were reinforced by district officials during the reunion shura.

“The point of VORT is to counter the insurgent forces message that the only way to live is through radical, misguided

Islamic teaching,” said Cavan, a native of Amherst, N.Y. “And because many people here are so culturally isolated, they only know the insurgent way of Islam.”

Since Garmsir is a rural community, with much of the district isolated from its major population center, most religious teachings spread by word of mouth. “They have these shuras in all the

districts of Helmand and they have good effects with the local people,” said Haji Abdul Razaq, the Huquoq, or magistrate, for Garmsir. “It’s good to teach the Garmsir people about different religions and to teach them about Islam directly from the Quran. That way they won’t wonder if something is from the Taliban or not, they will know for themselves what the Quran says.”

“The experience of being included in VORT has been interesting,” said Cavan. “There are a lot of people who are very knowledgeable about their religion but at the same time there are people who don’t know much about what their religion actually teaches.”

“The focus [of the program] is teaching the basics of their religion. Tolerance goes along with the religious teachings of Islam,” said Cavan.

“For example, the Nawa district governor’s main point was that Islam doesn’t teach the murder of innocents, which insurgents have done through improvised explosive devices,” said Cavan. “Those who attended agreed with him.”

Planning has already begun for a second trip to Jordan due to the initial success of the VORT program. Afghan leaders are looking to build on this success by including participants from other parts of Helmand province not yet exposed to the program. Ideally, the next trip will provide 30 more local leaders the opportunity to witness a successful, religiously tolerant society first hand.

## Afghan government, 1/3 Marines build for a better education

**Cpl. Colby Brown**

*Regimental Combat Team 5*

**GARMSIR DISTRICT, Helmand province, Afghanistan** — Pencils, paper and backpacks are piled high in the corner of a school office. Down the hall, local children eagerly wait on the edges of their seats. The District Governor, District Chief of Police and local Kandak Commander, aided by elders and local farmers, grab fistfuls of pencils, stuff the backpacks full and walk to the entryway of the classrooms.

Excited shouts erupt from inside. Children lean over the front of their desks, as if to say ‘me first, me first,’ and the district leaders begin to pass out the school supplies.

Minutes earlier everyone was outside, watching a pair of scissors slice through a decorative ribbon.

Three months before that, the children were sitting cross-legged on the ground in dusty, hole-ridden tents with notebooks in their laps.

“We are so happy that a school was built,” said Mamor Zarifshah, a native of Garmsir. “It will help our children become doctors, teachers or engineers.”

The ribbon was cut Sept. 13 after more than six months of planning and construction for the permanent school building. It replaced three tent schools in the Laki area of Garmsir and is part of a focus the Afghan government and 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment have of supporting betterment of the education system in the district.

Families and friends of the Marines and sailors in 1/3 joined the effort, sending care packages full of school supplies for Garmsir children.

The Laki School is proposed to house 100 students. Sgt. Ryan Smith thinks that more will come as the school year moves forward.

“I feel that as the school year progresses, more students will attend,”

said Smith, a civil affairs non-commissioned officer with Weapons Company. “It’s hard to gauge the amount of students that will come just off the opening day.”

“More schools mean more opportunity to learn, which will help for a better transition of Afghanistan,” added Smith. “[The children will change] from bored youth to educated and engaged students learning more than just the norm of an agricultural life. [The school] opens more opportunities for the younger Afghans of Garmsir.”

The Laki School is intended to be a local high school for the area. Children up to the age of 18 will attend, studying subjects like math, Pashtu, Dari, biology, religion, reading and writing.

“The school is important because it’s one of the first the government of Afghanistan has built in this area,” said Capt. Andrew Gourgoumim, Weapons Company commander and native of Boston, Mass. “It replaced a tent school and represents the credibility and commitment that government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has in this area.”

Along with the Laki School, more than 10 other schools are under construction. Second Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment started the process of building permanent structures, constructing five schools during their deployment last year. Upon arriving in Garmsir, 1/3 “kept the ball rolling” by planning the construction of schools in the major populated areas of the district. Construction is scheduled to be completed on all the schools by the end of this school year. The cumulative efforts of 2/1 and 1/3 will ensure almost half the schools in Garmsir are permanent structures.

“It gives me great satisfaction knowing there was once a low education level and an infrastructure that was slowly spreading throughout southern Garmsir, to now improved higher levels of

education and wide spread acceptance of infrastructure” said Smith. “From tents to actual concrete buildings.”

Each school is estimated to be the around the same size as the Laki School. When construction is finished more than 2,000 children will be able to go to school in a permanent building vice a tent.

“When you say Garmsir, you’re talking about a very large place with a spread out population,” said 1st Lt. Paul Mooney, assistant team leader of Garmsir’s Civil Affairs team. “Because of this, there previously hasn’t been much focus on schools because the area is so big. So it is satisfying to start the process of bringing better education to Garmsir.”

In accordance with Islamic tradition, boys are segregated from girls during school. Of the 13 schools planned by 1/3, three of the schools will specifically be for Afghan girls.

The Afghan Ministry of Education monitors each school, and Garmsir teachers recently finished an instructor’s course to kick off the new school year.

“Everything, every project we do, kind of ties

together,” added Mooney. “Better roads means you can get to the school easier, more bridges means you can get to the roads quicker, everything falls into place. But the construction of schools has been our main focus.”

The focus on education in Garmsir is an effect of coalition forces’ main mission in Afghanistan, partnering with the Afghan National Security Forces to provide a secure atmosphere for the Afghan government to continue to develop a sound infrastructure for the district.



Cpl. Colby Brown | Regimental Combat Team 5

**Local boys wait to receive bags of school supplies during the opening of a new school here, Sept. 13. The Afghan government and 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, have focused on developing the Garmsir school system and have planned the construction of more than 10 schools in the district.**





Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

Pfc. Ronald R. Miller, Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, shoots at targets downrange while qualifying with the M240G machine gun Sept. 16 at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility. Sgt. Stuart W. Lafollette, Combat Assault Company, stands beside Miller to coach and analyze the areas of impact during fire. The unit has undergone various training exercises in recent months, from beach assault tactics at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows to qualifying with their heavy weapons.

# COMBAT ASSAULT COMPANY TEARS THROUGH TARGETS

**Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber**

*Combat Correspondent*

The sound of bullets piercing targets echoed through the hills, as Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment’s Combat Assault Company met at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility to shoot and qualify with their .50-caliber machine guns, M240G medium machine gun and 40 mm grenade launchers Sept. 16.

Amphibious assault vehicles lined up facing hilltop targets on the far side of the range. A coach was set up in each AAV to assist the Marines while shooting. These coaches were also there to answer any questions the shooter might have.

“This trains us and helps us get more comfortable with using these weapons,” Lance Cpl. Emmanuel Paul, AAV crewmember, CAC, said. “The more you shoot the more comfortable you get, so in real life situations you won’t be surprised but we’ll know exactly what to do.”

The unit has undergone various amounts of training in recent months, from beach assault tactics at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows to qualifying with their heavy weapons.

“We’re trackers and we have to stay ready in case we are called to the fight next,” Lance Cpl. Trevor Johnson, AAV operator, CAC, said. “For the last couple of months

we’ve been on the go. But it’s training like this that keeps us ready.”

Many targets were hit in the distance as the shooters were given a pass or fail for their performance.

Capt. Matthew Pizzulli, commanding officer of CAC, was there to watch and analyze his Marines in action.

According to Paul, learning beach assault tactics and mastering the AAV weapons systems is a vital role in CAC’s main mission of providing support, transportation, and communication in combat or other operations.

“Guys are working hard,” Paul said. “Anytime we’re able to come out and do stuff like this, it’s always a good time and we also learn a lot.”

The company’s role is broad considering all that they offer to the Marine Corps. Long days of training continue to sharpen the skills of these Marines, whether they are AAV operators, crewmembers, or mechanics.

“This is a great battalion,” Johnson said. “We are part of a great unit and it seems like everything is falling into place.”

From the communications Marine who sits by the turret to the AAV operator in the pit, every Marine has a vital job in the unit. However, like all Marines, their first job was becoming riflemen, and by continuously training hard, they are ready to fight in any clime and place.

## USO, from A-1

is always fantastic ... even if they’ve seen you a hundred times they welcome you. They’re happy to see you, they’re happy to serve the military. [It] makes it much nicer when you use the facilities.”

The guests enjoyed a slideshow, highlighting the mission of the USO, and dined on salad, opakapaka and cheesecake.

Thomas Kolstad, the vice president of the USO Pacific Region, flew from Okinawa, Japan, to attend the gala. He thanked various people including sponsors, the council, the service members and their families.

“I want to thank each and everyone of you in uniform tonight, [and] those of you who have been in uniform in the past, for keeping our country free ... I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Andy Kaye Walsh, a spouse of a high-ranking Naval officer, was chosen as the keynote speaker for the gala. In her speech, Walsh praised several programs within the USO such as the United Through Reading program.

“Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts as I extend my heartfelt and true gratitude to the USO for all that you do for the military ohana and the many, many lives that you touch,” Walsh said.

Walsh also recognized Dolores Hope, entertainer and wife of Bob Hope, both of whom contributed their time to the USO.

“She was titled the first lady of the USO,” Walsh said. “At the ripe, beautiful and elegant age of 102, she bid us farewell. Dolores gave much to her family, our troops and many charitable organizations like the USO and may she rest in peace.”

Sponsors of the gala were recognized for their contributions, the evening ended with a singing performance by The Liberty Belles, made up of several former Miss Hawaiis, and a hula performance from the current Miss Hawaii, Lauren Cheape.

Navy Capt. Jeff James, the commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, called the gala an “opportunity to give thanks to the USO for all they do and to recognize the sacrifices of not only the service member but their families as well.”

“I can think of no more fitting venue to hold such an event than the World War II Valor in the Pacific,” James said.

He said the venue was fitting because the USO originally started during World War II, and the gala was held at the location where World War II started.

“We hope to carry this tradition that we started last year, with our first gala at the Governor’s Mansion, Washington Place,” Smith said. “We hope to provide even more unique, exciting, and truly memorable honoring events for our Military and their families as a gesture of thanks and honoring, as USO Hawaii moves forward in its organizational history on our islands.”



COFFEE, from A-1

Coffee said his key to survival was in four different aspects of faith. “When I say faith, I don’t immediately mean spiritual faith but that’s a part of it; faith in myself to pursue my duty to very best of my ability; faith, in one another, my comrades, family and even the Vietnamese; faith in my country — America, our institutions, our cause as a nation at every given time; and faith in my God, the foundation of them all.”

To pass the time in prison, Coffee would walk in his cell — three steps and then turn around — for miles a day. He would exercise with nothing more than old-fashioned push-ups and crunches.

To communicate with the other inmates, Coffee helped develop a form of communication they called tap code. He organized the alphabet into a five-by-five matrix with the letter “A” in the top left

AWARDS, from A-1

to be there.”

Dacre’s contributions to 3rd Marine Regiment included making 2nd Battalion medically combat ready by ordering the supplies needed for deployment during combat operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Dacre said his contributions wouldn’t have changed anything if his junior corpsman had devoted more of their time to mission accomplishment.

Brannan and Dacre have earned other numerous accomplishments and titles before being nominated to the Marine Corps League.

Brannan has two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals with Combat V, is a black belt instructor in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, a Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival, and a combat instructor at Infantry Leaders Course, School of Infantry West Detachment Hawaii here.

“As an infantryman, I was very humbled to be given the responsibility of training Marines,” Brannan said. “There’s nothing I’m more passionate about than training others.”

Dacre has been awarded both Navy and Marine Corps Achievement and Commendation Medals and was the senior corpsman for Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, during a deployment to Iraq in 2008.

“I’m glad that I’ve represented 3rd Marines as a corpsman,” Dacre said. “This battalion is the best I’ve worked with and I thank my chiefs for selecting me to represent them as well.”

FRENCH, from A-1

Marines of 2/3 and their French counterparts began the exercise with the obstacle course at the Boondocker training area and the helicopter egress trainer at the base pool, which simulates a helicopter emergency landing in the water. Known by most as the “helo dunker,” passengers must use a breathing apparatus and then escape the submerged fuselage after it has turned upside down.

“This is my first time doing helo dunker training,” French Pfc. Anthony Bourriaud, 8th Parachutist Infantry Regiment, said. “This is my first time coming to Hawaii, and it’s also a chance to see how the U.S. Marines work and train.”

Each French marine was instructed individually, and shown what it’s like to be submerged upside down in a camouflage utility uniform before being trained in the helo dunker in groups. Each group performed the simulation three times.

“The kind of training we’re doing with the French is interesting,” Staff Sgt. Stephen Kaphart, platoon commander, Fox Company, 2/3, said. “The training, like the obstacle course and helo dunker, is the same in France, but their courses are more difficult.”

After the helo dunker, the French will accompany the Marines to the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility here and the Army’s Kahuku Training Area near Oahu’s North Shore Oct. 3 and 4 for combat life saving and weapon systems training. The training will include mortar systems, M240B machine guns and drills with other U.S. weapons. In turn, the Marines of 2/3 will have the chance to operate the French Famas F1 assault rifle.

“Going up in the helo dunker was quite an experience when it turns upside down under water,” Bourriaud said. “However, coming here to train with the Marines is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

After the training week, the French have weekend liberty to see the base and Oahu in addition to joining Marines of 2/3 for a sports competition barbeque Oct. 7 before returning to their unit in French New Caledonia.

corner. “A” received one tap on the wall for the first row and another tap for the first column. “B” would receive one tap for the first row and then two taps for the second column and the remaining letters respectively.

“We would tap so much, we would get calluses on our knuckles. The guards would check us for them, and we were punished severely,” Coffee said. “But we passed on any knowledge that we knew, languages, music, art. I have a bachelor’s degree in art so I passed that on and I was taught petroleum engineering in return.”

The audience listened to Coffee in amazement and laughter as he told about the various things that he learned from other prisoners. He recalled how one time he tried teaching a new inmate to use tap code, that a letter equaled a number of taps. The inmate later yelled out the number of taps instead of tapping on the wall.

“It was such an obligation to communicate with one another and to teach the new guys the code,” Coffee said. “After the end of the day, we tapped on the walls “goodnight” and “God bless America.”

Coffee ended his seminar with how there wasn’t anything really special about him compared to the man next to him in the prison. Everyone had so much in common that faith in each other can be found not only in a POW camp but also on a daily basis, Coffee said.

“It was just so overwhelming to hear him speak,” Wilckens said. “I was humbled and honored to listen. The fact that they never gave up hope in the prison and the things they did to keep hope, like the three steps and a turn, it’s unbelievable.”

Coffee lives on Oahu and speaks at seminars and other events by request. His next scheduled speaking events on the island will be held next January.

For information about Coffee, call 488-1776.





Michaela Armstrong, receiver, Navy Sharks, powers through the Marine Corps War Dogs defense in a women’s flag football game at Pop Warner Field Sept. 22.

# Sharks subdue War Dogs in second women’s flag football game

Cpl. Vanessa American Horse  
*Combat Correspondent*

Pride was on the line as the Marine Corps War Dogs took on the Navy Sharks at a rematch women’s flag football game at Pop Warner Field Sept. 22. The Sharks held bragging rights from the last game on July 28 after they beat the War Dogs, 18-0. Proving to be just as tenacious as the previous matchup, the Sharks dominated the War Dogs again, 20-0.

“Winning this game almost feels as good at the first time,” August L. Young, Sharks head coach, said. “I love football, and this is about the girls, but playing the Marines makes us better. We couldn’t do all of this without them.”

The War Dogs won possession at the beginning of the game and immediately the Shark’s aggressive defense came out. Rayvn Johnson, War Dogs receiver, managed to gain 20 yards on a run toward the goal, but was stopped when a flurry of Sharks surrounded her to take her flag.

The War Dogs continued to inch down the field until a lack of completions led to a turnover to the Sharks. Excited to have the ball, the Sharks were ready to score, and Ariel Coulter, War Dogs linebacker, intercepted a pass near the 50-yard line.

Confusion hit the field as the Sharks were short one defensive player, but even with one lady down, Tasha Joseph, Sharks safety, intercepted the ball. The Sharks scored their first touchdown and extra point of the game, bringing the score to 7-0.

Failed completions brought the ball right back to the Sharks as they quickly scored again thanks to a wide-open path for Ipu Tupuola, Sharks tackle, for the second touchdown and a score of 13-0 after the extra point was blocked.



The Marine Corps War Dogs fumble the ball during a women’s flag football game against the Navy Sharks at Pop Warner Field Sept. 22. The Sharks beat the War Dogs, 20-0.

As the War Dogs running game improved, the Sharks caught on and forced a turnover. With seconds to spare before the half, Joseph scored her second touchdown, causing the crowd to go into frenzy and leaving the score at 20-0.

The frustrated War Dogs were quick to get on the line in the second half, but a lack of communication between their quarterback and receivers kept them from scoring. After each turnover, the War Dogs defensive line was successful in keeping the Sharks from scoring, but tensions were high as loose balls created dog piles of

women, eager to score the next touchdown.

The game ended in another blowout, with a final score of 20-0. Sharks fans cheered as the team celebrated on the sidelines.

“We’re one team with one fight; everything we do is for the team,” Joseph said. “The Marines played awesome and I hope they beat the Army.”

The Sharks will play the Air Force at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Oct. 14 and the War Dog’s next game will be against the Army HER-ICANES at Pop Warner Field on Oct. 7.

