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Shooting leaves one dead, one injured

MARINE CORPS BASE, Camp Pendleton, Calif. — A shooting incident left one Marine dead and one in critical condition, Tuesday at the Marine Corps Air Station here. The shooting occurred at about 2:30 p.m. A suspect was apprehended and is in custody.

LtCol. Daniel W. Kidd, the executive officer of Marine Air Logistics Squadron 39, was pronounced dead at 3:28 p.m. at the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital.

LtCol. Thomas A. Heffner, commanding officer of the unit, was air evacuated to Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, Calif. Heffner is in serious but stable condition. Both Marines received gunshot wounds to the chest area.

In custody is Sgt. Jessie A. Quintinilla. Quintinilla is assigned to the supply section of MALS-39.

The Marines were shot with a .45 caliber pistol. No motive for the shooting is known at this time. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is investigating the incident.

As a precautionary measure, the gates to the base were closed for about an hour, but were reopened.



Sgt. Jesse Faloris

Lookin' for a ride

LCpl. Andrew Milne, second in charge of rifle section, 9 Platoon, C Company, 1st Royal Australian Regiment searches the horizon for the amphibious assault vehicles scheduled to pick up his platoon. See story A-6.



A night of entertainment from the base. See B-1 for more.

Beach worship

3d Marines will host a Protestant Worship Service at Hale Koa beach area two Sunday. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Petty Officer 1st Class Norman at 257-2778.

New hours for exchange barber

MWR announces extended hours for the Main Exchange barber shop. The new hours, which were effective Friday, are Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Jennifer Sherman at 254-7501.

Parent advisory board

The next meeting of the Parent Advisory Board, Ne Keiki Rainbow Early Childhood Education Program goes Monday at 7 p.m. in the staff conference room, building 216. Prospective topics include parent survey, finances, by-laws, elections and Month of the Military Child plan.

Recon Corpsman enlistment

A physical screening test and interview will be held Apr. 12 for all volunteers seeking to enroll in the special amphibious reconnaissance corpsman pipeline. Interested personnel must be highly motivated and in excellent physical shape. For more information, call Petty Officer 3rd Class Hammer at 257-2790 or contact your career counselor.

Domestic violence help numbers

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HazMat policies established

Sgt. Valerie Griffin

The commanding general here has established a new household hazardous waste policy to help enhance the quality of life and lower costs to the base and its residential community.

"Our new household hazardous waste policy is a four-step coordinated approach supporting the theme, 'reuse, reduce, and recycle,'" explained Julie Mansur, Environmental Compliance

and Protection Department, HAZMAT and Pollution Prevention Division.

Household hazardous waste is any unwanted consumer product containing chemicals which can be hazardous to human health or contribute to the contamination of our natural resources, she explained. Step one of the policy encourages base residents to visit the new Swap Table at the housing Self-Help Store. Unwanted cleaning products may be taken there, minimizing the amount of toxic products in the home and garbage.

"None of it goes in the trash until it's empty and nothing gets poured down the drain," she emphasized.

The second step asks residents to be choosy when purchasing household products.

"Learn to recognize products that are environmentally friendly. For example, look for dishwashing liquid that's manufactured with non-polluting materials, uses no synthetic dyes or perfumes and has packaging made with a percentage of post-consumer recycled plastic," Mansur added.

Homemade mixtures are also an alternative. Literature containing examples and instructions may be picked up the Family Housing Office, the Self-Help Store, and other locations around base.

Step three allows base residents to change a car's oil only at the Auto Hobby Shop or NAPA Auto Parts.

"However, so no one ever has an excuse to dump oil, both NAPA Auto Parts and the Auto Hobby Shop will now accept the turn-in of used oil," Mansur said. See HAZMAT, A-7

Museum dedicates Marine exhibit

MarforPac PAO

HILO, Hawaii — Marines past and present gathered with long-standing friends of the Corps Feb. 18 at the Lyman Museum here to view the first ever Marine history exhibit in Hawaii.

The exhibit and ceremony were dedicated to the members of the 2d and 5th Marine Divisions and the Big Island residents who made a second home for them during World War II.

Several community residents of the Big Island during World War II were among the approximately 100 visitors on hand for the dedication ceremony. They listened intently as BGen. E.R. Bedard, deputy commander, Marine Forces Pacific, recounted the story of the "many brave Marines Waimea befriended during World War II."

"Today we remember the Marines who trained on the Big Island during World War II to bring peace to the Pacific," BGen. Bedard said. "And we remember the Big Island residents who did so much to make life better for our Marines."

2d MarDiv, returning from the

"Battle of Tarawa, arrived at Hilo in December 1943, still wearing their mud and blood-encrusted uniforms from that terrible battle. From there, they were transported 65 miles inland up into an area resting between two volcanoes and known to the local people as the 'Red Hill Camp' when they arrived at their yet-to-be constructed camp on Parker Ranch in Waimea, the survivors of bloody Tarawa had already chosen the camp's name.

At Camp Tarawa, once adequate clothing, shelter, food, and medical treatment were supplied, 2d MarDiv began rebuilding into an effective fighting force. The terrain provided excellent training grounds and the seclusion helped make the unit more cohesive. They were training in the hills near Waimea for two new battles further to the west in the Pacific. 2d MarDiv sailed out of Hilo harbor in spring 1944, bound for Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas.

