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Col. Michael C. O'Neal (left) holds the guidon passed to him by Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III during an assumption of command ceremony held Friday at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Trautman will be leaving Kaneohe for duties as the commanding general of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

VP-4 returns from overseas duties

Lt. j.g. R.W. Ward
Patrol Squadron 4

The "Skinny Dragons" of Patrol Squadron Four recently completed a six-month deployment that had squadron personnel spread from Japan to Iraq. The main deployment site was in Bahrain from which detachments were sent throughout the Arabian Gulf, Diego Garcia, Guam and Japan. Dragons deployed to areas around the world returned to Hawaii over the past two weeks aboard three of the squadron's P-3 Orion aircraft and a series of military airlift flights.

During their deployment, squadron personnel worked as a high-performance team enabling combat air crews to fly more than 575 missions, which included combat flights in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Skinny Dragon crews also supported the Southeast Asia Tsunami Relief effort. Long-term detachment sites included Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.

One month into the deployment, VP squadrons stepped in to provide assistance in Southeast Asia after a devastating tsunami hit the area on Dec. 26, 2004. The Skinny Dragons teamed up with the VP-8 "Fighting Tigers" from Brunswick, Maine, and deployed three aircraft and 45 personnel to survey the damage and search for survivors. The effort lasted five weeks and spanned from Thailand across Sri Lanka and down to Somalia. Information passed from P-3 Orion crews provided rescue workers with valuable information and recommendations for optimum locations from which to base relief efforts.

The P-3s from VP-4 also conducted operations overland Iraq, filling an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance roll by providing valuable imagery and communications to combat forces on the ground. Support highlights from the deployment included the Jan. 31 elections and the recent Operation Matador. Squadron aircraft also filled a similar role, flying from Afghanistan where they provided ISR support to ground forces fighting there.

Squadron Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Steve Bethke, will mark the official end of the deployment aboard the last P-3 when it touches down at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The squadron's new Executive Officer, Cmdr. Wade Turvold, was among the first home to

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Base deputy assumes command of K-Bay

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

Col. Michael C. O'Neal took command of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Friday, at an assumption of command ceremony held at the Pacific War Memorial.

O'Neal, formerly the chief of staff, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific,

Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, reported to K-Bay in May to replace Col. Richard C. Roten as deputy commander.

Along with being the deputy commander of the base, O'Neal has the added responsibility of assuming the duties and responsibilities of commanding officer now that Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, has left Hawaii

for Okinawa, Japan, where he will assume command of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

"My time here was bittersweet," said Brig. Gen. Trautman. "I came here in August and am leaving in June. It's like a school year. This is a great base — gracious staff, wonderful community and outstanding Marines. I am off to a new challenge, but I

know I am smarter than I was before I came here."

Because O'Neal's last assignment was here on the island, he said that he is very familiar with the area and how the command here at K-Bay functions.

"I am honored to assume these duties," announced O'Neal. "I don't

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Colonel retires after 31 years

Roten was instrumental in many base improvements

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

"This day and ceremony are not about me," stated the colonel, humbly. "This is an opportunity to reflect on the Marine Corps and the rich traditions and pride we share as Marines and Sailors serving our country."

Col. Richard R. Roten, former deputy commander, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, offered those

remarks at his retirement ceremony, which was held at the Pacific War Memorial, June 1. Roten retired from the Marine Corps after serving for 31 years.

A New Orleans, La. native, Roten began his career in the military by earning a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship to the University of Colorado in 1974. He graduated as the outstanding midshipman with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. From there, he began his run as an active duty Marine with a commission as a second lieutenant.

After graduation, Roten went to Quantico, Va., where he attended The Basic School,

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Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Col. Richard C. Roten salutes the side boys as he and his wife are "piped over the side" at the conclusion of his retirement ceremony, June 1, aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

The colorguard marches at the deactivation ceremony of Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 on Friday. The unit was deactivated after nearly 40 years.

'Windwalkers' deactivate

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

As they begin, all things must eventually come to an end. This held true for Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301, Friday, when they deactivated after almost 40 years of active service.

First activated on April 1, 1966, as Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron 301 at Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif., the squadron began its mission of training first-tour, refresher, conversion, and

transition aviators.

HMT-301's inventory began with the UH-34 Sea Horse and as technology advanced so too did the squadron's inventory which today includes the CH-53E Super Stallion. It was, however, the merge with HMT-302 and the inclusion of their CH-46 Sea Knights that caused the HMT-301's name to change from Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron 301 to Marine Heavy Helicopter Training Squadron 301.

The merging of the two squadrons, the increase in its inventory, and the

addition of the Fleet Readiness Aviation Maintenance Personnel Program all served to make HMT-301 the largest helicopter training squadron in the Marine Corps, by 1983.

During its first activation phase, the squadron received the Chief of Operations Safety Award five times and logged more than 100,000 class "A" mishap-free flight hours, achieving a first ever for a Marine Corps helicopter squadron.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Mass Reenlistment aboard USS Missouri

On Saturday, the 61st anniversary of the USS Missouri's first commissioning, men and women from each of the U.S. military services will help make history. More than 120 military personnel are anticipated to reenlist or reconfirm their "Oath" in the largest-ever mass reenlistment ceremony held aboard the battleship Missouri, located on Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor.

The multi-service ceremony will take place on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. All services are welcome to participate. Those interested in participating should contact Clark Thompson, military liaison for the memorial, at 455-1600 extension 225 or ClarkT@usmissouri.org, or an appropriate enlistment officer.

Road and Parking Lot Closure

Sections of Nimitz Road will be closed June 27 and 28 for paving and on July 6 for striping. During the road closure, a detour will be in place to route traffic away from the construction area. Pedestrians will only be allowed to cross in marked crosswalks.

The B-503 Parking Lot will be closed from June 29 through July 5 for paving and on July 12 for striping. There will be a partial lane closure, but will allow two-way vehicular access from June 20 through 24 to facilitate curb/gutter removal and replacement.

Stand Up for America Fourth of July Parade

Each year, Stand Up for America participates in the Fourth of July Parade in Kailua. This is a patriotic parade that happens to be the largest Independence Day event on Oahu. This year, the theme of the 59th Annual Fourth of July Parade is "Kailua Honors American Heroes."

SUFA is inviting the loved ones of deployed service members, and recently returned service members to march in the parade. Participants are asked to bring an 8 inch by 10 inch, or larger, framed photo of a loved one with them.

The parade will begin July 4 at 10 a.m. on Kainalu Street, but all participants should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. The parade ends at Kailua Intermediate School at approximately 12 p.m.

For more information on SUFA, log onto their Web site at www.standupforamerica.net. To reserve a place in the parade, call or e-mail Mike Gabbard at 682-0618 or mike@standupforamerica.net.

New Death Gratuity Plan

President Bush has signed an \$82 billion emergency war-spending bill that includes provisions to raise the death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000 for service members killed in areas designated as combat zones. The legislation also increases the maximum life insurance benefit for service members from \$250,000 to \$400,000. In addition, it authorizes payments of \$100,000 to members who lose a limb or suffer other types of traumatic injury.

Contact Gunnery Sgt. John Hamilton at 257-8822 for more information.

HI 5¢ Redemption Sites

Automated redemption machines will be stationed in the parking lot across from the Exchange Annex furniture/toy/garden store Tuesdays and Fridays, 12 to 5 p.m.

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'Statues of Servicemen' immortalizes fallen troops

Steven Donald Smith

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A nationwide project is underway to pay lasting tribute to fallen service members in their hometowns.

The "Statues of Servicemen" campaign is an effort to immortalize every American service member killed in the war on terrorism by creating a bronze statue of their likeness.

The statues will be placed in the hometowns of the fallen service members.

"These statues will be placed in city and town halls and government buildings throughout the United States to memorialize the brave men and women who have given their lives in the war on terror," said Sam Patterson, national SOS project director.

The organization began in March 2004 as "Survivors of Servicemen," with the goal of bringing attention to the trauma inflicted on the families of those killed, and to high-

light the financial distress faced by many military families.

The group began selling "Wear Camo" wristbands to raise money for families who lost loved ones. The wristbands were so successful that they decided to use the proceeds to fund the statue campaign, Patterson said.

The first statue was unveiled in Shelbyville, Tenn., on April 22 with the bust of Marine Corps Pfc. Daniel McClenney. He was killed on June 24, 2004, when his unit was ambushed while patrolling Afghanistan's mountainous Konar province.

The ceremony took place at the Shelbyville Court House, where the Nashville Marine Corps Reserve unit provided a 21-gun salute, and McClenney was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

McClenney's commanding officer, Lt. Col. Julian D. Alford, presented the medal to McClenney's father, Randy McClenney.

"His life was lived as an example of decency, and his death a costly price for free-



Image Courtesy of DefenseLink

The first bust in the "Statues of Servicemen" campaign, that of Marine Pfc. Daniel McClenney, was unveiled in Shelbyville, Tenn., on April 22.

Base has unique motorcycle rules

Susana Choy

Lifestyles Editor

There aren't many places in the United States with weather better suited for motorcycle riding than Hawaii. With temperate skies and ever-present trade winds, motorcyclists can ride year-round.

To help keep motorcyclists, motor scooter and moped riders safe on the roads, the Department of Defense and Marine Corps Base Hawaii have in place, motorcycle regulations for all who ride aboard Kaneohe Bay, Camp Smith, and beyond those borders. As summer draws near, many motorcyclists who have made a permanent change of station move to Hawaii, or other newcomers to the base, may not know there exists rules unique to MCB Hawaii.

Unlike those in the civilian sector, the safety program MCB Hawaii has implemented addresses safety, awareness and continued education for all levels of motorcycle riders, whether they're entry-level riders or they are 15-year veterans of riding. The annual refresher-training course is a keystone of this program. It requires all motorcyclists to complete one of three courses that are offered at the Base Safety Center, every year: The Basic Rider Course, Experienced Rider Course and the Group Rider Course. These Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses are all approved by the DoD and the BRC is a basic requirement on any DoD installation.

The BRC is a two-day course consisting of five hours of classroom time spent discussing and learning about motorcycle theory, and 10 hours of range or riding time. This course is geared toward new riders, riders with little experience riding, and those who have taken a break and are just returning to their riding career.

For those more experienced, the ERC is the next step in continuing their riding education. According to Safety Specialist Mario Diprete, Base Safety Center, "The ERC uses

nine exercises for rider-skill development. No classroom, no test, just an engaging morning of riding with fellow motorcyclists. During the breaks we often discuss motorcycle maintenance, the best shops to have your bike serviced, local clubs, paint and custom part suppliers, and much more." In order to take the ERC, one must have taken the BRC prior.

For the well-seasoned motorcyclists who have completed both the BRC and the ERC, there is the GRC, or Group Rider Course, a one-day course. "No matter if you're riding with just a few friends or as part of an organized event, this course will provide you with basic information for you to adapt and modify to your group dynamics," said Diprete. Topics covered during the course include how and when to use specific hand signals, riding in formation, identifying dangers in intersections, how to pass another vehicle, dealing with parking issues, how to handle roadside emergencies, and more.

After classroom time, weather permitting, riders will have the opportunity to practice what they've learned on a short group ride immediately after. Diprete said once students assume the role of lead and sweep rider, or the first and last riders in an organized group, things start making more sense. "One student put it, 'It's like herding cats!' You have to stay on top of things and think about what's best for the group," Diprete recounted. Students are debriefed and graduate at the Pali Lookout.

Currently, the only motorcycle safety courses recognized by DoD, are the ones offered at Kaneohe Bay, Pearl Harbor and Schofield Barracks. According to Diprete, the course offered at Leeward Community College, is an "outdated MSF course no longer recognized by the MSF or as a DoD-authorized course."

The use of personal protective gear is a given, on and off base. The basic requirements ordered, according to Base Order

dom," Alford said. "His fellow Marines continue to feel his absence, and they will never be the same. But they are more committed to the causes of liberty."

"This medal means so much to me," Randy McClenney said. "It's something I can look at every day and think of my son." Regarding the statue, Randy McClenney said, "I am sure my son would have been deeply touched by your gift to his family and the city of Shelbyville."

The second statue, this one depicting Marine Capt. Brent Morel, was unveiled in Memphis, Tenn., on May 21.