# MARFORPAC BAND PLAYS AT RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011



The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band plays at the pre-game ceremony for the match between the USA Eagles and the Russian Bears at the Rugby World Cup 2011 at Stadium Taranaki Sept. 15. The MarForPac band was in New Zealand to kick off a yearlong celebration to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Marines landing in Wellington in 1942.

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

**NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand** — The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band played at the pre-game ceremony for the USA Eagles versus Russia game at the Rugby World Cup 2011 at Stadium Taranaki Sept. 15.

The audience easily recognized the Marines in their blue-white uniforms. Roaring applause went up as the band marched onto the field. They entertained the RWC guests with “Stars And Stripes Forever,” “God Bless America,” and of course, proudly, “The Marines’ Hymn.”

Just hours before the game, the MarForPac rock band played at a tailgate party at the TSB Showplace here hosted by the U.S. Embassy. At the party, David Huebner, the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, told guests the MarForPac band members were great ambassadors for the U.S. and he has been taking lessons from them during their week’s tour. He later asked the

band to go out onto the balcony of the TSB showplace and put on a show for the fans from above the street.

The act ended up attracting the attention of more American fans, which were already in the streets having pre-game celebrations. Eagles fans, dressed in costumes, came from all directions to dance to the band’s music.

“They were very excited,” said Cpl. Paul A. Tafoya, a trumpet player for the MarForPac Band. “They were excited to see the band and hear our music. They were asking us to go out on the street and play with them because they wanted to dance.”

Spirits were so high, the band, along with the majority of the tailgate party, to include the ambassador, went out to celebrate in the streets of New Plymouth. The band’s celebratory spirit continued to be infectious throughout the night of the game, as they would sing and chant the Eagles on for their 13-6 victory over the Bears, the Russian national team.



Off to Brooklyn

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber  
Combat Correspondent

VS

Nets belong in New Jersey

Pfc. James A. Sauter  
Combat Correspondent

Saturday morning I found myself waking up to an email alert telling me the New Jersey Nets are moving to Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Nets? Now that sounds good to me.

To all the Nets fans out there, this isn't a bad investment for your team. I'm fairly certain most people would agree that being in New Jersey is not helping this team put numbers in the "W" column. The Nets were close to having the worst records of all time for their franchise last season. It seemed like the only thing they do consistently was lose.

However, before anyone's anger builds and you stop reading this article, allow me to explain a little more why this transition will be great for the team.

Jay-Z, the mega hip-hop star and team co-owner, is finally happy. This is a great thing in itself due to the fact that the man never smiles, so the Nets franchise has already accomplished something by moving. I can also see Jay-Z spending a lot more money toward making the team better since the team is now representing his hometown of Brooklyn.

Secondly, this will give the team, the chance to start all over and rebuild by forgetting their last four pitiful seasons. Sometimes you can receive the help you need by moving on and finding it somewhere else. It seemed like people were more interested in the next episode of "Jersey Shore" than the Nets' games. Plus, Vince Carter is a little more comfortable to look at than Snooki.

Brooklyn hasn't had a professional team since the Dodgers left in 1957, and if I remember correctly, that team is still legendary in the baseball world. So I want to tell all the fans to not hate the city, hate the team. If losing was rare for these players then I doubt moving to another city would even be in question, but they lose all the time. What more can this franchise do in Jersey but suffer? I'll answer that question — nothing.

Maybe I am thinking way to hard on this one. I blame it on the TV show "Jersey Shore." It seems like since the show has been on, the Nets have played horribly, so to fix this problem, they need to move to Brooklyn where there will be no competition against a reality show that turns their fans into mindless "fist-pumpers."

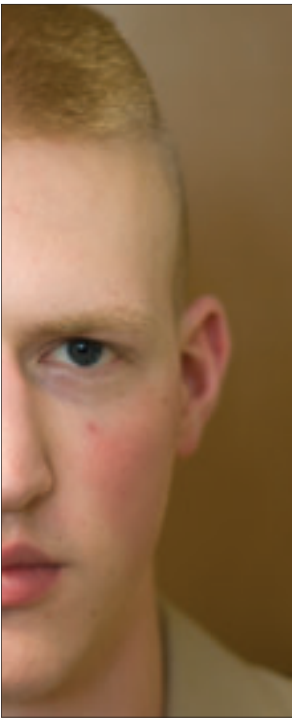
All in all, this transition is an attempt to take the team to a higher degree. There is a lot of help needed, a tremendous amount, in fact, and the Brooklyn Nets doesn't sound so bad after all. Unless they change the name of the team to the Brooklyn Bridges. If this happens I guess you can call it symbolism for the transition from one home to another. We can only hope, but in the meantime just sit back Brooklyn and pray that the Nets' give you something to cheer about next year. If not, then you can always send them to play in Texas, we all know the worst teams are over there.

Should the New Jersey Nets move to Brooklyn?

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



BARBER



SAUTER

A cataclysmic battle between Vulcans and Romulans in the deep vacuum of space has caused an asteroid to crash into the giant red spot of Jupiter to be thrown out as a fireball with lightning speed towards the mysterious tenth planet of the solar system (11th if you count poor Pluto). The fireball froze into an ice cube and was slung back around by the planet's gravity towards Earth. As the ice cube entered our atmosphere, the ice melted and the asteroid broke into smaller meteors hailing from the sky like brimstone towards Jay-Z's (co-owner of the Nets) office in Uptown, N.Y. One meteor crashed through his office glass window and hit him in the head. Jay-Z suffered a minor headache and came up with the brilliant idea to move the New Jersey Nets to Brooklyn.

It is so amazing how the consequences of an intergalactic battle can be felt here on earth but why did a meteor have to hit Jay-Z to move the Nets to Brooklyn? This could only have happened in a nightmare.

It was announced in the news recently that once the Barclays Center Stadium is completed, the Nets will move from their home in New Jersey to Brooklyn. The transition will happen in time for the 2011-2012 season starting this November, making the Nets the second basketball team on Manhattan Island alongside the New York Knicks.

I can see Brooklyn with the Nets there; every Brooklynier boycotting the team and telling them to return to the Garden State. Honestly, the "Brooklyn" Nets should stay in New Jersey to keep the decades old rivalry with the Knicks alive.

This move completely violates the incredibly tense feud between New York and New Jersey matched only by Scorpion and Sub-Zero in Mortal Kombat. Fans want to see that competition because it's fun to watch enemies battle it out.

The move to Brooklyn came out of a failed deal to secure a new arena in Newark, N.J. Plans to move the team to Brooklyn were released in 2005 and were sponsored by Brooklyn native Jay-Z.

The next reason why they should stay in New Jersey makes the most sense. The Nets should stay in New Jersey simply because it's a better business decision. I'm mean, New Yorkers would rather go to the Hamptons and besides, Brooklyn is dangerous. And by uprooting the Nets, you alienate the loyal fan group and a wealth of Jersey money.

Another reason for the Nets to stay where they are is because New Jersey has better reality TV shows like "Real Housewives of New Jersey" and "Jersey Shore" which features relatable, fun loving boozers. New York just has "CSI New York" and "Law and Order." I don't want to move to a place where crime is through the roof.

This whole thing is just a bad decision and I hope that the owners of the Nets will realize this before it's too late. Jay-Z deserves his meteoric headache after crossing the line in the New York/New Jersey death match.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Sports and Health

Splash and Dash Biathlon

Sign up for the next race in the Commanding Officer's Fitness Series beginning Oct. 22 at 7 a.m. Racers start with a 500-meter swim in Kaneohe Bay and tackle a 5K run finishing at Hangar 103. Both active duty service members and civilians are welcome to sign up on flyers or online.

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

High Intensity Tactical Training Center

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

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

Alumni Football

The Alumni Football USA teams are preparing for their winter games. Join the Oahu team meeting at Farrington High School's gymnasium Oct. 4, from 7 to 8 p.m. Some slots are still available for players 18 and over. The meeting will schedule practices and match-ups, as well as appoint captains and team coordinators.

For more information, visit <http://www.alumnifootballusa.com>.

2011 Intramural Tackle Football Schedule				
DATE	TIME	TEAM	VS	TEAM
POP WARNER FIELD				
OCT. 4	6 p.m.	HQBN		MCAS
OCT. 5	NO GAMES			
OCT. 11	6 p.m.	MAG-24		MCAS
OCT. 12	6 p.m.	MCAS		CAMP SMITH
OCT. 18	6 p.m.	HQBN		MAG-24
BORDELON FIELD CAMP SMITH				
OCT. 19	6 p.m.	CAMP SMITH		1/12
OCT. 25	6 p.m.	CAMP SMITH		HQBN
POP WARNER FIELD				
OCT. 26	6 p.m.	MCAS		1/12
NOV. 1	6 p.m.	MAG-24		1/12
ALL PLAYOFF GAMES @ K-BAY				
1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND STARTS NOV. 8				
SEMI FINALS NOV. 15-16				
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME NOV. 22				

2011 Intramural Tackle Football Standings				
TEAM	WIN	LOSS		
HQBN	2	0	MAG-24	2
1/12	1	0	CAMP SMITH	1
			MCAS	0
Standings as of Sept. 27				
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Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 Terror Squad and Headquarters Battalion Postal go after the ball during the Summer Intramural Basketball League season championship game Monday at the Semper Fit Center gym. “It was a pretty good match up,” said Postal shooting guard Joseph Sanders. “We came alive in the second half, we out-hustled them, but they played smart and held the ball. If they hadn’t, we would have come back and won it ... I’m sure next season we’ll see them again.”

