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MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII

Passing the Guidon | Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Change of Command Ceremony

Story by Lance Cpl. Tania Guerrero

Lt. Gen. William M. Journey relinquished command of Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC) to Lt. Gen. James F. Glynn, marking both the end of Journey's service and the start of Glynn's tenure, MCBH, Sept. 12, 2024.

Journey enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1987 as an infantryman and was commissioned a year later through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. He was a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer during Operation Desert Storm. He later became

commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, deploying twice to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Journey was also appointed as chief of plans at U.S. Joint Forces Command, Commanding General at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and Commanding General for II Marine Expeditionary Force,

further developing his leadership. In September 2022, he assumed command of MARFORPAC.

"I may be new to the team, but I'm not a stranger to INDOPACOM or MARFORPAC's role in the region and nation," said Journey when he first assumed command. "I've got no doubt the Marines will continue to contribute significantly."

During his two years in command, Journey oversaw several major events, such as the first deployment of amphibious combat vehicles with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. [Read More](#)

Chef Showdown: MCBH Marines Crowned MCIPAC Chefs of the Quarter

Story by Cpl. Clayton Baker

MCBH regularly hosts Chef of the Quarter competitions. The winners advance to compete for the title of MCBH Chef of the Year, competing in the Marine Corps Installations, Pacific (MCIPAC) Chef of the Quarter.

The Combined Arms Training Center at Camp Fuji, Japan, hosted the final competition of 2024. This year's competition faced complex adversity due to Typhoon Shanshan, which created uncertainty about whether the event would proceed, making travel to Camp Fuji difficult. Not even

Typhoon Shanshan could stop our chefs from winning the competition.

Adapting and overcoming, six teams from various MCIPAC mess halls gathered on the first day for menu planning, food preparation, and meal presentation rehearsals. Team MCBH, represented by Cpl. Luana Barone Olivera and Lance Cpl. Daryl Filsaime, facing time zone adjustments for the first time in Japan, was notably jet-lagged, but optimistic. On top of the time change and hours on a flight, Filsaime dealt with the challenges of pregnancy, which added to the nerves and tiredness leading up to the

competition.



As the first day came to a close, participants were still unsure if the competition would be canceled due to the typhoon. [Read More](#)

Mālama Ka 'Āina: MCBH Hosts Basewide Cleanup

Story by Lance Cpl. Marcos Albertorocha

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII - Mālama Ka 'Āina, a Hawaiian expression, translates to "care of the land." Mālama Ka 'Āina is hosted annually on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, as all hands participate in the base-wide clean up of all buildings and grounds. MCBH executes proper solid waste disposal and enforcement

procedures for littering to prevent, control, and decrease solid waste



pollution in Hawaii.

MCBH's communities were asked to embrace this sense of environmental stewardship by caring for the land of the Mōkapu Peninsula and other Marine Corps properties by participating in the Mālama Ka 'Āina every April and September. [Read More](#)

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Clark Abbey



Role at MCBH:
Beach Lifeguard Supervisor
Hometown:
Kaneohe, Hawaii
Accomplishments:
Water Safety & Marine Life Advocate

As the lifeguard supervisor at MCBH, Clark Abbey plays an important role in advocating and educating water safety and protecting marine wildlife on base. Born and raised in Kaneohe Bay, Abbey started surfing at the age of 3. His ocean experience and knowledge allows him to lead his team and ensure that everyone is safe in the waters.

"You have lifeguards on this beach that care about the community and want to educate everyone, we want to prevent things from happening as much as we can," said Abbey.

Alongside his daily lifeguard responsibilities, Abbey never misses the opportunity to raise awareness and talk about water safety and marine wildlife protections. He actively shares his knowledge with the community, offering valuable and vital information. His commitment to educating others has had a positive impact, benefiting not only the communities within base but also the communities outside. For his efforts and dedication to the community, Clark Abbey has been selected as civilian of the month!

MCBH DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



Republic of Korea (ROK) sailors observe an autonomous robotic target at Ulupa'u Crater Range, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sept. 20, 2024. ROK service members and cadets received tours and educational briefs from MCBH range and training area staff and field service representatives. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Taylor Von Sanders-Frazier) [More Imagery](#)



U.S. Navy corpsmen with Bravo Surgical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion, hoist a simulated casualty into a U.S. Army UH-60Q Black Hawk during joint casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) and hoist training, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sept. 18, 2024 (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Hunter Jones) [More Imagery](#)

3d MARINE LITTORAL REGIMENT

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3d MLR Conducts Beacon Star

Story by 1stLt. Anne Pentaleri
 MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – U.S. Marines with 3d Marine Littoral Regiment conducted Beacon Star, a staff planning exercise, on Marine Corps Base Hawaii from 17-27 September, 2024. Beacon Star is focused on staff education, staff planning, and battalion-led field training in order to set conditions for 3d MLR’s upcoming Service Level Training Exercise and Marine Corps Combat Readiness and Evaluation Exercise.

During the two weeks of Beacon Star’s execution, 3d MLR’s 3 subordinate battalions – 3d Littoral Logistics Battalion, 3d Littoral Anti-Air Battalion, and 3d Littoral Combat Team – conducted battalion level and below training in various training areas around Oahu. 3d MLR’s staff conducted a successful Marine Corps Planning Process repetition that produced an executable operations order and for SLTE-Hawaii. Another outcome of Beacon Star was the beginning of phased planning for 3d MLR’s

second annual deployment to the Philippines, scheduled for 2025.

Staff planning exercises are essential to the Marine Corps ability to identify what capabilities, personnel, and equipment are necessary for a given task or mission prior to its execution. 3d MLR’s successful conclusion of Beacon Star demonstrated the unit’s “fight now” mentality by readying and posturing its forces to deploy within a moment’s notice.

3d MLR DIGITAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Marines with 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, conduct an air insert using an MV-22B Osprey attached to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 363, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing onto Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, Sept. 24, 2024. 3d MLR participated in a communications exercise that used tactical scenarios to test the Marines’ critical thinking skills and to add pressure to the training in order to prepare realistically for future operations in the Pacific. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Eric Huynh) [More Imagery](#)

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 24 SPOTLIGHT

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U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Andrew B. Radford, left, outgoing sergeant major, Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron (VMU) 3, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing passes the non-commissioned officer sword to Sgt. Maj. Angie L. Luna, incoming sergeant major during a relief and appointment ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Sept. 4, 2024. Radford relinquished his duties as VMU-3 sergeant major to Luna. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Anabelle Reed-O’Brien) [More Imagery](#)



The 39th commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Eric M. Smith awards the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal to Sgt. Kevin F. Muro, Maintenance Admin Specialist, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 153, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Sept. 11, 2024. Gen. Smith visited MAG-24 squadrons as a part of a command tour where he met with leadership, toured squadron facilities and interacted with Marines. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Anabelle Reed-O’Brien) [More Imagery](#)



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Shawn R. Gleason, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician, Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 174, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing surveys damage on ordnance during exercise Gryphon Rumble II at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, September 23, 2024. Marines with MWSS-174 executed Gryphon Rumble II to demonstrate the ability to plan, install, operate, maintain, and secure tactical communication architecture in the Hawaiian Island chain. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Joseph Abreu) [More Imagery](#)