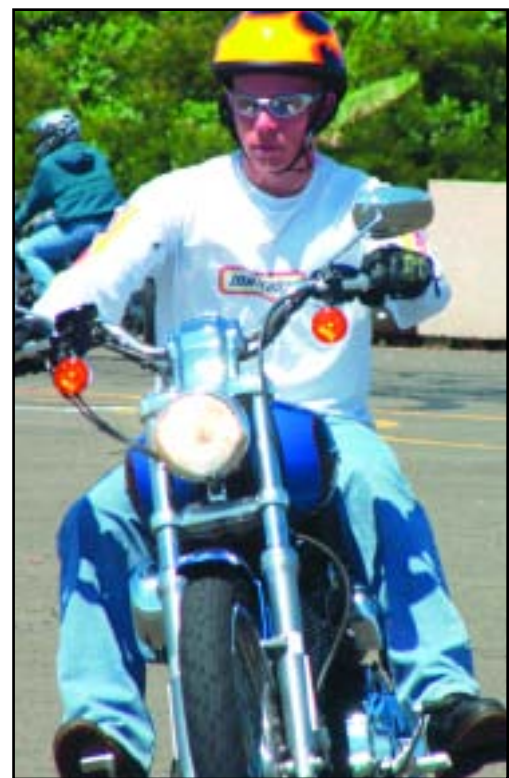
Morel was killed in Iraq on April 7, 2004, when insurgents ambushed his platoon while they escorted a convoy in the Anbar province. He was awarded the Navy Cross and is nominated for the Medal of Honor.

"I know that what he was doing was noble and right. It was what he had been trained to do and something he chose to do," said Brent's father, Mike Morel.

SOS is working with parents and spouses around the country to memorialize more troops.

"The human psyche is eased in times of deep sorrow by remembering and attempting to make tangible lives that are lost," Alford said. "Memorials serve this purpose. Memorials make our remembrance palpable."

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Kristin Herrick

Eric Waddle, a former Marine staff sergeant, practices his maneuvering skills at Kaneohe Bay's Motorcycle Safety Course training range during the Basic Rider Course, April 29, 2004.

"That, right there, is a testament to the quality of Marines that we have here," said the San Luis Obispo, Calif. native.

During the last few months, the 127 Marines of HMT-301 have been slowly merging with "sister squadrons" which gives these squadrons 10 plane squadrons, as opposed to their original eight, according to Wisdom. Wisdom will assume the duties and responsibilities of the executive officer for Marine Aircraft Group 24.

Throughout the years, HMT-301 has successfully logged more than 144,000 hours; trained more than 2,800 pilots, crew chiefs and aircrew; and has been awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award seven times. According to Wisdom, a reactivation of the squadron is unlikely in the future.

Weekend weather outlook

Today



Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers in the evening, easterly winds at 14-16 mph with gusts to 30 mph

Night — Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers, easterly winds at 10-14 mph with gusts to 20 mph

High — 82
Low — 74

Saturday



Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies and isolated rain showers, easterly winds at 12-14 mph with gusts to 25 mph

Night — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies and isolated rain showers, easterly winds at 10 mph with gusts to 15

High — 82
Low — 74

Sunday



Day — Partly cloudy with temporarily mostly cloudy skies and isolated rain showers in the morning and evening, easterly winds 10 mph with gusts to 15 mph

Night — Partly cloudy skies with isolated rain showers, easterly winds 8 mph

High — 82
Low — 75



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Sea Bags belonging to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marines are stacked, ready to be loaded onto buses for the unit's 8-month deployment to Afghanistan in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Their bags are packed

2/3 ready to replace 3/3 in Afghanistan

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, left Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, in droves beginning June 1 for a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 2/3 Marines are replacing Marines of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, which has been deployed since November 2004.

This deployment will be 2/3's first opportunity to serve in a combat zone in more than a decade. Their last deployment

was in support of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The Marines and Sailors are the last of the 3rd Marine Regiment to deploy and will be serving in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. The scheduled deployment is an eight-month tour.

For many of the Marines, this will be their first deployment overseas, but a second or third tour for others who came from units that had previously been sent to combat zones.

"This is my second time overseas in support of the war," said Cpl. Levi M. Moran, field radio operator, Headquarters and Service Company, 2/3. "But this is new to me because previously I served in Iraq. Afghanistan is a whole new ball game."

Moran, a Milwaukee, Wis. native, was formerly assigned with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He served as a 50-caliber machine gunner with a Small Craft Company. His unit was in charge of delivering bombs and other weapons

into certain areas of Iraq.

During this deployment, Moran will be serving his unit in the communications field.

"This will be a new experience," he commented. "I will be more on the front lines; but, I feel confident and more at peace this time around."

Moran said the hardest thing about deploying is being away from his wife and two children.

"I will miss birthdays and an anniversary while I am away," He said. "That is definitely the hardest part. I have a lot of faith, though, and I know they will be there for me when I get back."

Marines who are deploying for the first time also have a sense of apprehension, but are more eager to go because they have never had the opportunity to experience a deployment to a foreign country that is in a combat zone.

"I am both nervous and anxious," said Pfc. Frank S. Castro, administrative clerk, 2/3. "I just don't know what to expect. It is unknown territory for me."

Castro, a Paterson, N.J. native who has been in the Corps for less than one year said that he feels confident with being deployed to the region because his training from boot camp is still fresh in his mind.

"Although we went through a lot of work-up training for deployment," said Castro, "I think everything you need to know, you learned in boot camp, and we have been continuously training since then."

"I feel like we are ready to get into the action. It is our turn, and we are going to prove what we can do the and, hopefully, make the base proud."



3rd Radio deploys



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Above — Marines with 3rd Radio Battalion, stand in formation for role call before boarding buses to begin their journey to the Al Anbar Province, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom for a nine-month deployment. For nearly one third of the deploying Marines, this will be their third deployment to the desert. Many of the others are returning for their second tour overseas.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Left — Marines and Navy hospital corpsmen with 3rd Radio Battalion grab some Meals Ready to Eat before boarding buses to begin their journey to the Al Anbar Province, Iraq, for nine months.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, load sea bags into a truck in preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan for an eight-month deployment. For many deploying 2/3 Marines, this will be their first time overseas in support of the war.

'Leaving on a jet plane'



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Approximately 100 Marines from Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 362 departed, May 25, for a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, on Unit Program Deployment.

New Base Chapel dedicated

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

Sixteen months after the construction first began, the doors of the new Base Chapel aboard Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay, opened to the public for the first time during its grand opening and dedication ceremony in the early morning hours, Friday.

The idea for a new Base Chapel was originally conceived after years of holding religious services in a renovated mess hall, and holding religious education classes in the old exchange, said Navy Chaplain (Lt.) Daniel C. Whitaker, Headquarters Battalion. The decision was pushed through Congress and the money for the construction was from appropriated funds from Congress.

The new chapel can seat more than 700 people, while a smaller chapel, which is also still available, can only hold up to 50. The new Base Chapel includes offices for chaplains, the religious education director, religious program specialists, 12 classrooms for religious education and Sunday school programs, a conference room, kitchen, and more.

The opening ceremony included a prayer of dedication by retired Command Chaplain (Capt.), Joseph W. Estabrook before the maile lei was untied. Estabrook now serves as a bishop with the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA in Washington.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, all attendees were welcomed to refreshments, and the opportunity to tour the new chapel for the first time. Seen in different a perspective from inside and out are five stained-glass windows, each having its own special purpose and meaning.

One of the windows is dedicated to the memory of the Chosin Few, a group of Marines,



Brig. Gen. George Trautman III, commanding general, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, unties the maile lei signaling the opening of the new Base Chapel at the dedication ceremony Friday. The chapel is officially open after 16 months of construction.

soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Royal Marine commandos who fought at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The "Star of Koto-Ri" is designed

on the window displaying the star that had shown brightly for those who fought.

The four other windows have meanings of their own.

The Altar was created to show the relationship between the Marine Corps and the people of Hawaii. The beauty of the land and water demonstrates their pleasant relationship.

Fire symbolizes the flaming spirit of the Hawaiian Islands and the Marine Corps, drawing strength from fiery determination to preserve a good way of life, no matter what the danger.

The Water signifies the naval forces and the water that surrounds the Hawaiian Islands combined with the powerful spirit of the naval forces showing unwavering dedication and perseverance.

Lastly, the entrance of the chapel shows the tree of life, depicting the different islands and the different units.

It took approximately 7.5 million dollars to build the chapel. According to Whitaker, included within the walls of the new Base Chapel is state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment that includes two large projection monitors and a sound and lighting system.

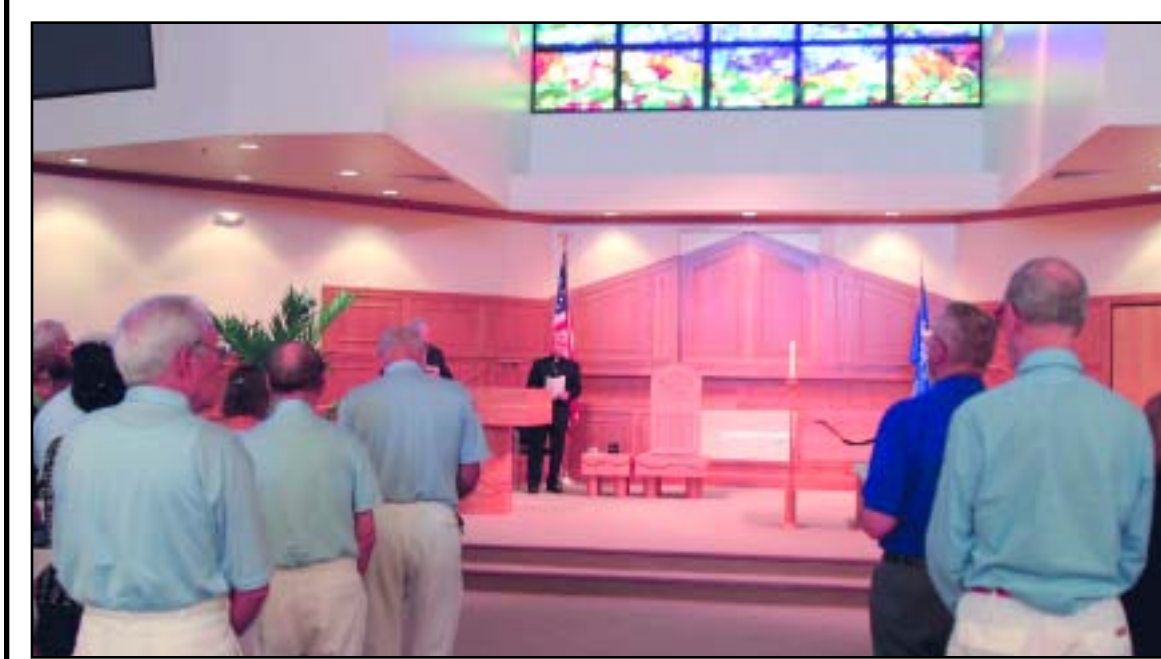
The chapel will now hold services every Sunday. Protestant services will be held at 8 and 11 a.m., and Roman Catholic mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. An evening mass will be held at 5 p.m.

"This new chapel holds tremendous beauty and is a great blessing for the base," said Whitaker. "This is for everyone to strengthen spiritually, mentally and emotionally."



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Members of the "Chosin Few," Aloha Chapter, attended the dedication of the new Base Chapel Friday morning with their families. One of the stained-glass windows is dedicated in their honor.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Star of Koto-Ri

Members of the "Chosin Few," Aloha Chapter, in light blue shirts, line the chapel during a memorial service and stained-glass dedication, Friday, at the newly dedicated Base Chapel on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Bishop Joseph Estabrook, former K-Bay chaplain, gave the invocation, and other speakers at the ceremony included retired Lt. Col. Thomas Kalus, and Reverend Hugh Miller. The service included a reading of the Litany of the Psalms at Hagaru, Hagaru to Koto-ri, The Evacuation and Koto-ri to the Sea. Ballads of Honor were also sung in honor of the service members who served in Korea in 1950.



One of the five stained-glass windows at the new Base Chapel is dedicated to the Chosin Few, survivors of a historic battle in Korea nearly 55 years ago.

Photo Courtesy of Bob Talmadge

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Kaneohe Bay from deployment, and was busy in preparing for the homecoming arrangements.

"The Skinny Dragons performed miraculously in a wide variety of operations while deployed. From Armed



Surveillance in the Arabian Gulf, to overland reconnaissance in Iraq and Afghanistan, to tsunami relief in Indonesia, we saw it all." Turvold said. "Our family and friends, as well as the Marine Corps base, are providing us with a spectac-

ular homecoming."

Eight Skinny Dragons had extra special reunions as they returned home to new babies they had never seen.

There will be an awards ceremony on Friday to recognize members of the squadron for their outstanding achievements during this deployment.



Salutes

Units wanting to submit information for "Salutes" should send an e-mail to kristin@hawaiiimarine.com or call 257-8836.

DUIs are career killers

Editor's Note: Per the base commander of MCB Hawaii, individuals arrested for driving under the influence [DUI], driving while intoxicated or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.