# TERROR SQUAD DEFEATS POSTAL



**Kristen Wong**  
*Photojournalist*

The Semper Fit Center gym was like a sauna as the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 Terror Squad defeated Headquarters Battalion Postal, 52-41, during the Summer Intramural Basketball League season championship game Monday.

Until Monday, Terror Squad was undefeated, and only Postal, with two losses, stood between them and first place.

Terror Squad player Aaron Jackson played with the team for the first time since he was stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii earlier this year. He described the season as “pretty good” with “a couple close calls.”

“Everyone’s been coming out hard,” Jackson said. “There were no easy wins.”

He owed his team’s success to their “spread the ball out” strategy, passing the ball to whoever was open, so the opposing team would not be able to focus on single key players. But for Jackson, defense is the most important.

“When you can stop teams, that’s when you win, not by scoring,” Jackson said. “Defense makes champions. Anybody can score at the end of the day.”

Spectators entered the gym as Postal and Terror Squad prepared for the last game of the season.

“As long as we play together as a team, we should be just fine,” said Postal player James Warren just before stepping onto the court.

Both teams raised the score little by little for the first six minutes of the game. The Terror Squad kept Postal static with a score of



8 points until Postal player Warren sunk a three-pointer at 15:00, bringing the score to 11-13. Postal players Shawn Butler and Darrian Lucas managed to pull two more before the end, but Terror Squad player Rick Parkinson seemed to dominate the first half, with four shots and two three-pointers.

At the end of the first half, the buzzer blared across the gym as one last wild throw across the court failed to meet the basket, and the score was 15-29. Each

(Left) Postal player Randall Howell tries to block Terror Squad player Rick Parkinson as he tries to make a shot. (Middle) Terror Squad player Eric Cotton reaches past Postal players John Logan and Darrian Lucas for possession of the ball. (Right) Terror Squad player Aaron Jackson tries to maneuver past Postal player Darrian Lucas during Monday’s game.



team huddled up for the next period.

“Right now we’ve had to start to attack the basket,” said Elton Garner, the Terror Squad coach. “Usually [three-pointers] are what we do. We’re up now. I’m satisfied with the way we’re playing, just gotta finish the game out.”

Although Postal was down by 14, Postal coach Bridget Howell felt that the team was clearly making a good effort, with a little more work needed on defense.

“It’s going phenomenally,” Howell said. “It’s the best they played yet.”

The ball pounded the wooden floor as both teams drowned in sweat, passing the ball up and down the court. Postal players Joseph Sanders and Lucas managed to score four more three-pointers for the team in the second half. Jackson successfully shot five of his seven free throws.

“We didn’t force the defense to work,” Garner said. “We made the adjustment then we went man to man, we got a bunch of steals, and we came out with the win.”

Postal, however, did not leave empty handed, receiving silver medals for taking second place in the season. Howell said she was proud of the team and felt they played hard and “gave it all they had.” Postal player Joseph Sanders also shared some of his thoughts on the game.

“It was a pretty good match up,” Sanders said. “We came alive in the second half, we out-hustled them, but they played smart and held the ball. If they hadn’t, we would have come back and won it ... I’m sure next season we’ll see them again.”



Postal shooting guard Joseph Sanders takes the ball down the court as Terror Squad player Aaron Jackson follows in hot pursuit during the championship game Monday. Postal took second place in the Summer Intramural Basketball League season while Terror Squad took first.



# From sea to shining sea

## Retired soldier bikes across the nation in support of veterans

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

Life is filled with many moments where differences could have been made. People stay silent in many situations, however, some rise up and go above and beyond to make sure their voice is heard. The Duty, Honor, America Tour is an example of going the distance for a cause far greater than many might think.

Retired Army Lt. Col. Douglass S. Adams is one man who many can look to for inspiration. Focused and determined to ride his bicycle through all 50 states in 12 months, Douglass is now here to finish his nationwide tour in Hawaii. He has already cycled more than 17,000 miles and climbed more than 500,000 vertical feet in 49 states since Oct. 7, 2010, and before leaving Oahu he will ride through all the military installations on island. An accomplishment that started with a moment when Adams knew he could make a difference.

“After I retired I began to get involved in veteran fundraising as a volunteer,” Adams said while visiting at the Pacific War Memorial here Saturday. “I began having a sense of what is really going on with our veterans. I was beginning to get concerned that we were starting to forget, as a country, about our folks that are still deployed. I wanted to do something that reminded our country that we still have a responsibility, we still have an obligation to take care of those who sacrificed.”

Adams, who wasn’t an active cyclist before starting his cross-country ride, has ridden past 17,000 miles of American landscape and scenery in the last year. Pedaling 60 miles a day for a year might leave some on a hospital stretcher, but with the help of his wife, retired Army Col. Deb Lewis, he is able to focus on his health as she handles the logistics of the tour.

Adams said he first thought of the idea while taking a jog one day near Mount Rainier.

“It was a gorgeous day and I told myself that I was going to climb that mountain for our veterans, military, and families,” Adams said. “Then I said ‘No, that isn’t good enough. I need to bicycle around the whole state of Washington.’ Then I said ‘No, that isn’t good enough either. I need to ride my bike through all 50 states in a year.’”

The couple has visited more than 80 military installations around the country while also spending time with and talking to military veterans in their homes.

On Oct. 6, Adams will finish his yearlong quest while riding around the 240 miles of shoreline of the Big Island of Hawaii. Though it will be the last obstacle of the tour, the couple will continue to reach out to veterans around the nation.

“It’s simple, every community has veterans,” Lewis said. “We know many Americans care but they don’t necessarily know what to do to help. By raising awareness you can educate and inspire people to do far more than what we might think is possible. People try to give us money all the time and we tell them to keep it and find a charity to get involved in and make a change. That’s the most important thing — encouraging people to make a change.”



Retired Lt. Col Douglass S. Adams meets with his wife, retired Army Col. Deb Lewis, at the Pacific War Memorial Saturday after cycling from Schofield Barracks. Adams started the Duty, Honor, America Tour nearly a year ago. In honor of the nation’s veterans, military and their families, he made the decision to ride his bike through all 50 states in a year. Now, he has come to Hawaii with his wife to finish the tour.

# Military families ‘go green’

**Press Release**

*TriWest Healthcare Alliance*

**PHOENIX** — Embracing the urge to purge their paper clutter, military members and their families have helped halt the printing of more than 1 million healthcare statements.

Beneficiaries with TriWest Healthcare Alliance — the Department of Defense contractor that manages the 21-state TRICARE West Region healthcare program — have chosen in droves to receive their healthcare statements in paperless form, surging past the 1 million mark in August.

And by providing electronic solutions, TriWest is ensuring military

families receive prompt, accurate delivery of their healthcare information.

**Saving Paper, Helping the Environment**

TriWest’s “Go Green” program started in fall 2009 and has since branched out to include paperless options for referrals and authorizations, and fee statements.

All told, more than 200,000 TRICARE West Region beneficiaries have “gone green” — meaning nearly 10 percent of all TriWest healthcare statements generated are now paperless.

“Military families are increasingly turning to electronic methods for managing their bills, banking and other

important information—including their health care,” said TriWest President and CEO David J. McIntyre, Jr. “We’re committed to providing them with easy options for their health care, such as email, text and mobile.”

TRICARE beneficiaries can register for a TriWest.com account, pick paperless and be on their way to getting electronic notifications for their healthcare needs.

Visit <http://TriWest.com/Paperless> for more on how to clear the clutter.

**Mobile Support Delivered**

Electronic statements aren’t the only convenient, electronic healthcare management options available for

service members, retirees and their families through TriWest.

TriWest recently unveiled a mobile application for smartphones and mobile devices, a mobile website (m.TriWest.com) and text alerts.

Learn more about TriWest mobile capabilities at TriWest.com/GoMobile.

**About TriWest**

TriWest Healthcare Alliance partners with the Department of Defense to support the healthcare needs of 2.9 million members of America’s military family.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook or visit <http://www.triwest.com> for more information.

# Health Info on the go with new TriWest Mobile website, app

**Press Release**

*TriWest Healthcare Alliance*

**PHOENIX** — You’re 2,000 miles from home, just about to board a flight. You need to see if your doctor referral was processed and all you have is your smart phone. Tap... Tap... Scroll... Tap... Got it!

TriWest Healthcare Alliance has launched its mobile website and a mobile application, allowing TRICARE West Region beneficiaries to easily tap and scroll their way to their healthcare information, right from their smartphones and mobile devices.

TriWest manages the Department of Defense’s TRICARE health program for 2.9 million military families in the western United States.

daily lives, routinely managing family moves, household duties and the prospects of a loved one’s deployment.

Providing direct, mobile access to their healthcare information is one way TriWest hopes to reduce some of the burden on military members and families.

“We’re excited to unveil this technology to our customers, because it brings a whole new level of convenience to their busy lives,” said TriWest President and CEO David J. McIntyre, Jr. “Military families can now manage their health care right from their phone, while they’re traveling or at home with the kids — whenever they want or need to use it.”

**Mobile Site**

TriWest’s mobile website (m.TriWest.com) allows any beneficiary with a secure TriWest.com account to use their phone to receive real-time status of

healthcare authorizations and referrals, check claims, and pay fees or premiums.

**Mobile App**

TriWest’s mobile app provides added features to smartphone and iPad® users, including:

- Compare TRICARE coverage plans
- Change plans based on life events, such as birth or adoption
- Create an address book for doctors
- View guidelines for getting care

The app can be downloaded for iPhone®/iPad and Android™ devices.

Learn more about TriWest mobile capabilities, including text alerts, at <http://TriWest.com/GoMobile>.

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**Healthcare Info Goes Wherever You Go**

Military families face distinct challenges in their



# GOLDEN EAGLES RUN HEARTBREAK RIDGE HALF MARATHON



Courtesy photo | Patrol Squadron 9

At left, Navy Lt. Alex Lietzan and Lt. j.g. Tommy Shannon, Patrol Squadron 9, celebrate after completing the Heartbreak Ridge Half Marathon at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Sept. 10. Pictured with Lietzan and Shannon are Navy Lt. Michael Kuzyak and Lt. j.g. Brittany Rossi. Competing in the male 25-29 age group, Lietzan finished fourth with a time of 1 minute, 32 seconds, and Shannon finished third at 1:31. Lietzan and Shannon are both detached to Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego supporting an anti-submarine warfare exercise. The 13.1-mile off-road race attracted more than 1,000 runners.

## FIRE SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH:

*Unplug small appliances when not in use!*

In 2007, an estimated 51,800 home structure fires reported to U.S. fire departments involved some type of electrical failure or malfunction as a factor contributing to ignition. These fires resulted in 451 civilian deaths, 1,641 civilian injuries, and \$1.2 billion in direct property damage. (According to the <http://www.nfpa.org> website.)

### FIRE SAFETY TIPS

1. Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
2. Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
3. In homes with small children, make sure your home has tamper-resistant receptacles.
4. Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.
5. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
6. Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
7. If outlets or switches feel warm, fuses blow or circuits trip often, or lights flicker or dim, call a qualified electrician.
8. Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp’s recommended wattage.
9. Make sure your home has ground fault circuit interrupters in the kitchen bathroom(s), laundry, basement, and outdoor areas.
10. Arc-fault circuit interrupters should be installed in your home to protect electrical outlets.



## INTERACTIVE CUSTOMER EVALUATION

### ICE IS:


- A web-based tool for collecting feedback about the services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense.
- Allows customers to submit online comment cards to rate the service providers that they have encountered at military bases and related facilities around the world.
- Allows service providers to collect customer satisfaction data in a standardized format which is stored in the ICE database.
- Provides customers with a convenient and efficient method to express their opinions to service providers and receive feedback.

### ICE is NOT:

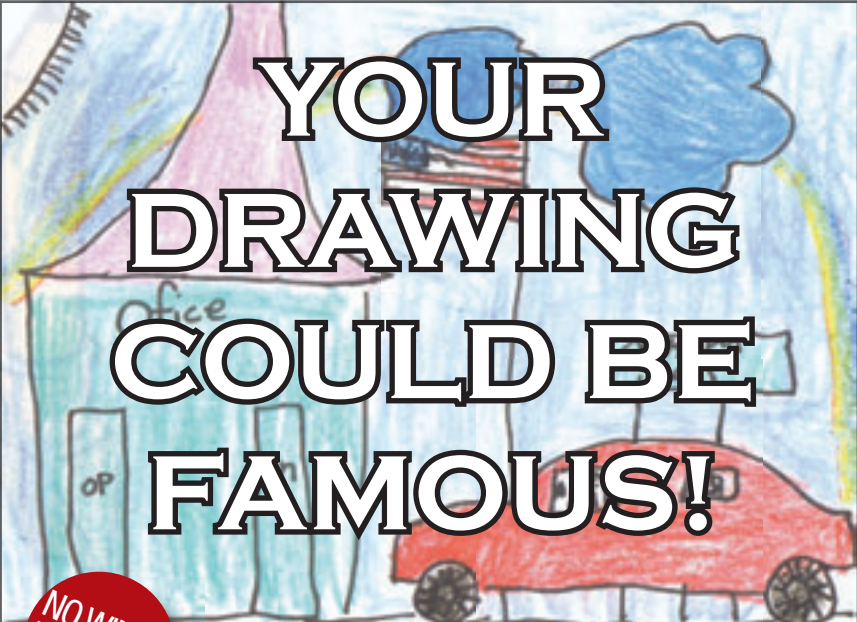
- To be used as a sole source to report safety concerns. Base Safety should be contacted directly at 257-1830.
- Intended for use to submit complaints regarding fellow employees or management, to spread rumors, to threaten or to make public announcements.

Visit the ICE site at <http://ice.disa.mil>. Or visit MCBH web site and look over the past several months’ top ICE comments at <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/> then click on Departments/Business Performance/ICE Comments. For current issues with responses, look at the ICE FAQs. If you have any questions, contact Christina DeGray at 257-1283 or [Christina.degray@usmc.mil](mailto:Christina.degray@usmc.mil).





# Keiki Krayons



## YOUR DRAWING COULD BE FAMOUS!

NO WINNER THIS WEEK!

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

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

**The topic for the first half of OCTOBER is “Energy Saving and Awareness”**

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

Art submissions must be in crayon or markers on a blank 8.5x11-inch piece of white printer paper. You can deliver submissions to the Hawaii Marine office at Building 216, Room 18 or scan and email them to [HawaiiMarineArt@gmail.com](mailto:HawaiiMarineArt@gmail.com).

Please provide a description of the drawing, your child’s full name and age, along with a parent’s name and contact phone number when submitting. Also include a JPEG photo mugshot of the artist.

# WHAT’S COOKING AT ANDERSON HALL DINING FACILITY?

WEEK OF SEPT 30 THROUGH OCT 6

<b>Today</b> <i>Lunch</i> Baked Fish Beef Stew  <i>Dinner</i> Shrimp Jambalaya Chicken and Italian vegetable pasta	<b>Saturday</b> <i>Dinner</i> Tempura Shrimp Szechwan Chicken breast  <b>Sunday</b> <i>Dinner</i> BBQ Beef Cubes Bombay Chicken	 <b>Monday</b> <i>Lunch</i> BBQ Pork Chops Meatloaf  <i>Dinner</i> Beef Brogul Baked Cajun Salmon Steaks	 <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Lunch</i> Honey Glazed Cornish Hens Apple Glazed Corn Beef  <i>Dinner</i> Spicy Baked Fish Sweet Sour Pork	<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Lunch</i> New England Boiled Dinner Jaeger Schnitzel  <i>Dinner</i> Tropical Pork Chops Baked Mahi Mahi	<b>Thursday</b> <i>Lunch</i> Salisbury Steak Santa Fe Glazed Chicken Breast  <i>Dinner</i> Braised Liver and Onions Roast Turkey
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# Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

Service  
members  
explore  
treasures on

## Island Tour

Story and photos by Pfc. James A. Sauter  
*Combat Correspondent*

**OAHU** — For service members who are new to Oahu, it can take time to venture out and explore all that the island has to offer, but Marine Corps Community Services' Island Tour will help you and your family explore paradise on earth. MCCS brought five service members from Marine Corps Base Hawaii on the tour to explore the island Sept. 9.

"The tour is a cultural adaption program," said Marie S. Calvo-Jesus, relocation and assistance program manager, MCCS. "It's an extension of the [New Arrivals Orientation] to provide them with more information about Hawaii and the local culture."

The island excursion is open to anyone interested in a road trip around the island for a day. The tour is held the second Friday of every month and the third Friday in November.

The tour is especially fun during the transition between summer and winter when the ocean becomes more active with huge waves in the winter and then calm in the summer, according to Jesus.

"I heard about the tour through work," said Navy Lt. Dan Immeker, aviation medical safety officer, Marine Aircraft Group 24. "My wife thought it was interesting, and I was looking for tips and details about the island."