•June 2, Lance Cpl. Jacob E. Chescheir of 3rd Marine Regiment. Driving under the influence, with a blood alcohol content of .11 percent.

•June 4, Lance Cpl. Michael B. Rowe of 3/3. DUI with a BAC of .05 percent.

MCAF assists with dolphin transport

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps Air Facility aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is constantly prepared to send and receive troops who are deploying and redeploying. On June 1, however, MCAF received something a little bit different. There were no troops to contend with on that day, it was the receipt of five Atlantic bottlenose dolphins that were on their way to Sea Life Park, Makapuu Point, Oahu.

The dolphins, arriving on two separate flights, were sent by the Navy Marine Mammal Program to the park and are on loan for breeding purposes, according to Jeff Pawloski, assistant curator, Sea Life Park. The National Marine Fishery Service encouraged the use of these dolphins as breeding stock, out of concern to create a healthier stock of dolphins at the park. It is well known that animals that come from a larger gene pool are usually healthier and have longer life spans.

"This is a great opportunity for all of us here," said Pawloski. "This will create genetic diversity that is so important to every species."

The air-breathing mammals were flown from San Diego, Calif., and made a seven-hour flight to K-Bay, arriving at Hangar 5. Upon their arrival, the dolphins were loaded onto trucks and transported on a short trip to the Sea Life Park.

According to officials, it took months of planning before beginning the transportation process. Veterinarians and others constantly monitored the mammals' respiration and vital signs, keeping them cool and comfortable in preparation for their journey. There was even a mini-hospital available, should a problem occur during transport.

"We kept the animals on a "transporter," which was designed to ensure the dolphins were comfortable for the duration of the trip," said Pawloski. "Like us, they need to retain a regular body temperature, so we constantly monitor them while they use their fins as radiators to cool their bodies down."

Workers also poured water over the mammals as they lay in a fleece-lined stretcher, which releases any pressure that could be put on the

dolphins' bodies while lying down. After they were taken off of the plane, the animals were driven to a grassy area, where water from the flight was replaced by fresh, clean water that would sustain them during their trip to Makapuu Point.

It has not yet been decided how long the mammals will remain at the Sea Life Park, but while they are there, they will be on display in a giant tank that holds more than 1 1/2 million gallons of water.

"This is the first time that we have had the opportunity to receive dolphins this way for breeding purposes, so we just have to see how it goes.

"Everything is going very well so far, though, and we hope for success," said Pawloski, "One of the dolphins we are receiving today is a calf that is a direct result of this breeding program."

According to Pawloski, MCAF is credited with making the dolphins' transition from their home in California to their temporary home at Sea Life Park easier for the dolphins as well as for the staff at Sea Life Park.

"We are all so grateful for the help of the military — for being more than willing to help us with the transport of the animals," said Pawloski. "They made the transit so much easier and so much shorter than it would have been without their efforts. They really helped to make this happen."



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Brian S. Bair, animal trainer, Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, keeps Naia cool and comfortable before her trip to Sea Life Park.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Naia, an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin, is just one of five that arrived June 1 to K-Bay before being transported to Sea Life Park for breeding purposes.

Lucky Red Lions respond to west Oahu fires

HMH-363 douses flames in Waianae and Nanakuli

1st Lt. Brad Khaner

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363

The Lucky Red Lions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 recently took to the air to extinguish fires in the immediate vicinity of Waianae and Nanakuli on the western coast

of Oahu. The Red Lions successfully dropped more than 16,000 gallons of water, flying a combined total of eight and one-half hours to fight the two fires.

Much like the ground firefighting units, the Red Lions are called into action after receiving a request from Honolulu Fire Department via Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and then given 90 minutes to respond. HMH-363 had aircraft, aircrew, and maintenance troubleshooters ready to go and helicopters were airborne within one hour of notification.

Once on scene, the squadron's CH-53D Super Stallion descended into a softball field being used as a hasty landing zone. This zone was used as a coordination site for local authorities to determine the best approach to fight the fire.

"The firefighting mission is not a primary task that we train to, but our experience conducting external sling-load cargo resupply has a lot of similarities, and we were happy to see how effective our water drops were," explained Sgt. Tom Williams, HMH-363 crew chief instructor.

To execute their mission, the Super Stallions used a collapsible, 440-gallon bucket that is suspended externally beneath the aircraft. After making 12 water drops near Nanakuli and 20 near Waianae the next day, the Red Lions had successfully extinguished both fires and cooled hot spots to an acceptable level.

Honolulu Fire Department and residents of Waianae and Nanakuli were relieved to see the success of the mission. The Lucky Red Lions remain on fire-bucket standby to help preserve Oahu's natural habitat and inhabitants.

Kailua native teaches Iraqis ways of the warrior

Cpl. Tom Sloan
2nd Marine Division

AR RAMADI, Iraq — While a majority of 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment's frontline forces patrol the urban battlefield hunting for insurgents, a platoon of Marines with Company B have a different role in the securing of this city and the restoration of its infra-



Cpl. Tom Sloan

Two members of the Iraqi Security Forces search under the hood of a vehicle while Lance Cpl. Nick C. Strowmatt, a grenadier and instructor with the Combined Action Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, stands back and supervises during a training session. The 22-year-old from Kailua, Hawaii, and his fellow Marines with the platoon are responsible for training new members of the Iraqi Security Forces during the infantry battalion's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

structure — training Iraqi Security Forces.

New ISF members arrive at the camp here motivated and receive 12 days of training from the 40 Marines who make up the Combined Action Platoon. They then leave as highly skilled professionals ready to conduct security and stabilization operations.

"They come to us knowing basic military knowledge," said 2nd Lt. Michael L. Burke, the platoon's commander. "We sharpen their skills and get them to the point of being able to conduct missions in the city.

A physical training session kicks off every day at 8 a.m. The Marines lead their Iraqi counterparts in running and performing various calisthenics for approximately an hour. After PT the Marines instruct ISF in various skills until 5 p.m.

The program the Iraqi soldiers attend is similar to the Marine Corps' School of Infantry, according to Lance Cpl. Nick C. Strowmatt, a grenadier and instructor with the platoon.

"They learn how to be infantrymen from us," said the 22-year-old from Kailua, Hawaii.

They are also taught the importance of small unit leadership.

"A big focus of ours is building a strong NCO corps within them," he said. "They have the rank structure, and we stress to them that NCOs are the backbone of their force."

The 2001 Kalaheo High School graduate said he and his fellow Marines teach them the fundamentals of patrolling, marksmanship and how to conduct hasty vehicle control points while on patrol. The soldiers are also taught detainee handling procedures and how to set up security positions.

Strowmatt, who's in Iraq for the third time supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, said he is honored to be a part of training Iraq's future security forces.



Cpl. Tom Sloan

An Iraqi Police Officer (left) gives instructions during a training mission while Lance Cpl. Nick C. Strowmatt, a 22-year-old Kailua, Hawaii native stands by and supervises. Strowmatt, a grenadier and instructor with the Combined Action Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, and his platoon has trained 300 soldiers and 300 police officers since assuming the training role two months ago.

"I believe in the mission the Marines and I are doing," he said. "Working with them on a day-to-day basis and seeing them improve is gratifying. It's a window into seeing the whole country getting better. The ISF will, with our help, eventually be able to take care of securing their own country so that I might not have to come back here a fourth time. We're making our mark on Iraq by training these guys, which is something we can look back on later and say, 'yeah, we were a part of that.'"

According to Burke, the trained ISF personnel will soon be accompanying Company B Marines on patrols through the city.

"First we're going to attach a squad of Iraqi

soldiers to a platoon of our Marines and go on missions," he explained. "We'll see how that works for awhile, and then we'll switch it around and have a squad of Marines to a platoon of Iraqi soldiers out there. We're taking the crawl, walk, run approach."

Since assuming the training role two months ago, Burke and his platoon of Marines have trained 600 ISF. He's confident in the force they've stood up.

"They are very capable and professional," he said. "They take charge and the general principles of mission accomplishment and troop welfare is important to them. Their performance is a testament to the Marines' hard work."

COMMAND, From A-1

have a lot to worry about. I intend to continue operations as they have been run in the past.

"This base is already running like a well-oiled machine, and all I can do is continue that."

O'Neal referred to the base and surrounding area as a paradise. He considers it paradise, not so much because of the setting, but more because of the local community, staff, military personnel and families that make the area a worthwhile place to live and work.

"The cooperation and effort put forth with regard to making things happen and making things work," he began, "is the fabric of the unity we possess as a community of individuals who care about people and their overall quality of life."

O'Neal reflected upon the good that came from hardships and difficult situations that those assigned to units aboard base, as well as their families and friends, have endured in recent months.

"The numerous memorials and ceremonies held in honor of our fallen Marines and Sailors have served as examples of how close this unit is," he said.

The homecomings and unit gatherings also serve as examples of how the families, friends and the community support the accomplishments and sacrifices made by the Kaneohe Bay Marines and Sailors, according to the new base commander, who praised the base and civilian community for their support.

"In my 29 years of service," he began. "I have never seen community support like this."

O'Neal will continue to serve as the base commander and deputy commander until late summer when the incoming commanding general will assume command.

CYCLE, From A-2

vertical or horizontal retro-reflective stripes in front and back.

One may be taken aback at the list, but these days, there is a wide variety of gear that will meet these safety requirements and a rider's requirement of comfort and style. With the many shops on the island and on the Internet, it should be easy to equip yourself with the latest in comfortable and stylish PPE.

For specifics regarding PPE requirements or other information about motorcycling, refer to Base Order 5100.22 with changes 1 and 2 or call Diprete at 257-1830.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Col. Richard C. Roten addresses the crowd during his retirement ceremony, June 1, at the Pacific War Memorial. Roten spent 31 years in the Marine Corps. During his last speech as a Marine, he spoke to the younger Marines about upholding the pride and traditions of the Corps.

ROTEN, From A-1

graduating as an honor graduate.

Throughout his career, he continued to attend military courses from which he continuously graduated with honors or distinction.

Over the course of his 31 years of active duty service, Roten served as a rifle platoon commander, officer selection officer, commanding officer, logistics officer, operations officer, plans officer, Marine Air-Ground Task Force operations officer, deputy director, Marine liaison officer and deputy commander.

His assignments took him throughout the United States as well as to remote duty stations overseas, serving in areas such as Somalia and Norway.

Since arriving aboard MCB Hawaii, as deputy commander, Roten is credited with achievements

that will be evident for years to come.

"Although he has been instrumental in making many things happen on base," explained Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, former commanding general, MCB Hawaii, "he is not about things — he is about people and what he made happen since he became deputy commander reflected that."

Along with his words of appreciation, Brig. Gen. Trautman commented on many of the on-base operations and services Roten was instrumental in developing. The list included recreation, housing and training improvements throughout base, such as a new inline hockey rink, barracks improvements, new housing areas and new fences around the athletic fields.

During his retirement speech, Roten shared some of his favorite

experiences with Marines, Sailors and civilians alike. He also inserted a bit of humor.

"When I joined," he began with a smile, "cars were \$6,000 — new — right off the lot."

His final speech reflected his character, pride and love for the Corps citing memories, Marine Corps quotes, traditions, and a poem that emphasized the passing down of knowledge, customs, honor and duty to those still in the Corps.

After reading "In Flanders Fields," written by Lt. Col. John McCrae (1872-1918), to honor the soldiers who fought on Flanders Fields during the Battle of Ypres in 1915, Roten ended his speech with a Marine Corps toast, which served as his final farewell and the passing of the torch.

"Long live the United States," he stated proudly, "and success to the Marines!"

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Below — Tanner Warner, son of Pvt. Kathryn L. Warner, supply clerk with Combat Service Support Group 3, gets close to the glass to get a better view of a hippopotamus at the Honolulu Zoo on Military Appreciation Day, Saturday.



Armed forces personnel attending the Honolulu Zoo's Military Appreciation Day event, Saturday, were invited to get acquainted with the zoo's residents, enjoy live music and participate in a number of activities set up specially for them — all for free.



Armed Forces personnel flock to enjoy the Honolulu Zoo's Military Appreciation Day activities

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Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU — On Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo gates were opened and admission was free for all military and their families from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday.

The first 5,000 military service members to enter the park received a free lunch, which included a hot dog and ice cream. Zoo officials also offered their military guests free parking at Kapiolani Community College, with free shuttle service to and from the zoo.

"It's really motivating, knowing that we are being appreciated," said Pvt. Kathryn A. Warner, supply clerk with Combat Service Support Group 3. "It makes me feel good to know I'm doing something good for my country, but at the same time, a little 'thank you' like the zoo did is always good."

Cathy L. Kanika, Honolulu Zoo staff member, explained that the zoo held the Military Appreciation Day because the staff at the zoo are thankful for how the military protects them, and risks their lives for them — everyday.