MCCS requested "Uncle" George Kauanoe, a former soldier during the Vietnam War and Purple Heart recipient, from the base motor pool to drive the tour bus and narrate to give the tour a local touch.

"Uncle George is a wonderful man," Jesus said. "He's extremely knowledgeable about the island and a wealth of information and resources."

The tour bus left MCB Hawaii and took the Kamehameha Highway up to the North Shore of Oahu. The bus passed the different beaches along the shoreline including Shark's Cove at Pupukea Beach Park and Kualoa Beach Park. The guides pointed out where to park and the popular beaches. They also informed everyone about the red flags staked on the beach, it means that the water current is too strong and swimming is prohibited.

"MCCS and the Single Marine and Sailor Program understand that it takes a while for service members to start seeing the island when they come here," Jesus said. "So we try to take them to areas where they can do activities off base, and show them where they can go and where they shouldn't go."

The journey continued to scenic Haleiwa to visit the locally famous shave ice parlor at M. Matsumoto's Grocery Store. The store opened in 1951 and has become a part of Haleiwa's history. The store is a local icon and is often visited by celebrities, including actor Tom Hanks.

"This is really a great tour," Immeker said. "I enjoy learning about the local favorite spots so I can come back and visit again."

After leaving North Shore, the tour passed by Schofield Army Barracks, and continued through downtown Honolulu, the Navy Exchange in city, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Ford Island, Chinatown and the Hawaiian Judicial History Museum.

There was a lot of history in the old buildings and museums, and it could take days to discover it all, Kauanoe said.

Before leaving Honolulu, Kauanoe drove the bus by reality TV star Duane "Dog" Chapman's shop, Da Kine Bail Bonds, for a quick tourist site before ending at the Nuuanu Pali lookout.

"There is so much do here for free or at a low cost," Jesus said. "Just make sure to start early in the day and bring a cooler with plenty to drink when staying outside. Be sure to enjoy yourselves."

For information about registering for the tour, call MCCS Marine and Family Services at 257-7787.



**1. HALEIWA** — The audience on the Marine Corps Community Services' Island Tour stopped to eat Hawaiian shaved ice at Matsumoto's Shave Ice in Haleiwa Sept. 9.

**2. NUUANU PALI LOOKOUT** — Sgt. David Moore, refrigeration mechanic, 3rd Radio Battalion, and Cpl. Adam Rodriguez, heavy equipment mechanic, 3rd Radio Battalion, listen to "Uncle" George Kauanoe talk about the history of the Nuuanu Pali lookout during the Marine Corps Community Services' Island Tour Sept. 9.

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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



SMOLINSKI

**Rochelle Smolinski** has been playing video games since she was 6 years old; from Super Mario World, through the Final Fantasy series, to Assassin’s Creed Brotherhood. Her favorite genres are role-playing and platform games, the best of which carrying an arresting storyline. Though she admits blowing everything up is fun too.



CALLAHAN

**Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan** likes amazing movies. He believes that a good movie doesn’t always need the highest ratings or do the best at the box office. It’s all about context. If there’s an action movie that claims it’s all about action, then he watches it just for the action. It’s as simple as that.

Overdiving into ‘3rd Birthday’

Rochelle Smolinski

Photojournalist

From sentient mitochondria cells causing spontaneous human combustion and mutant creatures running amok through Central Park, “Parasite Eve” holds a rare place in my heart as a survival horror game.

Square Enix’s “The 3rd Birthday” came to the PlayStation Portable March 29 and is the third title to the “Parasite Eve” series which once again stars our stupendously ill-fated New York cop Aya Brea. Aya seems to be the only human being who is compatible fighting virulent mitochondria or serving as proxy subject in time machines.

The third game serves more as an adjunct game rather than “Parasite Eve III” as it follows an unbeaten path that has little to do with genocidal mitochondrial parasites and more with genocidal alien life dubbed the “Twisted.” In other words, this game is more of a spinoff featuring Aya’s “rebirth” rather than expounding on the biological warfare fans are accustomed to.

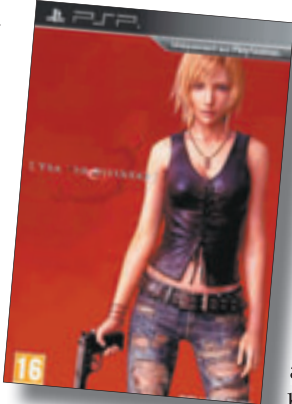
Set in New York City, Aya teams up with the Counter Twisted Investigation group who sends her consciousness back in time into soldiers to fight their twisting, tentacle-like enemies. The only real link to the

“Parasite Eve” series here is Aya’s unique DNA, which makes her the only person able to use the Overdive system.

The game’s distinctive battle system lets the player “Overdive” into nearby bodies as often as they like, switching health stats and weapon ammunitions with the touch of a button. It’s dynamic and unlike anything

I’ve played, and it’s great fun. At one point, Aya must climb up a whirling vortex by Overdiving into the boss’ surrounding suspended victims. The graphics are beautiful to look at and the music, from returning original game composer Yoko Shimomura, is a nostalgic throwback for gamers who played the first “Parasite Eve.”

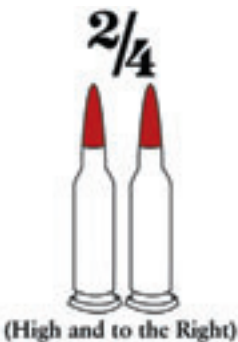
A couple downsides to the game other than struggling to lock, run and shoot agile enemies on the PSP handheld console, are its brief in-game directions, camera handling, and Over Energy chip distribution. This game certainly doesn’t beat the player over the head on how to Overdive and explode enemies from within, but if you’re knee-deep in gore and firing on another enemy, it’s easy to miss instructions on which buttons to press to unleash Aya’s



“Liberation” attack. The Over Energy chip DNA boards are the closest thing to stat leveling Aya’s abilities, but without any real written instructions on how to place and modify chips, it can be a real hit or miss mess that leaves our girl with mutated DNA.

Moving beyond gameplay, I’ll admit this “new” Aya isn’t the tough-as-nails NYPD cop we were introduced to from the first game. She’s skittish, she’s submissive, her clothes gradually disintegrate after battle damage, which lands her in that stereotypical female heroine role that plagues so many otherwise decent games. Come on, Aya, reload the magazine and body check some overgrown plant roots!

But if one can overlook difficult handling, puzzling ability mechanics and repetitive gameplay — the game is still fun to play. The story is interesting if a bit confusing and the interface is unique. Established fans may want to think of this game as a stepsibling to the main series, while newcomers should trek backward to truly appreciate the original 1998 Squaresoft game. All the same, I hope Square Enix puts out a true blue “Parasite Eve III” for fans new and old to the series to enjoy.



‘Contagion’ forces you to come to grips with mortality

Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan

Contributing Writer

I’ve always been fascinated with dreaded what-if scenarios presented so frequently in popular culture today. Between alien invasions, mega disasters, zombie apocalypses and doomsday-by-artificial-intelligence-takeovers, it’s been a while since I’ve seen an end-of-days story that not only hits close to home, but executes itself in a horrifyingly plausible way. This is where “Contagion” steps in and effortlessly takes the reins of the imagination and throws it in an express elevator straight to hell.

The film begins with Beth Emhoff (Gwyneth Paltrow), an executive on her way home to America from a business trip in Beijing. Feeling sick and drowsy, she rightfully blames her demeanor on jet lag and goes home to her little boy and husband Mitch (Matt Damon). Within 24 hours, both her and her son die of massive cerebral hemorrhaging. Mitch, having been immune to the mysterious illness his wife contracted and gave to her son, is left to wonder “why” while under a Center for Disease Control and Prevention quarantine.

Days later, several more outbreaks begin to occur

in both China and the United States, prompting the CDC to begin an investigation into the origin of the newly discovered disease. Dr. Ellis Cheever (Laurence Fishburne) and Dr. Erin Mear (Kate Winslet) are assigned to the investigation as the disease continues to spread rapidly.

Meanwhile, a snooty online blogger (Jude Law) bent on fame and fortune catches wind of the hush-hush containment task force the CDC is scrambling to mobilize. The entire film does well to tie everyone together as some characters’ stories collide with others. The whole thing felt reminiscent of movies like “Crash” and “11:14.”

What really deserves attention and something the film nailed on the head, was the runaround and red tape that a government must endure before it can issue any sort of contingency plan should

a pandemic of “Contagions” magnitude ever come to fruition. Throughout the entire film I was biting my cheek at all of the wrong turns and misdirection construed by political figures, special interest groups and stone cold protocol while the disease tore through

millions of lives, effectively freezing any progress in eliminating such a threat.