"The military does so much; there's really no way to pay them," said Kanika. "Military personnel put their lives on the line for people they don't even know, so the least we can do is give them a free day at the zoo."

The Honolulu Zoo worker explained that Mayor Mufi Hannemann and other city officials were there to express their thanks to active duty military personnel and their families stationed in Hawaii.

"The day was made possible by so many different people and organizations," said Kanika. "The Aloha of the USO Hawaii, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Honolulu Zoological Society, and the City and County of Honolulu all helped to sponsor this event."

According to Warner, who brought her 2-year-old son to the zoo, there were many attractions for children and many animals that she didn't know existed.

"There were a lot of animals there that I was totally clueless about," said Warner. "My son was loving the animals, especially at the petting zoo. He couldn't get enough of the goats."

Aside from animals, the Honolulu Zoo also offered attendees face painting, balloon animals and a bouncy house. In addition to the free entrance, free food, live animal attractions and games, the sponsors of Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo also invited the Royal Hawaiian Band, along with other bands, to provide music entertainment for their military guests.

"The music was good, and it was just an awesome time at the zoo," said Warner. "I really feel good when places hold a special day just for military and it makes what we do well worth it."

Below — Pvt. Kathryn L. Warner, supply clerk with Combat Service Support Group 3, holds her son Tanner as he reaches out to touch a sheep at the Honolulu Zoo's petting zoo during Military Appreciation Day, Saturday.



Country comes to BayFest '05

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MCCS Marketing

McKenna Motors BayFest 2005 will bring the Grand Old Opry to Kaneohe Bay. Well almost. On July 2 and 3, country music acts will have crowds line dancing or two-stepping to the sounds of Montgomery Gentry and Brad Paisley, respectively.

Montgomery Gentry

July 2, Main Stage, 9:15 p.m.

Are they country? Are they rock? This high-powered duo is a bit of both, heading up a new generation of country rockers who have blurred the lines between life and music.

Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry sing about heartache, honky-tonks and hell-raising with a sound that is raw and powerful. The boys hail from the Kentucky heartland and the

working-class landscape they come from has a strong influence on their music. But we're not talking back porch country. These guys have a huge sound and they definitely know how to rock.

Winner of the 2000 American Music Award for Favorite New Artist-Country, this year, they were up for the CMA's Best Video by a Group or Duo for their hit, "If You Ever Stop Loving Me."

In a nod to Dale Earnhardt's hard-hitting driving style, Montgomery said, "If this new album was part of NASCAR, it would definitely have a number three on it, cause it's runnin' wide open."

Brad Paisley

July 3, Main Stage, 9:15 p.m.

Traditional. It's a label multi-platinum country artist Brad Paisley is



comfortable with. The country tradition runs deep through Paisley's music but he adds a little twist. Paisley is a serious guitar player who cites Eric Clapton as a major influence along with his more obvious country heroes that include George Jones and Alan Jackson. His crackerjack band keeps up with Paisley's impressive guitar chops providing an electrifying live performance that any music fan can appreciate.

Paisley's been on a roll lately. His latest offering, Mud on the Tires, has spun off several hits including his tongue-in-cheek take on fame, "Celebrity" and the powerful duet

with Alison Krauss, "Whiskey Lullaby" which won the Country Music Association's Video of the Year and Vocal Event categories.

Since making his debut in 1999 and being awarded the CMA's Horizon Award in 2000, he's been showered with a total of 13 nominations and two more trophies from CMA. He's a Grammy nominee and an Academy of Country Music award winner. His most treasured honor though, is his 2001 induction to the Grand Old Opry.

If Brad Paisley and his band don't get your feet moving, you may want to check your pulse. Both acts will be followed by a huge fireworks display in celebration of the Marines and Sailors aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii who have served in the War on Terrorism.

McKenna Motors BayFest is an

annual event open to the public. Gates open at noon starting Saturday. Other attractions include military demonstrations, contests and E.K. Fernandez carnival rides. Concerts start at 9:15 p.m. followed by a huge Grucci Brothers fireworks show each night.

Tickets can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets including Times Supermarkets (walk-in service only), Blaisdell Box Office, and Brigham Young University; online at www.bayfesthawaii.com and Ticketmaster.com; charged by phone at (877) 750-4400; or purchased at the gate. No backpacks or coolers will be allowed. For more information, visit www.bayfesthawaii.com.

Proceeds from this event will be used to enhance the quality of life for the Marines, Sailors and their family members stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

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Possibilities in Paradise

Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill

254-7660/7661

Two Bands are Better Than One — One band is good, but two bands are better. Come to the club tonight for an evening of live musical performances by Floodgate followed by ZoundBox. These bands tunes are bound to raise the roof. It all starts at 10 p.m.

Staff NCO Club

254-5481

NCO Appreciation Night — Although it may sometimes seem like you can't work with them, let

them know on Wednesday that you sure wouldn't want to be without them. NCO Appreciation Night is the ideal opportunity to bring out those special co-workers to the club, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., for some chow and refreshments.

All Hands

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program — PREP is a communication and problem-solving skills workshop for married or engaged couples where they are taught constructive arguing, problem-solving skills, positive steps for preventing divorce, and how to preserve a lasting love.

It will be held at the Base Chapel, Building 6677, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Materials and lunch are provided at no charge.

To sign up, contact Chaplain Nazario at 257-3552, ext. 23.

From Combat Zone to Home Life — Designed especially for the spouses of Marines and Sailors returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, regardless of unit, this class will focus on combat stress, return and reunion, Navy medicine, child psychology and alcohol use. The

class will be held Tuesday in Combat Camera Classroom number 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, call Capt. Claire Hamilton, 257-7777.

Marriage Skills Workshop

If marriage is in your plans, don't miss the Marriage Skills Workshop offered by the Counseling Services department of Marine and Family Services. Through this workshop, participants will learn more about becoming a successful family, couples communication, budgeting and finances, and resources available.

The first day's session, to be held on Wednesday, runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The second session will be on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both sessions will take place in Building 216.

For more information or to register, call 257-7780 or 257-7781.

Understanding Personality Types

Marine and Family Services is proud to present the latest addition to their collection of programs, the "Understanding Your Personality Type" class. The class begins with an in-depth, Myers-Briggs personality Type Indicator instrument that offers a personality assessment used to understand how different personalities interact.

The class will be offered June 23,

from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 216. Call 257-7780/81 for reservations.

Joint Education Center Graduation Ceremony — Many students never have the opportunity to participate in a graduation ceremony until now.

On Thursday at 2 p.m., come to the Base Theater to celebrate the academic accomplishments of JEC students. Graduates will receive certificates recognizing their achievements and, of course, degrees will be conferred.

For more information, call 257-2158.

Ongoing

Last Days of the Club Membership Drive — Haven't joined your club yet? Don't wait much longer to take advantage of the benefits of joining The Officers' Club or the Staff NCO Club.

Through June 24, both clubs will be holding a membership drive with the goal of increasing club membership by 15 percent. Proving that membership pays, Marine Corps club members will have a chance to win a \$500 credit on their membership account during the membership drive. New and renewing club mem-

bers are automatically entered, and four winners will be randomly drawn per installation.

MCB Hawaii also offers an incentive that will make your ears perk and your toes tap — literally. New members from K-Bay or Camp Smith who sign up for the Chase membership card by June 20 will also be entered to win an iPod mini, the latest in portable music at the touch of your fingers. For more information, contact The Officers' Club at 254-7650 or the Staff NCO Club at 254-5481. MCCS club member applications are available at all clubs as well as online at www.onecorpsclubs.com.

Summer Reading Program

Kick Off Party — Come to the library to celebrate the start of another Summer Reading Program. Find out how to get credit rewards for all those books you intend to read this summer. Ronald McDonald will be there to animate the party, which starts Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

For every 15 picture books young children read or have their parents read to them, children can claim rewards from the Library. Older children who read chapter books will be recognized for every two to 10 hours of reading completed. Call the Base Library for more information at 254-7624.

Club offers cool events to beat heat

Yibeli Galindo-Baird

MCCS Marketing

Summer will officially start June 21. For those who have already started looking for ways to beat the heat and cool down in style, there is an option that will make any other off-base alternative seem far less appealing. The Officers' Club invites you to consider becoming a member and, as a result, dive into its eye-catching pool.

As it is, Officers' Club members enjoy many perks that let membership pay for itself in no time. There is one offering, however, that makes the value of all the other benefits seem insignificant: quality time in a quality setting with quality people. Through the O' Club, quality in everything it offers and does is a given. Splash Tuesdays, which kicked off May 31, and the latest family-focused event, Sizzle Sundays, are two exceptional opportunities to bring the family together in an unsurpassed setting.

Splash Tuesdays, which will run through Labor Day weekend, enable the family and friends of club members to enjoy the pool and kids pool. With its unsurpassed views and intimate setting, the large O' Club pool offers an exclusive location in which to take advantage of the sun and enjoy the hospitality.

Poolside menu offerings this year will delight both the young and the young at heart. While the pool itself will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (note the later closing time), the Splash Tuesday Poolside menu will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Salads, and burgers and hot dogs cooked to order on a poolside grill will make for a fulfilling lunch even the kids can enjoy. Beverages and snacks will also be offered.

On Sundays, the pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., four hours longer than originally announced, and on Mondays and holidays, the

pool will be closed. However, from Wednesday through Friday, poolside menu items will be available, although they will be cooked in the kitchen and can be ordered via a poolside phone. The lunch will then be delivered to the pool area. On those days, the menu items will vary slightly, but a children's menu will also be available.

Sizzle Sundays, the latest addition to the poolside fun line-up, kicks off Sunday and promises to make it hard to leave without having had a wave of fun. The weekend mirror image of Splash Tuesdays, Sizzle Sundays will also feature a grill by the pool on which various items will be made to order from 2 to 6 p.m. Among the menu options available are sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and salads. Soft drinks and assorted chips will make it easy to quench your thirst and eliminate those snack cravings.

More than just food, Splash Tuesdays and Sizzle Sundays are about family fun. Families can bring and play their own games. Music, courtesy of the club, will make this affair a festive, summertime tradition that allows the working parent to visit her or his family at the pool and have lunch together in pleasurable environment on Tuesdays. On Sundays, families who once drove out to Waikiki hotels to share often congested and noisy pools will now have the chance to use the pool exclusively.

For safety reasons, parents are asked to stay with



Photo Courtesy of MCCS Marketing

Children and adults alike can make the most of the O' Club pool with Splash Tuesday and the new Sizzle Sunday events by the pool. Pool hours have also been extended to accommodate an anticipated increase in pool usage.

their children at the pool at all times. While a lifeguard will be on duty, parents or supervising adults are responsible for their children's actions and whereabouts at all times.

"Of course we want our members to enjoy the pool, especially now that it is starting to get hot again," said The Officers' Club General Manager Don Figueira. Figueira is currently looking into shade alternatives that will make visiting the pool comfortable even on the sunniest of days. "When we were asked about adding more shade, we considered many options and we are still looking into it. The important thing is that we are doing whatever our membership wants us to do because this is their club, and we want them to come and enjoy what their dues are paying for. But they need to come."

Splash Tuesday is just one of many reasons to become an Officers' Club member. Membership offers discounted pricing on menu items, complimentary pupus at special events, weekly gatherings, monthly coupons and more.

Those who join the club in June can enjoy a complimentary lunch any day of the week.

Find your swimsuit or trunks, dust off your rubber ducky and bring your brightest beach towel. Summer is here, and if fun in the sun and shade at a private pool sound like a great way to enjoy the summer, then drop by the club. For more details or to sign up, contact the club at 254-7650.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults, 12 and older, \$3; children 6 to 11, \$1.50 and children 5 and younger, free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your ID card at the box office.

Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

A Lot Like Love (PG-13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Sahara (PG-13)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
The Interpreter (PG-13)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Amityville Horror (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
A Lot Like Love (PG-13)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
King's Ransom (PG-13)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
King's Ransom (PG-13)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (PG)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
The Interpreter (PG-13)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

SM&SP



All events are open to unaccompanied E-5 and below who are active duty Marines or Sailors. The SM&SP Office is located in Building 1629, inside the Kahuna's Recreation Center. Get more details on activities at mccshawaii.com under the "Semper Fitness" icon, or call 254-7593.

Barefoot Splash & Snorkel Cruise

Now sit right back and enjoy a tale, a tale of a fun-filled trip. Join the Single Marine & Sailor Program for the Barefoot Splash & Snorkel Cruise. For only \$48 per-person, authorized patrons will be whisked away for a three-hour tour, a three-hour tour. All Gilligan's Island jokes aside, this day of adventure will take you over and under the ocean for snorkeling and sights. Lunch will be included so all you have to bring is a swim suit and some lotion. The cruise sets sail June 11 where cruisers will meet in front of the SM&SP Office at the Kahuna's Recreation Center at 10 a.m. Sign up at the office by June 8, as registration is limited to 20 people (subject to cancellation if participation demands are not met). Call 254-7593 for further information.

Shank 'n' Slice Best Ball Golf Tournament

Register now for this quarterly golf tourney to be held June 16 at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$27 for E-5 and below, \$34 for E-6 and above. Bring your boss and show him or her who really rules the course. There is a limit of one boss per player and the sponsor must play with their guest. Check in at 11:30 a.m. Fees include green fees, cart, prizes, pupus and beverages. Prizes will be awarded.



Wearing a war bonnet, Sgt. Catcher Cuts The Rope, Squad Leader, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and a member of the White Clay and Nakota nations, leads the Armed Forces Veteran's dance at the 13th Annual Warrior Society Powwow at Kapiolani Park in Waikiki, Sunday. Cuts The Rope is carrying a flag signed by members of Alpha Company just before engaging in the Battle of Fallujah. Upon his return home, he was met by more than 300 tribe members and presented with the war bonnet by tribal elders, the first one given in nearly 100 years.



Warriors' tradition

Left — Dressed in traditional regalia, Robert Lowe, a former Marine with Fourth Force Reconnaissance, dances at Sunday's 13th Annual Warrior Society Pow Wow with his 3-year-old son, Hunter. Lowe, who has been dancing for 10 years, and his son, can trace their American Indian heritage to the Cherokee and Wampanoag tribes. This is Hunter's first stab at dancing.

Bottom — Veterans from different military branches, many dressed in tribal garb, gathered to dance in the Armed Forces Veterans' Dance during the 13th Annual Warrior Society Pow Wow at Kapiolani Park, Sunday. The two-day powwow showcased native American Indian culture through song, dance and arts and crafts.

Photos By Susana Choy



Salsathon gathers Latin entertainers

Susana Choy
Lifestyles Editor

The hot latin beats expected to emerge from the McCoy Pavilion, June 18, can only add to the summer heat when the annual Puerto Rican Cultural and Salsa Festival returns for the fifth year to Ala Moana Beach Park.

The year's largest salsa event will be open to everyone and is set to bring some big names in

the latin entertainment industry, such as New York City's rising star Lusito Rosario, California's Conjunto Alegre and the world renowned L.A. Salsa Kids.

For those wanting to advance their latin dancing skills, there will be special salsa workshops by Edie "The Salsa Freak" and Al "Liquid Silver" Espinoza from California and others.

In addition to the singing and dancing, there will be a silent auction, plenty of local

latin foods, arts and crafts, product booths, face painting for the keiki and a no-host bar.

Tickets cost \$10 if purchased in advance or \$15 at the door. Active military and their families and seniors pay only \$5 while children 12 and under are free. Presale tickets are available from Hispanic Center of Hawaii (941-5216), Rita and Chico Padilla (847-1491), UPRAH

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Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Checking in

Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III (center), commanding general, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, accepts a check for \$33,899.72 from Lt. Col. Andrew M. Horton, chief, Theater Systems Implementation, Camp Smith, and Renee S. Acosta, president and CEO of Global Impact, representing funds raised by the Combined Federal Campaign Overseas Pacific. The funds will be used for family support and youth programs of military personnel. The CFC has more than 300 campaigns throughout the country and internationally, that raise millions of dollars every year to support nonprofit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

WORD TO PASS

Hospital Corps To Hold 107th Birthday Ball

This year's birthday ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki on Friday from 5 p.m. to midnight.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Rear Adm. Thomas R. Cullison, medical officer of the Marine Corps and the Pacific Fleet Band and a DJ will provide music through the evening.

The attire for the night is Service Dress Whites or better for Navy personnel, service

equivalent for those in other services and formal for civilians.

Tickets are available at any Navy clinic through Wednesday. Tickets are free for HMs E-3 and below and costs \$20 for E-3 and below personnel, \$25 for E-4 personnel, \$30 for E-5 personnel, \$35 for E-6 personnel, and \$40 for E-7 and above personnel. Ticket prices for guests will correspond to that of their sponsors.

For more details or to purchase tickets, call

See WTP, B-5

ON THE MENU

AT ANDERSON HALL

Today

Lunch
Soups w/Crackers
Pepper Steak
Southern Fried
Catfish
Rice Pilaf
Potatoes Au Gratin
Glazed Carrots
Simmered
Black-Eyed Peas
Brown Gravy

Dinner

Roast Turkey
Beef Pot Pie
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Egg
Noodles
Calico Corn
Simmered Broccoli

Saturday

Brunch/Dinner
Soup w/Crackers
Baked Lasagna
Chicken Parmesan
Spaghetti Noodles
Marinara Sauce
Italian Mixed
Vegetables
Simmered Peas and Carrots
Pizza Sliced
Garlic Bread

Sunday

Brunch/Dinner
Barbecue Beef Cubes
Baked Turkey and Noodles
Steamed Rice
Ginger Molasses
Cookies

Spice Cake w/Butter
Cream Frosting

Monday

Lunch
Meat Loaf
Pork Ham Roast
Steamed Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Simmered Peas
French Fried
Cauliflower
Brown Gravy

Dinner

Beef Brogul
Fresh Baked Cajun
Fish
Mashed Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Club Spinach
Mixed Vegetables
Brown Gravy

Tuesday

Lunch
Simmered Corned
Beef w/Mustard
Sauce
Honey Glazed
Cornish Hens
Parsley Buttered
Potatoes
Egg Noodles
Fried Cabbage
Peanut Butter Cake
w/Peanut Butter
Frosting
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Turkey Pot Pie
Sweet and Sour Pork
Steamed Rice
Jefferson Noodles
Simmered

Pinto Beans
Peanut Butter Cake
w/Peanut Butter
Frosting
Fruit Pies

Wednesday

Lunch
Pork Adobo
Beef Yakisoba
Pork Fried Rice
Vegetable Stir Fry
Oatmeal Cookies
Strawberry
Shortcake
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Steak Smothered
w/Onions
Southern Fried
Catfish
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Macaroni and
Cheese
Oatmeal Cookies
Strawberry
Shortcake
Fruit Pies

Specialty Bar

Country Bar

Thursday

Lunch
Turkey À La King
Beef Porcupines
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Egg Noodles
French Fried Okra
Marble Cake
w/Chocolate
Cream Frosting
Pineapple Upside-

Down Cake
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Braised Liver
w/Onions
El Rancho Stew
Honey Ginger
Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Boiled Egg Noodles
Marble Cake
w/Chocolate
Cream Frosting
Pineapple Upside-
Down Cake
Fruit Pies

Thursday

Lunch
Seafood Platter
Fried Fish Nuggets
Fried Shrimp
Fried Scallops
Breaded Oysters
Lasagna
Baked Ravioli
Macaroni and
Cheese
Simmered Asparagus
Italian Mixed
Vegetables

Dinner

Roast Pork Loin
Barbecued Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Wild Rice
Corn on the Cob
Chewy Nut Bar
Yellow Layer Cake
w/Butter Cream
Frosting
Fruit Pies



Awareness through art

Left — Col. Steve Veach, chief of staff, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, congratulates Stacey Fowler, 9, winner of the 4th Annual Hurricane Awareness Poster contest, May 31, after presenting her with a letter of appreciation. The winners of this year's contest received awards, coins and praise for their artwork.

Below — The winners' posters have been incorporated in a hurricane awareness display and can be seen in the front lobby of Building 216.

Photos By Cpl. Megan L. Stiner



WTP, From B-4

Chief Ronald Salvador at 257-1145; Chief Glenn Loflin at 473-1510, ext. 228; Petty Officer 1st Class Arne Marin at 257-3365, ext. 123; Petty Officer 1st Class Timora Mitchell at 257-3419; or Petty Officer 1st Class Roden Quibuyen at 257-3365, ext. 105.

Bishop Museum to Host Comet Collision Viewing

In celebration of the Jan. 12

NASA launch that set a space probe on a collision course with comet Tempel 1, Bishop Museum will host a comet collision viewing party July 3 at 7:50 p.m.

The comet and space probe collision is hoped to produce a spectacular celestial show visible in the evening skies of Hawaii.

The purpose of this NASA mission is to collect information that may reveal answers to the formation and evolution of our solar system.

Stargazers and space explorers alike are invited to bring their binoculars and telescopes to Bishop Museum to enjoy "Comet Collision Countdown" that promises a sky show of cosmic proportions. Space experts and members of the Hawaiian Astronomical Society will be on campus to point guests in the right direction with the naked eye and with the use of their state-of-the-art telescopes.

Event goers can also enjoy a selection of space adventures and

fun with hands on activities, planetarium and Star Lab programs, ono food and more.

The event will be held at the Bishop Museum's Great Lawn at 1525 Bernice Street from 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Admission is \$3 and free for Bishop Museum members and children under age 3. For additional information about Bishop Museum programming, call 847-3511 or visit www.bishopmuseum.org.

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(841-2751) and Mercado De la Raza (593-2226).

For more information or to provide assistance, call Centro Hispano De Hawaii at 941-5216 or 285-0072.

Want to get your dancing skills together before the main event? Visit one of the many local venues that offer latin dancing, such as Panama Hattie's in Aiea, Rumours Night Club at the Ala Moana Hotel, Spada Restaurant and Bar in downtown and Zanzabar Night Club in Waikiki.

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JUNE 10, 2005



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Mike Leonguerrero (right) fights to shake off an arm bar, being executed by his opponent, Kyle Miyahana, late in the first round. Miyahana defeated Leonguerrero in the second round by way of a guillotine choke.

Brawlers mix it up at FCS III

Steve Byrnes,
Tripson Kerisiano
to fight for title belt

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Sports Editor

Two Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, fought at Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill Community Ballroom Saturday night in front of a packed military and civilian crowd for Full Contact Showdown 3, and Marine fighter Steve Byrnes was in attendance to announce his upcoming bout for the Full Contact Showdown Title Belt at BayFest.

With a 10-fight card that included Bulls Pen fighters Mike Leonguerrero and first-timer Justin Holcombe, the Marines of K-Bay were prepared to provide as much hometown support for the two fighters as possible.

First of the two Marines to fight, Holcombe, a corporal from Marine Air Group 24, was to face Mako Hanaike, a fighter from the Mixed Martial Arts Development out of Kailua, Hawaii.

As Holcombe entered the ring, he let out a flurry of punches just outside of the ring, letting the hometown crowd know that he came to fight.

"When I first got into the ring, I was really pumped up," said Holcombe. "I wanted to get the other guy onto the ground where I could do what I'm good at and that's ground and pound, but being my first time in the ring, I found that I probably should have taken my time."

As the two fighters started their bout, Holcombe was the first to shoot, attempting to take down and get the upper hand on Hanaike, but

Hanaike was more than prepared for Holcombe's shoot.

"When I watched the tape afterwards, I saw

everything I should have done and one of them was to stand up more," said Holcombe.

When the two fighters hit the mat, Hanaike quickly got the upper hand on Holcombe, mounting him from the rear and attempting to strike at every available opportunity.

"Once he got his hooks in on me, there was little I could do," said Holcombe.

Fighting to free himself from Hanaike's mount, Holcombe was finally able to get to his feet and immediately threw a roundhouse kick that Hanaike charged through, throwing strikes with his fists and again knocking the unbalanced Holcombe to the ground and delivering a series of devastating blows to the back of Holcombe's head. With only seconds remaining in the first round, Holcombe was forced to submit.

"I was disappointed with my performance, but it was definitely fun, and I'll be continuing with the sport," said Holcombe after the bout. "The other fighter was very skilled, and it was worth the experience coming into the full-contact ring for the first time."

See *SHOWDOWN*, C-7



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Shane Piccaro receives attention from his coaches after being on the receiving end of a disqualifying kick to the head by Bryson Kamaka. Piccaro was originally scheduled to fight Jamaal Perkins, but ended up facing Kamaka after the card was rearranged.



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Erik Moreno (left), HQBN midfielder, keeps the ball away from Josh Vasquez of MAG-24. Monday's matchup was fought for in the midfield.

HQBN shows up MAG-24, 6-2

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Sports Editor

Headquarters Battalion again came out on top, Monday night at Pop Warner field, after defeating MAG-24 6-2 in the most anticipated intramural soccer game thus far in the season.

Both teams dominating on the field over their competition this season, it was no surprise to see fierce action in this soccer game that neither team expected to be a blowout.

It was MAG who struck first Monday night with a frontal assault on Headquarters Battalion's back-up keeper that caused him to leave an open gap just wide enough for MAG-24's Ramon Aldona to slip one through as rain fell sporadically throughout the

first half.