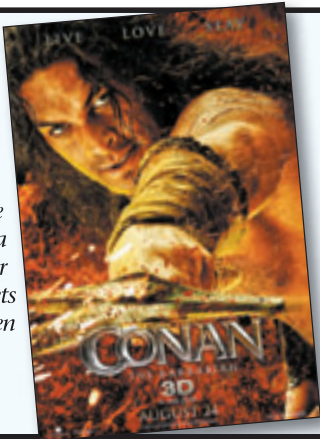
With a wide ensemble of actors delivering stellar performances, and a premise that brings to light the very real possibility of a real life pandemic similar to H1N1, SARS, Ebola, etc. “Contagion” delivers a chillingly real and down-to-earth fiction of the degeneration of society into anarchy and the upheaval of the sense of security any man or woman may have about protection from the most basic forms of life.

If you’re expecting a pace that resembles a flurry of formula one cars on a 100-lap race, you will not get it with “Contagion.” My one qualm with the film is that it moves at a blisteringly slow pace, but it felt almost necessary in order to let the facts and possibilities it was presenting to me actually sink in beyond skin deep.

If it has been a while since you’ve seen a phenomenally chilling horror film though, rest assured, you could find all the horror you will need here. If you feel like coming to grips with your mortality, and dig smart, well-executed end-of-days films, head out this weekend to see “Contagion.”



**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.



“Spy Kids: All the Time in the World” PG Today | 7:15 p.m.

“Fright Night” R Today | 9:45 p.m.

“The Help” PG13 Saturday | 7:15 p.m.

“Conan the Barbarian” R Saturday | 9:45 p.m.

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

“Fright Night” R Sunday | 6:30 p.m.

“Conan the Barbarian” R Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.



# Retired Marine remembers Corps

**Kristen Wong**  
*Photojournalist*

Perched on tall trees near their houses, Albert Pyun and other children watched planes flying in the distance on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. The view of the planes was barely a speck from where they watched, but Pyun was still excited.

Because he was a newspaper boy at the time, he knew he would make lots of money selling newspapers from the Honolulu Star Bulletin, which bore the gigantic headline “WAR! Oahu Bombed by Japanese Planes.” In 1941, three newspapers sold for a dime, and newspaper boys made a nickel for every three sold.

Years later, two more wars would be brewing when he joined the ranks of the U.S. Marines.

Now 82, Pyun, a native of Honolulu, works as a headmaster at Manoa Japanese Language School. But he hasn’t forgotten the Corps, and came to visit Marine Corps Base Hawaii, his last duty station, a few months ago.

The son of a blacksmith and a homemaker, Pyun grew up during World War II. As a young boy scout, he remembered sending messages for the Office of Civilian Defense. He also remembered learning how to use a gas mask in the event of an emergency.

A graduate of President William McKinley High School in Honolulu, Pyun joined the Marine Corps in 1948. He had met and came to know several Marines beforehand, and “from then on I always wanted to be a Marine.” He planned to stay in the Marines either until he retired or “they kick me out,” he said with a laugh. Pyun said that he liked the comradeship and the esprit de corps of being a Marine.

He has worked in various locations, including Camp Pendleton, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Okinawa. One of his fondest memories in the Corps was meeting his wife, a nurse at Tokyo Army Hospital, while stationed in Japan. Pyun was a Marine liaison at the hospital. The first time Marie Pyun met her husband, she reported him for making noise with his “squeaky” shoes in the hospital. But she described him as a “wonderful Marine” who helped evacuate many patients to the United States during the Korean War.

From 1968 to 1969, Pyun was sent to Vietnam, processing troops as an administrative chief on the base there. He remembered a lot of rain, humidity and hot temperatures in Vietnam. But he also remembered several Vietnamese spies working aboard the base who were discovered working for the enemy.

“You really didn’t know your enemy,” Pyun said. “They could be barbers, housemaids ... you never



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Albert Pyun, a retired Marine Corps master sergeant, stands next to the school sign of Manoa Japanese Language School, Aug. 11. Pyun, a native of Honolulu, is currently the headmaster of Manoa Japanese Language School.

know who it is.”

Pyun was then stationed at Camp H.M. Smith from 1969 to 1971, and aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii as an administrative chief for Headquarters and Service Company, from 1971 to 1973. He retired as a master sergeant, which he considers his proudest achievement in the Corps. Pyun said it is difficult to be promoted in the Corps, and he didn’t think he would be promoted that high.

After retiring from the Corps in 1973, Pyun worked as a car salesman at Servco Auto Windward. Later, he and his wife opened Marie’s Convenience and Health Food Store, which was located in Waikiki. He and his wife have also lived in Denver to help their daughter take care of their grandson.

Marie Pyun, now the director of the teachers at Manoa Japanese Language School, describes her husband as gentle and patient, but also dedicated. She said he used to be involved in his children’s activities, whether it was boy scouts, baseball or

football.

In past years, Pyun has also helped with community service projects with the local Lions Club, such as painting doors at a school in Maunawili and visiting patients at local hospitals.

Clarence Izuo, of Kaneohe, used to work with Pyun in the Pali Lions Club. Izuo remembered Pyun as a dedicated and helpful member who offered use of his house for garage sales for the club.

Today, Pyun divides his time between working at the Japanese school and meeting with the East Manoa Lions Club. The Corps still lingers in his life, plastered on the cabinet in his office as various magnets, including the American flag, Toys for Tots and the Wounded Warrior Project. Just behind him sits his red and yellow “U.S. Marine Corps retired” ball cap, which he recently wore to the base.

“The day that he was retired he came home ... he was so sad,” Marie Pyun said. “But he did a good job for 25 years.”



Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

## MCBH celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Merri Fernandez, library technician, sifts through a display at the base library for National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15. National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. It is a time when Americans can look back at the contributions of Hispanics and Latinos while celebrating their culture and heritage. In honor of the month, the base library displayed Hispanic and Latino literature.



# Grab great grub at the Daily Grind

**Rochelle Smolinski**  
*Photojournalist*

The new Daily Grind Cafe and Deli hosted its grand opening during lunch at the Marine Corps Exchange Annex, Wednesday.

The event drew crowds to the grill tent just outside the cafe for free, freshly-cooked samplings of hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, bagels and bagel toppings. There was no shortage of hungry customers taking samples with them into the former Gourmet Delite location for a full meal.

When the contract for Gourmet Delite expired at the end of August, Jim Hamachek, general manager of food, beverage, and entertainment at Kahuna’s, decided to install a Marine Corps Community Service-run eatery. Hamachek was quick to set up shop.

“We did a little remodeling, got new kitchen equipment, brightened the place up, [installed] new menu boards, got the staff hired and made it work,” Hamachek said. “It was a pretty quick turnover. Gourmet Delite had pretty good sales over there and we didn’t want to lose that momentum that they had.”

Hamachek crafted the cafe and deli idea, worked with his chefs at Kahuna’s to create the menu, taking his knowledge from what is popular at breakfast joint Lava Java and what was successful with Gourmet Delite, to ground the Daily Grind’s inception.

“I’m kind of a food guy, I do a lot of research and see what’s popular and between the internet and the Food Network, plus all the restaurants I visit when I travel looking for new ideas, I tweaked it a bit for a concept that best suits the location.” Hamachek said. “That’s always the key — seeing what can be done in the location versus having a concept and just putting it anywhere. So we’re kind of expanding on what Gourmet Delite was doing



(Left) Petty Officer 3rd Class Rick Lacosse, Seaman Alber Amayarivera, hospital corpsman and Petty Officer 3rd Class Luis Amaya, all belonging to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, sit down to lunch during the grand opening of the Daily Grind Cafe and Deli, Wednesday.

over there and taking it to the next level.”

Seaman Alber Amayarivera, a hospital corpsman with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, dined at Daily Grind for breakfast and lunch on opening day. He said that he enjoyed the Local Yolk-el, smothered biscuit sandwich and the cafe’s double chocolate brownies.

“The smothered biscuits in gravy is good,” Amayarivera said. “It’s a nice combination of different flavors like turkey and baked sausage — everything is good here.”

The breakfast menu offers burritos, smothered biscuit sandwiches and a variety of bagels topped with homemade flavored cream cheese

spreads dubbed “schmears.” The schmears come freshly prepared in unique combinations such as sweet honey macadamia-nut guava and pickle-like cucumber onion dill.

For lunch, there are French dip and Memphis-style pulled pork sandwiches or a quarter pound Chicago-style hotdog. Each signature sandwich comes with one side of homemade Parmesan potato chips, country coleslaw, or a loaded baked potato salad. The lunch menu also offers panini-grilled tortilla wraps of ranch chicken salad, a California club wrap with turkey and bacon, and a tuna salad mixed with cheese, red onions, lettuce and more. Each of the wraps also includes a side.


Petty Officer 3rd Class Luis Amaya, a

hospital corpsman with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, also went to Daily Grind for the grand opening and jokingly said, “We’ve come here every day since it opened.”

The Daily Grind Cafe is open for breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“We’re off to a great start,” Hamachek said about the smooth transition of staff and management from Gourmet Delite to the Daily Grind. “Now we’re just looking to get the word out and grow from there.”