When HQBN regained control, a corner kick was re-centered on a header by midfielder Sean Denson and put into the goal by John "Barros" Barrosvarela, quickly tying the game at 1-1.

When Barros broke free inside on the following play, the MAG-24 defense caved in to assist their keeper, and a quick heel-pass from Barros to Stefan Herbert coming in from the outside secured goal as Herbert easily tapped in the net beneath the MAG-24 keeper, giving HQBN the lead, 2-1.

Behind, but far from out, MAG-24 quickly regained their composure as Timothy Kummerer linked up with Andrew Urey from outside-in, to tie the game back up at 2-2.

"I knew this would be a close

game," said Headquarters Battalion coach, Marco Franco, at the half. "Coming out here, I knew this would be our toughest challenge of the year."

At half time, the rain again began to fall, giving a slick surface to the grassy field, which both teams took notice of, planning to keep their shots low to the ground to increase the ball's velocity on their shots.

As the second half began, both teams fought for control, but offensive strikes were quickly dismantled by attentive defensive players responding to breakaways on both sides of the field.

The relentless HQBN team wouldn't let the game end in a tie, and on the following play, a corner kick was shot directly into the crowd in front of the goal where

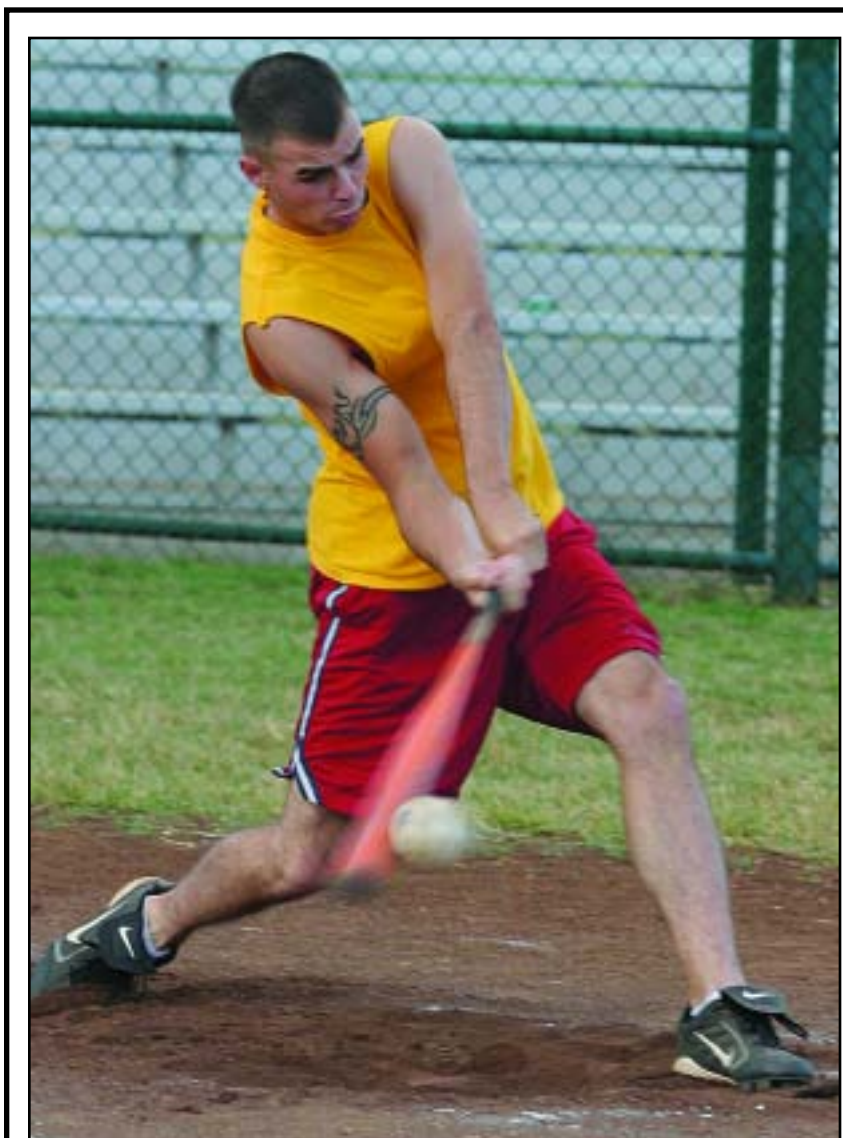
the ball impacted the head of MAG-24 player, William Chinberg. Unfortunately for Chinberg and MAG-24, the ball was directed straight back into their own goal, putting HQBN on top, 3-2, and sparking arguments amongst the MAG-24 defensive players.

"Once they started arguing, I knew we had to take advantage," said Franco.

With MAG-24 defenders lagging along the sidelines in argument, HQBN mounted an offensive strike with a shot on goal by a forward Joe Wilgus, but it was blocked by the MAG-24 keeper, and the rebound was redirected by an aerial header by Barros straight back into the MAG-24 goal, scoring the fourth for Headquarters Battalion.

See *SOCCER*, C-6

BASE SPORTS



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Out to the ballgame

Travis Eslinger connects with a hit for Headquarters Battalion in their game against the 3rd Marine Regiment Yellow Shockers. HQBN defeated the Shockers in a blowout Tuesday evening. Don't forget to come out to Riseley Field to cheer on your favorite intramural softball team Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Also, Intramural soccer games are being played at Pop Warner field Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Make an evening out of it by bringing food and beverages to the field. Your team needs your support, and it's always something fun and safe to do on base with the family.

Saturday

Eastside Juniors Bowling League begins — There's no sport like bowling to bring friends and families together in a fun and competitive environment. In June, K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center is offering the opportunity for youngsters 7 through 21 to join the Eastside Juniors Bowling League.

Starting Saturday, and running through Sept. 24, the Eastside Juniors Bowling League will feature three games per week for 16 weeks.

Registration is \$31 and includes prepayment for the weeks of June 11 and Sept. 17 and 24, as well as a one-time \$10 sanction fee. The cost per week is \$7. Returning sanctioned bowlers pay \$21. The season ends with an awards banquet on Oct. 1, during which all participants who paid in full will receive awards.

For more information and to register, call the K-Bay Lanes Bowling Center at 254-7664.

Monday

Health and Fitness Fair at Semper Fit Center — Make a run

for the Fitness and Health Fair, to be held at the MCCS Semper Fit Center on Monday.

The fun-filled fair will run from 4 to 8 p.m. Patrons will be treated to displays and information encompassing all areas of fitness and healthy lifestyles. Bring the children out after school for an educational frenzy.

Displays include: fitness, safety, nutrition, and more from your local base fitness and healthy lifestyle resources education.

The Fitness and Health Fair points of contact are Fitness Coordinator Jon Shiota, 254-7597, and Health Promotion Coordinator Dan Dufrene, 254-7636.

Thursday

Single Marine & Sailor Program Hosts Shank & Slice Golf Tournament — Register now for this quarterly golf tourney, to be held on June 16, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$27 for E-5 and below, \$34 for E-6 and above.

Bring your boss and show him or her who really rules the course (one boss per player-sponsor must play

with guest). Check in at 11:30 a.m.

Fees include green fees, cart, prizes, pupus and beverages. Prizes from Fujifilm Hawaii, GEICO Direct, Maui Tacos, Papa Johns, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, Bank of Hawaii and McDonald's will be awarded.

Call 254-7593 to register or for more details.

June 21

Semper Fit Center Hot Water Outage — The Kaneohe Bay Semper Fit Center will experience a brief hot-water outage due to inspection certification on June 21. The outage will only last one day, from about 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more info, call 254-7597.

June 22

Staff NCO Golf Tournament — Swing into summer with the four-man scramble best ball golf tournament on June 22. The tournament is open to Staff NCOs of all services, family members and sponsored guests. Shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

Team prizes will be available for first, second, third and last place. There will also be longest drive and closest-to-the-hole contests. This event is sponsored by GEICO, Papa John's Pizza, Fujifilm Hawaii, McDonald's and Big City Diner.

For more information or to sign up call 1st Sgt. Mark Drinkwater at 257-2600; Todd Murata, golf course manager, at 254-1745 or Dickson Alvarado, SNCO Club manager, at 254-5481.

Ongoing

Extended Summer Pool Hours — The base pools at Kaneohe and Manana have now extended their operation hours for summer swimming. The Kaneohe Bay Base Pool will be open Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lap swimming and from 1 to 6 p.m. for recreation swimming. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the pool will be open from noon to 6 p.m. for recreational swim-

ming.

The Manana Pool will be open Tuesday to Sunday and holidays from noon to 6 p.m.

Call 254-7655 for information about hours, swim lessons, pool parties, junior life-guarding and more.

Camp Smith Intramural Softball League Registration Now — Camp Smith athletics is currently accepting registrations for the Intramural Softball League. The league will begin on Monday.

Game days and schedules will be announced in the near future. Submit your team rosters to Camp Smith's Fitness Center, located in Building 2C, or call Angela Pittman at 477-0498 or 477-5197.

Semper Fit Center Offers Personal Trainers — For those looking to get into a tailored exercise regiment, or for those just looking for some good advice on weight management and control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

You can schedule an appointment with a trainer, who will take body fat measurements, blood pressure, heart-rate readings and mor. They will do all this and tailor a program based on your physical needs and ambitions. For only \$5 per workout, your trainer will actually train with you to ensure maximum efficiency.

Pick up a personal training appointment card at the Semper Fit Center now, or call 254-7597.

Aerobics Room Gets a Little Cooler — The aerobics room at the Kaneohe Bay Semper Fit Center is getting a facelift! Air conditioners will be installed, which will impact class schedules.

The room will only be closed on the weekdays. Aerobics classes will remain at the center, but held in different rooms.

Call 254-7597 for scheduling information.

Campground and Picnic Sites — For picnic and camping sites, Marine Corps Base Hawaii offers

some of the most scenic beaches on the island. Three of those beaches, Pyramid Rock, Hale Koa and Fort Hase, are available by reservation for picnics and parties from dawn to dusk. Hale Koa Beach may also be reserved for overnight camping.

Reservations are required. To reserve a camp site, call 254-7666 for Kaneohe or 477-5143 for Camp Smith.

Semper Fit Center Offers it All — The Semper Fit Center has an aerobics class for anyone and everyone trying to meet fitness goals.

Check out as many of the following programs as you would like: Yoga, Cycling, Tai Chi, Cardio-Kick, Gut Cut, Step-Challenge, Water Aerobics, Pilates, Marathon Training and much, much more. For class information, call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597.

Fishing Charters Available at MCB Hawaii — Spend the day aboard one of Bill Collector's Fishing Charter boats. Bill Collector (formerly Mahalo Kai) has been serving MCB Hawaii since 1992, offering a day of fishing in the bountiful waters off the Windward side.

For more information, stop by the Base Marina located in Building 1698, across from Hangar 101, or call 254-7666/7667.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment Mondays through Thursdays at the K-Bay Lanes where all E-5 and below can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 a game.

This discount is good for tournaments, leagues or unit functions.

For more information, call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Color Pin Special — Every Wednesday, roll a strike. When a colored pin is in the headpin position, you can win up to three free games of bowling. All patrons are welcome to take advantage of this deal. If you make the play, you win! Call the K-Bay Lanes at 254-7693.

Semper Fit Group Exercise June 2005

Monday

8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step 2 It
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Gut Cut
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3/\$1 active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Class Coming Soon
6:45 – 7:45 p.m. — Pilates

Tuesday

6 – 7 a.m. — Cycling (\$3/Free to active duty)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. — Class Coming Soon
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. — Yoga
6 – 7 p.m. — Class Coming Soon

Wednesday

8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step Challenge
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3/\$1 active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Class Coming Soon
6:45 – 7:45 p.m. — Pilates

Thursday

6 – 7 a.m. — Cycling (\$3/Free to active duty)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. — Class Coming Soon
6 – 7 p.m. — Step 2 It

Friday

6 – 7 a.m. — Class Coming Soon
8:45 – 10 a.m. — Step 2 It
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. — Gut Cut
4:45 – 5:45 p.m. — Cycling (\$3/Free to active duty)
5:45 – 6:45 p.m. — Pilates

Saturday

10 – 11 a.m. — Water Aerobics

Note: A book of 10 single-class coupons for \$2 each can be purchased for \$15 at the Semper Fit Center.

Semper Fit also offers Aikido instruction Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m., and Fridays at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Join HTMC in June

Saturday at 9 a.m., the Hawaii Trail and Mountain Club will be meeting at the Temple Valley Shopping Center parking lot for a two-mile novice hike through the Kahaluu Valley.

A step backward in time through the once terraced taro patches on the windward side, this hike is both educational (if the signs are still readable) and a way to get a good workout on a Saturday morning! There might be mud and mosquitoes if it's been raining. Be prepared. The coordinator for this hike is Donna Davis-Brown, at 422-7830.

Sunday at 8:30 a.m., members only will be meeting at Swanzy Beach Park for a six-mile advanced hike through Kaaawa Ridge.

Experience trail maintenance in progress, as the TM crew will be slightly ahead of the hikers. Meet the hard-working folks who do so much for us. Experience the difference between a cleared and uncleared trail. Maybe you'll be so impressed, you'll want to join them! Or bring along your own tool today and help out. Remember, safety first!

In the 1950s, the legendary Dick Davis developed this short, but demanding loop above Kahana Valley. The steep ascent is more of a rock climb than a hike, and the narrow summit crossing is a frightening tightrope walk without a net! The views are stupendous, but don't let your eyes stray from the trail for too long. Save some adrenaline for the equally steep descent. The coordinators for this hike are Thea Ferentinos and Justin Ohara, who can be reached at 375-0384.

June 19 at 8 a.m., all hikers are invited to join the HTMC on a 12-mile advanced hike along Aiea Ridge. This trail offers rich rewards for those who step beyond the generalities, but do not throw caution to the wind when hiking this lengthy, undulating trail to the summit with superb views of the Kaneohe coastline. The coordinator for this hike is Mike Fujita, who can be reached at 550-2535.

Hawaiian Half-Marathon

The 5th Annual Hawaiian Half-Marathon will start at 5 a.m. on Sunday at Ala Moana Park Drive next to the Waikiki Yacht Club. Participants should be at the start by 4:45 a.m. The five-mile walk will start at 7 a.m. on Monsarrat Avenue, in front of the Waikiki Shell.

Race packets can be picked up at the Running Room, 819 Kapahulu Ave., today, from 4 to 7 p.m., or at Runners Hawaii, 98-390A Kamehameha Hwy., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friends or relatives may pick up packets with a valid ID. Parking will be available in the Magic Island parking lot, only until 4 a.m. No vehicles will be allowed to enter or exit Ala Moana Park after 4 a.m.

The Honolulu Zoo parking lot will also be available. There will be a clothing drop off at the entrance of Magic Island and all clothing must be picked up at Kapiolani Park no later than 9 a.m. For more information, send an e-mail to HawaiianHalfMarathon@kihnl.com, or to volunteer, call RRH Productions, LLC at 923-0492.

Jamba Juice 5k BananaMan Chase Returns

Strap on your running shoes and join the fifth annual Jamba Juice 5k BananaMan Chase, July 9 at 6:45 a.m.

Individuals and teams of at least 10 people are invited to walk, run or roll the 3.1-mile course at Ala Moana Beach Park. The first three male and the first three female participants to pass the "Banana Couple" and cross the finish line, as well as the top male and female participants to cross the finish line in the following age categories, win an entire year of Jamba Juice: 12 and under; 13 to 15; 16 to 19; 20 to 29; 30 to 39; 40 to 49; 50 to 59; 60 to 69; and 70 and older.

Participants must turn in a completed application form, liability waiver and \$25 entry fee. Applications can be picked up at any Jamba Juice store or downloaded from www.jamba

hawaii.com/Jamba_5k_BananaMan_Chase.507.0.html. All forms and the entry fee should be mailed to MDA Hawaii, 210 Ward Avenue, #222, Honolulu, HI 96814.

A 2005 BananaMan Chase T-shirt is guaranteed if your application is postmarked by June 16. Pre-registered applicants must pick up their packets at Jamba Juice, Ward Village, on July 1 between 4 and 7 p.m. or on July 2 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All donations benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association to fund research aimed at conquering more than 40 neuromuscular diseases that affect more than 500 children and adults in Hawaii.

For more information about MDA or to become a BananaMan Chase team leader, call Audrey Taniguchi at 548-0588 or visit www.mdausa.org.

25th Annual Tinman Triathlon

The "People's Triathlon" starts and ends at Kapiolani Park area in Waikiki July 17. It is a beautiful and doable venue for all level of interested athletes. Signups are \$100 until Thursday, and \$115 until July 7. Online registration closes July 7, at 8 p.m.

The triathlon is comprised of an 800 meter swim, a 40 kilometer bike ride and a 10 kilometer run. Participants must be 15 years of age or older by July 17.

Each finisher will receive a commemorative award on race day. All awards will be presented on race day at a ceremony at approximately 11 a.m. at Kapiolani Park Pavilion. The number of awards will be determined by the number of athletes competing in each age group division.

To qualify to compete in the Elite Division, the athlete must submit official documentation that he or she will be able to complete the entire race within two hours for men and two hours and 20 minutes for women. The top five finishers of elite men and elite women will receive overall awards.

Active military participants will be eligible for awards for male and female divisions, along with age group awards. Males 220 pounds and above, females 160 pounds and above will be eligible for additional awards, along with age group awards.

2005 Sports Car Racing Gears Up

The Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America will host six major races in 2005 and Solo II races on Oahu and Maui.

Solo II, or Autocross, is held at the Hawaii Raceway Park at Campbell Industrial Park on Oahu and costs \$25 per driver. About 70 to 90 cars, from stock vehicles to race cars, usually compete. The event is purely amateur, but anybody can participate.

Each driver receives four runs through the sports car course, and the driver with the single fastest time in the class wins. Points acquired throughout the year accumulate for prizes and trophies presented at year's end. Minimum participation in more than half of the year's races is required to be in the running for points and the run-off championship. Races are scheduled as follows: July 3, Aug. 14, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Nov. 13 and Dec. 26. For more details, call Curtis Lee at 262-5987.

The Wheel-to-Wheel and Solo I racing events are regional sports car races at Hawaii Raceway Park.

Both the driver and vehicle must comply with a number of safety features before they are granted race entry. Future races will be on the following dates: July 10, Sept. 5 and Nov. 26. For more details, call Ed Hollman at 488-1782.

Hawaii Marine Accepts Briefs

Advertise sports and recreational activities of interest to the Department of Defense community in the *Hawaii Marine*.

E-mail items to editor@hawaiimarine.com, fax items to 257-1289 or call 257-8837.



THE BOTTOM LINE

(Editor's Note: "The Bottom Line" is the **Hawaii Marine's** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America's one true obsession — sports. Chances are you'll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send "Readers Strike Back" comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, "If you don't speak up, you won't be heard.")

'The Longest' waste of \$6.50?

Sgt. Joe Lindsay

The Goat

(Goat Note: So as not to give away the story, readers who have not yet seen the "The Longest Yard" [2005] should go directly to the "Bottom Line" portion of this article).

If you have never seen the 1974 version of "The Longest Yard," starring Burt Reynolds, the time to rent it is not immediately before or after seeing the 2005 remake starring Adam Sandler. If you have already seen the original, put it out of your mind, at least for one hour and 54 minutes anyway. Even though both movies follow the same basic story line, you will only be setting yourself up for disappointment, because there is no comparison.

Sure, the storyline may be roughly the same, but the spirit and intentions of the two films are on polar opposite ends of the spectrum. The original was a gritty drama that happened to be extremely funny without forcing the issue, set against the times in which it was made, and had a sort of "stick it to the man" edge that truly makes one pull for the underdog convicts. It was filmed at a real prison and many of the extras were actual inmates and guards.

Without being too melodramatic, it is probably fair to say the original was a film of social revolt. Perhaps in the "We're not gonna take it," Twisted Sister sense, but a social revolt nonetheless. It was a film for students who didn't like their teachers;

for teachers who didn't like their principals; for employees who didn't like their bosses, and ultimately, for citizens who didn't like their government.

It was, quite simply, a good film, and has withstood the test of time. So good, in fact, that The Goat can't help himself, and is doing just what he asked the readers not to do — compare the two films.

If one has never seen the original, or has the mental will power to block it out, then the modern version really isn't as bad as all the critics are saying.

Nobody is pretending to try to win an Academy Award in the film. They are just trying to have fun with it, and audiences should too.

Sandler, the film's hero, plays the role of Paul "Wrecking" Crewe, a former NFL quarterback who years earlier was implemented in a point-shaving scandal that ruined his career. Now, six years later, he finds himself perpetually drunk, and, much worse, as the kept man of a very rich, plastic, nagging, domineering and social, ladder-climbing woman played by Courtney Cox Arquette. One night he finds himself drunk, relaxing upstairs in her mansion while one of her cocktail parties is going on downstairs. They get in an argument when he doesn't want to join the party, and Crewe bails, taking her Bentley, and his six-pack, with him.

What ensues is a DUI stop, followed by a car

See GOAT, C-5

Kristin Herrick

The Cheese

Remakes are never as good as the originals. Whether you're talking movies or music, there's something about the original that sticks. It may be the nostalgia, or it may, in fact, be that the original is really always better.

Whatever the case, it really doesn't matter to me in the instance of "The Longest Yard" because — using the excuse of being less than a quarter of a century old — I have not seen the original. I have no emotional tie to the 1974 version, nor does it take me back to memories of making out with my high school boyfriend in the back of a dark theater.

That being said, I went into the movie with no expectations — and a breath mint, just in case.

After settling into my seat in a near-empty theater (apparently Monday afternoons aren't the most popular for taking in a movie), I waited for what has become a favorite part of patronizing Consolidated Theaters — the hunky Hawaiian men paddling, dancing and chanting. I enjoy this purely for cultural education purposes only, of course.

With the sound of the conch still echoing in my ears, the 2005 version of

"The Longest Yard" began. I have to admit, it was funny. Since The Goat has already given away the whole film, I'll forego the summary, but I will say, it gave me a warm "Shawshank Redemption" meets "Necessary Roughness" vibe.

What surprised me the most was the performance given by Nelly. If there were a "Best Rapper Turned Actor" category at the Academy Awards, he might just walk away with the Oscar. I could have done without the encore "Waterboy" presentation by Rob Schneider, but I guess being a gigolo doesn't pay what it used to.

Bottom Line: It was well worth the \$8 plus \$6.25 for soda and popcorn (be grateful for your military discount) to see some hard-hitting football action. Hopefully, it will hold me over until August. Surprise wasn't a strong point of the movie, even having not seen the original; but it was fun, witty, and had the element of schoolyard prankery to seal the deal. Even though I don't normally laugh out loud when by myself, I found myself enjoying quite a few chuckles, many at the expense of transvestite cheerleader Tracy Morgan. He makes a very pretty woman. And, if you're not after humor ladies, Burt Reynolds still looks good.

EFMP can help Marine Corps families

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Realizing that service members function best when they know life on the home front is peaceful, the Department of Defense established the Exceptional Family Member Program to help families with special needs.

The Marine Corps EFMP program facilitates duty assignments in locations that meet the needs of an exceptional family member.

Enrollment in the program connects the family to a wonderful support network and doesn't hinder the service member in his or her military career.

Program overview

The Marine Corps EFMP, overseen by Manpower and Reserve Affairs, uses four categories when evaluating

the requirements of a special-need family member:

1. Needs do not generally limit assignment.
2. Pinpoint assignment overseas and within the continental United States.
3. No overseas assignments.
4. Areas within the continental United States that have major medical centers.

Each base has an EFMP coordinator to guide you through the enrollment process and point you to support groups and programs in your area. Enrollment also qualifies you for aid from the Marine Corps EFM Assistance Fund, and Category IV members have priority for on-base housing.

EFMP vs. HTP

In addition to some common misconceptions about the EFMP

program, another one involves the difference between the EFMP and the Humanitarian Transfer Program.

The HTP exists for a variety of family emergencies, such as an accident, cancer treatment, the need to care for parents, or a premature birth.

While in the HTP, the service member is not deployable, and re-enlistment is placed on hold.

If the situation requires care for longer than six months, the family is enrolled in the EFMP, making the service member eligible for deployment and re-enlistment.

The HTP can move a family so the situation can be addressed. The EFMP cannot move a family, but you can be enrolled in both the EFMP and the HTP at the same time.

Together We Grow

If you're concerned that enroll-

ment in the EFMP — which is mandatory for special-needs families — will hinder your career, look no further than the former Commandant of the Marine Corps. Retired General James L. Jones's daughter has been an exceptional family member since birth, and the former Commandant candidly spoke his thoughts on the subject in the northern San Diego-area newspaper, the North County Times.

"It's not going to count against you to help your children gain their full potential," he said. "I'm here to tell you as the Commandant of the Marine Corps that I'm a better person for the experience of being the parent of a special-needs child, and our family is a better family for it."

The general was interviewed when he attended the dedication ceremony of a day-care center for special-needs children in Oceanside,

Calif., called Together We Grow.