The new cafe and deli is located on Sheldon Road, Building 1090, next to Papa John’s Pizza at the MCX Annex. For more information about the Daily Grind Cafe and Deli, call 254-9500.




ENERGY CORNER

## OCTOBER IS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

As we flip the calendar page to October, most of us think of Oktoberfest and Halloween overflowing with food and candy, but how about turning our thoughts toward something else that is good not only for the body, but also the wallet and the environment? First proclaimed by President Bush in 1991 and reaffirmed by President Obama through a similar proclamation in 2010, October has been continually designated by the U.S. Department of Energy as Energy Awareness Month to promote energy efficiency and conservation awareness. This year’s theme is “Turn Words into Action; Turn Action into Results” of saved energy and money. This theme highlights how wise energy attitudes, behaviors, and organizational decisions ensure results.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii observes Energy Awareness Month with various activities and displays to promote energy and water conservation. It also distributes information and promotional materials to encourage everyone who works and/or lives on the Base to take action to save energy and money.

Thanks to our energy and water management programs and your participation, MCB Hawaii is turning words into action. Now, let’s turn action into results by continuing to support the energy efficiency and conservation efforts.



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## Forest City recycling Q&A

**Press release**  
*Forest City Hawaii*

Forest City provides refuse and recycling services which are nearly identical to those provided by the City and County of Honolulu to off base residents.

The program provides two containers to each resident where one is for refuse, and the other is for recycling. Refuse is collected weekly and recycled materials are collected bi-weekly.

Our service on base differs from the C&C in two ways:

- 1) We do not have a separate green waste collection because our contractors maintain the lawns and remove the yard waste.
- 2) We have bulk trash pick-up service twice a month and the C&C provides this service once a month.

Here are answers to frequently asked questions on recycling based on the feed back:

**Q: Can we get more frequent collection of recyclables?**

A: More frequent pick-up is not feasible. Resident participation is not high (40-50%) and many of the containers are not full. The low participation does not justify the cost of a second collection.

**Q: Can people get additional recycling bins?**

A: Residents have the option of requesting a second container.

Another option to manage recyclables is taking the extra recyclables to the base recycling center.

**Q: Who picks up our waste, recyclables and bulky items?**

A: Rolloffs Hawaii, a contractor, collects our refuse, recyclables and bulky items.

**Q: Where does the money for recycled material go?**

A: Rolloffs Hawaii, the contractor, keeps the revenues from recycling. The revenues are factored into and offsets some of the final collection cost.

Information on scheduling and type of pick-up is available in the Resident’s Handbook given to each resident at time the lease is signed and on Forest City’s website.







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# KAPAKAHI FISHING CLUB CLEANS UP ON BASE

The Kapakahi Fishing Club spent their Saturday helping out mother nature by picking up trash at Marine Corps Base Hawaii beaches Sept. 24. The club, whose president is Clyde Sasaki, who has been a base volunteer game warden for more than 12 years, collected more than 15 large bags of trash. “This is a way to give back to the base community and also to protect our natural resources,” said Mark Takekawa, game warden, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. “The trash consisted mainly of plastics that washed up on shore and that don’t break down, we also found a couple cargo nets and metal sign posts.”

## MOKAPU EVENTS

- After School Enrichment**  
*Ongoing*

Mad Science, Tahitian and Hula dance lessons, Wearable Art, Deployment Club, ZumbAtomic Big Starz and more are open to students. Forms are available at <http://www.mokapu.k12.hi.us/flyers>. Join the school on Facebook at Mokapu PTA Enrichment for updates.

**School fall breaks**  
*October*

No classes will be held during Fall Intercession from Oct. 3 to Oct. 7. There will also be no school Oct. 10 due to the Discoverer's Day holiday.

**Box Top collection**  
*Ongoing*

Drop off your Box Tops at Mokapu front office. Box Tops help the school earn rewards for students.

**After School Enrichment**  
*Oct. 11 to Dec. 13*

Spanish Language Lessons will be offered as a 10-week program, from 2:20 to 3:30 p.m., from Oct. 11. Details and registration form available on the Mokapu PTA Enrichment Facebook page.

Volunteers are always needed at Mokapu Elementary. Contact us at PTAMokapu@gmail.com or post on the Mokapu PTA Facebook page.
- PCNC Coffee Hour**  
*Oct. 12*

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

**PTA Meeting**  
*Oct. 13*

All are welcome to attend the PTA meeting Oct. 13. There will be a School Community Council presentation during the meeting.

**Papa John's Night**  
*Oct. 20*

Save your receipt from your pizza boxes and send them in with your student.

**Red Ribbon Week**  
*Oct. 17-21*

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

**'Diversity Means'**

Each year, the National PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme. Look for information coming soon.

## ON BASE AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Pearl Harbor Historic Sites celebrates Armed Forces birthdays**

The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites are partnering this year to commemorate the official “birthdays” of each branch of the United States Armed Forces with free admission specials. The historic sites will also jointly celebrate this year's remaining service branch birthdays: the Navy's birthday from Oct. 8 to 16, Marine Corps birthday from Nov. 5 to 13, and the National Guard's birthday from Dec. 10 to 18. Qualified visitors must present a valid military I.D. at each site.

**Moon Walk at Waimea Valley**  
*Oct. 8*

A treasured community activity returns to the North Shore of Oahu, as Waimea Valley brings back its Moon Walk on Saturday, Oct. 8 in anticipation of the rising of the full moon. The gate opens at 7 p.m., and will close promptly at 9:30 p.m. The Moon Walk will start promptly at 8 p.m. with an opening oli and lunar tales of Hawaii by Kahokulea Haiku. A moonlit pathway will guide you to the waterfall. Our botanical specialists will be available to discuss some of the rare plants. The event is open to the public. There is a fee for the Moon Walk, except for children under 4. Visitors should bring a flashlight, insect repellent, and a light jacket. Waimea Valley is open seven days a week, located across from Waimea Bay. Nestled on 1,875 acres, the valley contains botanical gardens showcasing more than 5,500 types of plants, some of which are rare, endangered or globally threatened. For more information about Waimea Valley, call 638-7766 or visit the valley, which is located in Haleiwa, at 59-864 Kamehameha Highway.
- Hawaii Humane Society PetWalk**  
*Sunday*

Take your pet on a walk for a cause in the 21st Annual PetWalk 2011 in Waikiki Sunday. Hundreds of owners and animals of all kinds participate each year. All funds donated by teams or individuals go toward improving facilities, spaying and neutering, or fostering animals. For more information about this and other events, visit <http://www.hawaiihumane.org/petwalk.html>.

**NCO Appreciation Day**  
*Oct. 27*

Join your boss at the Rocker Room for a lunch and reception event for NCO Appreciation day. Lunch is scheduled at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the reception begins at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy complimentary pupus or new pau hana specials. Call 254-7650 with questions.

**Graffiti Paint-Out and Clean-up**  
*Oct. 29*

Totally Against Graffiti is seeking volunteers and material donations for a community wide clean-up and graffiti paint-out at Prince Kuhio Elementary School. The event will be on Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. to noon. Painting supplies and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Marilyn at 944-4656, or email [marinhi@aol.com](mailto:marinhi@aol.com).

**HPU seeks poetry entries**

Hawaii Pacific University is seeking entries for the James M. Vaughan Award for Poetry. To participate, send three poems with a 100-line limit each along with name, address, phone number, email address, names of poems on a cover page and a five-line biography to:
- James M. Vaughan Award for Poetry, 1060 Bishop St., LB 7A, Honolulu, HI 96813. No author identification should be on the actual poems. Participants must have resided in Hawaii for at least one year. Submitted poems must not have been previously published. Submissions must be postmarked by Dec. 15. Manuscripts will not be returned. Contact Patrice M. Wilson at 544-1108 for more information.

**Fourth annual Hallowbaloo music and arts festival**  
*Oct. 27-30*

Hallowbaloo 2011 serves up a weekend of spirited sounds, masquerade mayhem and enchanted Aloha in Honolulu Halloween weekend. The event has unrivaled Halloween revelry and is one of the largest and most celebrated music festivals in Hawaii. There will be performances by more than 40 bands, disc jockies and theatrical groups. Visit <http://www.hallowbaloo.com> for dates, times and locations.

**Polynesian Cultural Center's Haunted Lagoon**  
*Through Oct. 31*

The Polynesian Cultural Center's Haunted Lagoon takes guests on canoes for a spine tingling journey. Canoes run from 6:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until Oct. 22, and then Monday through Saturday from Oct. 24 to 31. The Haunted Lagoon is not for the faint of heart, so the PCC offers milder “keiki canoes” available from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for family members of all ages. Aboard each keiki canoe is a “lost warrior” whose mystical light staff repels monsters and creatures. For more information, visit <http://www.HauntedLagoon.com> or call 293-3333.