This extraordinary establishment staffs nurses, Braille teachers, and occupational, speech, and physical therapists, and provides assisted-technology computers to aid with speech.

One of the four rooms in the new center is named for General Jones's daughter — Jennifer's Jungle Safari Room. A second TWG center operates on base at Camp Pendleton, and a third is in the Murphy Canyon military housing area of San Diego.

Terry Racciato, TWG president, said there are plans to open more centers at Marine installations in Quantico, Va., and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Both military and civilian families living near the centers can use them whether their children have special needs or not.

Knowing dental benefits can save money, teeth

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They may be the most underappreciated part of the human body. Then they let you know just how neglected they feel. Your teeth. Taking care of them might seem like a chore, but with the TRICARE Dental Program, administered by United Concordia, a great smile can be yours.

With any medical plan come certain restrictions and limitations. Knowing what these are ahead of time can save a lot of frustration and actually help you get the most from your coverage. Your dental plan isn't just for emergencies — it's for prevention. Cleanings, x-rays, and dental check-ups can catch small problems before they become larger and more painful (in your mouth and your wallet).

Benefits overview

The TDP's benefit year runs from February 1 through January 31 — it does not follow a normal calendar year. The annual maximum payment TDP makes for services is

\$1,200 per enrolled member. Orthodontic coverage is separate and is currently \$1,500 for lifetime costs (not per year). An online chart shows the current percentage of the cost TDP pays.

Certain preventive procedures are paid in full by the TDP:

- Cleanings are allowed twice per consecutive 12-month period. Do not confuse this by thinking "twice a year." For example, if you have a cleaning done in March and another in September, you are not eligible to have another cleaning until March of the following year. So if you go again in February, even though it is in the next calendar year, it will not be covered. Just think "every six months," and stick to it as well as you can.

- Bitewing x-rays (not to be confused with panoramic or complete x-rays) and standard oral exams are allowed once within a 12-month period.

- Complete series x-rays are done on a 36-month timeframe (be sure to ask your dentist which x-rays he is performing, for your records).

More in-depth benefits coverage can be found in the Concordia TRICARE website in the Member Benefits Guide or by contacting your area's customer service representative.

Keep track of your dental care

Dental benefits can be confusing, and if you don't ask the right questions, they can be costly as well. Keep accurate records, ask about coverage before you have a procedure done, and keep on track with

any payments you may need to make. United Concordia has an excellent organizational tool, My Dental Benefits, designed to help keep track of dental procedures and what coverage remains, and to help in finding post-treatment care.

Changing dentists

If you have a permanent change of station, make sure you know what procedures are covered. Your new dentist may not be able to perform all the procedures (such as x-rays) he or she may want.

Just as you transfer your medical information, you should also transfer your dental records. Have copies

made and sent to your new dentist or have them made ahead of time so you can transfer them.

Don't be caught off guard with an expensive dental bill.

Call your United Concordia representative or stop in and ask your base representative about what procedures are covered before seeing your dentist.

You don't have to floss all your teeth — only the ones you want to keep. Take care of yours by seeing your dentist regularly. For more hygiene tips, visit the tooth fairy before she visits you. For healthy teeth and gums, remember to get your annual check-up.



Sgt. Donald Bohanner

Sarah Taylor, player for Oceanside Freedom of N.Y., and Jamie Scott of Chantilly Arsenal from Virginia, fight for possession of the ball during the 30th Annual Virginian Soccer Tournament, June 2, in front of Lejeune Hall. Chantilly Arsenal won the game 1-0. Of the 635 teams from around the country who competed in the three-day tournament, 36 played at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Quantico hosts 30th Virginian

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MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Marine Corps Base Quantico hosted 36 teams from the 30th Annual Virginian Soccer Tournament that ran from May 27–29. A total of 635 teams, who traveled to Virginia from all over the country, competed throughout the state of Virginia for their chance to play for the championship held at Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton, Va., on Monday.

More than 2,200 players, officials and spectators came out to participate in the event on Marine Corps Base Quantico.

“This is the 30th anniversary of the tournament and there is no better place to have it than at Quantico,” said Tony Prince, Virginian Soccer Tournament representative. “This venue at Quantico has been one of the best for the 9 to 12 age groups. Everyone always says that they love playing at Quantico.”

According to Gary Falconer, the tournament’s director, the mission of the Virginian Memorial Day Tournament is to provide Springfield Youth Club travel players with an opportunity to play soccer against the best possible teams, consistent with the players’ skills and development level, and for the players, coaches and families to interact positively with a broad cross-section of the soccer community while bringing respect, visibility and financial support to the Springfield Youth Club and its travel teams.

Teams from all over the country and Canada came to participate in the tournament.

“It’s a great tournament,” said Bob Block, head coach for Oceanside Freedom from New York. “We’ve competed in this tournament for over seven years now and it’s very well-run. There is some great competition and Quantico is great.”

This is so cool,” said Sarah Taylor, player for Oceanside Freedom, Sunday. “This morning we came out to practice and got to see the Marines raise the flag.”

The tournament is broken into five divisions:

Virginia Cup: State cup champions or finalists and top teams from each state.

Premier Gold: Premier teams in each age group, typically Division I teams.

Premier Silver: Teams that compete in divisions II and III.

Premier Bronze: Teams that compete in Division IV of lower league play or are considered to be developing teams.

Festival: A special division for all levels that desire a competitive format of round-robin play without posting scores, tabulation rankings or receiving awards.

Severna Park Rage from Maryland and Westside Premier from Ohio advanced from the Gold Division. United Classic, also from Maryland, and Virginia’s Reston United 92 advanced from the Bronze Division, and Great Falls Freedom from Virginia and New Jersey’s Wychoff Torpedoes Red advanced from the Silver Division. Six teams from Sunday’s semifinal round advanced to Monday’s finals held at Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton, Va.

SOCCER, From C-1

The MAG team seemed to be losing steam late in the second half, as a foul resulted in a direct kick by HQBN sweeper Bob Thurston, who skillfully shot the ball beneath every defending player on the field, using the grass' slippery surface to score another goal, putting HQBN up, 5-2.

As the game wound to a close, the MAG defense began to allow HQBN many more assaults on their keeper, and Wilgus made the last strike by way of a high-kick directly in front of the MAG-24 keeper, putting the final score at 6-2.

"I really thought this would be a much closer game," said Franco after the game. "I know what their players are capable of and, fortunately, our players were able to play up to their ability, and when that happens, there's no stopping us. Don't get me wrong, MAG is good, but they're just not there yet."

Concerned that his team may get discouraged after their loss to Headquarters Battalion, MAG-24 coach, Chris Voss discussed strategy in their games to come.

"Now we know what to expect," said Voss to his players after the game. "We know they're good. Now we just have to communicate, make our plays happen and show them that we are too, on our next meeting."



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Above — Stefon Herbert, forward for Headquarters Battalion, sprints ahead of three MAG-24 players Monday night to gain possession of the ball. Herbert's speed is just one of the many threats the Headquarters Battalion soccer team possesses that is allowing them to take control of the intramural soccer season this year. Many followers of this year's intramural soccer season forecast that the championship will rest in either the hands of Marine Air Group 24 or Headquarters Battalion, as both teams pack impressive line-ups of skilled soccer players.

Right — Jason Januskiewicz cries out in agony after being assaulted by one of many apparitions at Pop Warner Field, Monday evening. Heckled by many of MAG-24's players for his outlandish basketball-esque claims of fouls on the field, many are still puzzled at exactly what it was knocking Januskiewicz to the ground so many times during the game.

GOAT, From C-3

chase the world hasn't seen since O.J., followed by a car crash, followed by Crewe getting three years in the state pen. From there, Crewe is basically forced to put together a team of inmates to play against the guards in what amounts to a tune-up game for them before their prison guard league starts.

After that, the film is basically a series of one-liners set against the inmate's team, dubbed the "Mean Machine," getting ready for the big game. In between practices, there are hidden camera recordings with hints of "prison love" going on, Crewe having to pander to an 80-something oversexed prison secretary and transvestite cheerleaders working on their routines.

The last third of the movie is devoted to the actual big game itself. And yes, Rob Schneider gets his obligatory "You can do it!" moment during the game.

The film also includes Reynolds — this time playing the role of former Heisman winner and present day inmate coach Nate Scarborough, former NFL players Michael Irvin, Brian Bosworth, Bill Romanowski, and pro wrestlers Bill Goldberg, Kevin Nash and "Stone Cold" Steve Austin. And since the big game has been picked up by ESPN2 in the film, analysts Chris Berman, Dan Patrick and Jim Rome have what amount to cameo roles. Rapper Nelly also stars as running back for the "Mean Machine."

Bottom Line: Without ruining the story for those who haven't seen it yet, the inmates beat the guards in a football game when Adam Sandler, playing the roll of Paul "Wrecking" Crewe, scores on a last second two-point conversion. But you don't have to have seen the film to see that one coming. Then, right after the game, it looks like Sandler is trying to escape (even though he is just going to pick up the game ball) and the warden orders a guard to shoot him. The guard raises the rifle, but doesn't shoot Sandler. Sandler picks up the football and that's pretty much it. Also, Chris Rock, playing the roll of "Caretaker" dies when a homemade bomb earlier in the movie burns him alive.

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Kyle Miyahana (left) attempts to hold his ground as Mike Leonguerrero executes a hip toss to bring his opponent to the floor. Both fighters demonstrated their grappling skills at every available opportunity.

SHOWDOWN, From C-1

The second Marine fighter to enter the ring was Leonguerrero, a sergeant from Headquarters Battalion, who was fighting his second Mixed Martial Arts fight at FCS 3, after one loss in a fight on the island of Maui.

"My first fight I lost to an arm bar, but I was definitely winning that fight," said Leonguerrero, a skilled kickboxer. "I'm sure after the fight on Maui, you'd have never guessed the other guy won by the way his face looked."

This time, Leonguerrero entered the ring collected and ready to take down his competitor, Kyle Miyahana, a freelance fighter out of Kaneohe, Hawaii.

"I didn't want to get too hyped up or worn out from adrenaline," said Leonguerrero. "I was definitely nervous in front of such a large crowd, but when you get in the ring, you've got to be prepared to do what you have to, to get the win — I was ready."

Throughout the first round, Leonguerrero seemed to be in control of the bout, standing up to Miyahana and boxing, only shooting for the take down when necessary.

"I knew he was a ju-jitsu fighter, so shooting in for a lot of takedowns was not my initial intention," said Leonguerrero. "My plan was to beat my opponent standing up, and if I had to take him down, to do some ground-pounding rather than attempt for the submission."

During the fight, however, Leonguerrero attempted several takedowns. One of which got him caught up in Miyahana's arm bar that nearly submitted Leonguerrero in the first round.

"I knew I had to get out of it very quickly," he said. "I could hear my coaches yelling for me to get down, and for some reason, I recalled Forrest Gump saying 'get down, shut up,' and that's exactly what I did. Fortunately, I was able to escape."

Going into the second round, Leonguerrero's coaches insisted he focus on the jab, and he connected on several quick left jabs to Miyahana's chin, inviting return swings that Leonguerrero was able to fend off with his kickboxing skills.

"I thought I was definitely wearing him out," said Leonguerrero. "I was connecting on a lot of punches and kicks, but then I made a huge mistake."

Late in the second round, Leonguerrero shot directly into Miyahana's hips, and he was quickly submitted with a guillotine choke.

"You only have seconds to react to something like that," said Leonguerrero. "When someone has a you in a good choke like that, it's tap or pass out — the decision must be made in milliseconds."

Miyahana was awarded the win by way of tap out, and the second Marine fighter of the night was forced to accept the loss.

"I definitely enjoyed the fight, but it's a risky sport for a Marine to be involved in, because you have to be careful not to put yourself in a position where you could break a limb or otherwise put yourself out of commission physically, which makes you much more vulnerable to submission techniques, and

much less resistant," said Leonguerrero. "You don't want to ruin your career for a sport. That's the last thing any of us want."

According to Ed Hanlon of Marine Corps Community Services Marketing, Full Contact Showdown 3 was a resounding success, and a title match has already been scheduled for July 3, when undefeated Full Contact fighter Steve Byrnes will fight Bryson Kamaka for the Full Contact Showdown Title Belt here at K-Bay during BayFest. Kamaka will be moving up in weight, from 175 to 185 to fight Byrnes.

"I give all the respect in the world to any fighter who has (what it takes) to step into this ring, and I look forward to and invite you all to come see this fight at BayFest," said Byrnes.



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Makoa Hanaike (right), slugs away at helpless Justin Holcombe at the end of their match, Saturday night. Holcombe can be seen tapping his head with his right hand, indicating that he has had enough.