A new Marine division replaced the Camp Tarawa Marines, the 5th. As 5th MarDiv trained at Waimea, allied forces closed in on the Japanese mainland. Strategic bombers conducted daily missions against the mainland from the recently liberated Marianas Islands. American commanders needed a base closer to Japan for the fighter escorts of the B-29s, and an emergency

See Museum, A-7

Base engineer receives award

Cpl. Wanda Compton

A civil engineer from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay was honored Feb. 29 as one of two Hawaii Area and Pacific Ocean Engineer winners and as the Pacific nominee for Navy Facilities Engineer-of-the-Year Award.

Gerald M. Ota was chosen as the award winner in the over 36 category, while Darlene Ige was the winner in the under 36 category. Both belong to the Pacific Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

The award recognizes individuals who represent the very best in engineering excellence for the Pacific area. The plaque reads: In recognition for outstanding performance in the engineering profession and exemplary services to the community.

"I've particularly noted the participants for this award are from a couple of grand and noble professions — architecture and engineering," said Rear Adm. Thomas A. Dames, commander, PACNAVFACENGCOM. "These professions have a high threshold of entry, and it takes a great deal of personal effort to master and become eligible to practice in the field. This award is just a small way to acknowledge their efforts."

Ota has been a civil engineer at Kaneohe Bay since 1991, and has been involved in many of the major projects here. He is currently responsible for 28 active studies, designs and construction projects valued in excess of \$51 million.

"I had mixed feelings when I was notified about being the selected representative for engineer-of-the-year after seeing so many of the fine engineers who won over the past few years. I felt I'd stolen the award from someone more deserving," Ota explained. "Then I felt a little old when I realized I was selected for the 36 and over category. I guess 36 is the age when the Navy feels engineers basically go senile — so a special category had to be made so we would still get something out of it."

See Engineer, A-7

This issue of the Hawaii Marine is dedicated to the memory of MSgt. Doug Weatherman, combat correspondent, who Wednesday turned in his final byline. "We'll miss you Top."

Every Clime and Place

Corps revises physical fitness test

MARINE CORPS BASE, Quantico, Va. — A longer run and more sit ups for women; no more "kipping" during pull-ups for men. Translation -- the long-awaited revision to the Marine Corps physical fitness test is on the streets.

Last August, Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed a revision to the PFT requirements for female Marines, citing, as the impetus, results of a 1993 study conducted by the Training and Education Division, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, here. The revision, which includes a change in the way pull-ups will be executed, is now on the books and was announced in ALMAR 070/96.

The ALMAR is the first in a series of two releases which will provide guidance and specific instructions for implementing the revised PFT for women. The revised women's PFT will consist of the traditional three events: flexed-arm hang, sit-ups and the run. However, when fully implemented on Jan. 1, 1997, women will perform sit-ups for two minutes (instead of one) and run three miles (instead of 1.5).

The flexed-arm hang will remain unchanged.

The policy change will, according to the ALMAR, "better align male and female fitness standards, eliminate possible perceptions of inequality, and enhance unit physical fitness training programs."

Also announced in the ALMAR is a major change which will impact the men's PFT regarding the execution of the pull-up. The pull-up event was designed as a test of strength and stamina. Previously, "kipping," or using a whipping motion, was authorized; however, the very act mitigated a true test of strength. Therefore, effective July 1 this year, all swinging and kicking movements will no longer be authorized. Pull-ups will be performed from a dead-hang position and, as explained in the ALMAR, "confined to a vertical motion to ensure a valid test of upper body strength."

The revised women's PFT will be implemented in four distinct phases, with Marine-Corps wide implementation occurring Jan. 1, 1997 (Phase IV). The release of ALMAR 070/96 was Phase I; Phase II

begins July 1, 1996, when the Marine Corps Recruiting Command incorporates the revised women's PFT standard in its recruiting efforts by revising initial strength tests administered by recruiters and officer selection officers.

Phase III will be implemented at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and Officer Candidates School here. MCRD Parris Island will revise the initial strength test for women recruits (one mile run and an increase in sit-ups in a one-minute time period). OCS will continue to use the current women's PFT (1.5 mile run, sit-ups in one minute and flexed arm hang) as the initial strength test for women officer candidates at the beginning of their training. Both commands will then modify programs of instruction to implement the new PFT standards for recruits and officer candidates.

Between July and December of this year, selected units and commands will conduct a trial PFT using the new women's standards in order to validate a proposed scoring matrix (included in the ALMAR). For example, the proposed scoring matrix

gives maximum points (100) if a woman runs three miles in 21 minutes or less, and completes 80 sit-ups in two minutes. (The flexed-arm hang scoring has not changed).

The proposed scoring matrix is just that -- "proposed." Based on results of the six-month PFT trial for women beginning in July, the matrix and scoring classification will be validated and then adjusted based on data collected. During December of this year, a second ALMAR will be released with a validated scoring matrix and final coordinating instructions. (PAO, MCB Quantico)



Cpl. Wanda Compton

Best of the year
In a recent awards ceremony Marines and Sailors were recognized by the base as the following: NCO of the year, Cpl. Joshua Ashman, top left; Senior Sailor of the year, Petty Officer 1st Class Emiliano Torres Jr., top right; Marine of the year, Cpl. Brent Ferns, bottom right; and Junior Sailor of the year, Petty Officer 3rd Class Markece Murriel.

Marine combat power tested in California

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — More than 12,000 Marines and Sailors are testing their ability to project combat power ashore during a major exercise taking place off the Southern California coast Wednesday through March 18.

The U.S. Navy Third Fleet exercise, called Pacific Joint Task Force Exercise 96-1, will involve 29 ships, and various types of fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters from the Carl Vinson Carrier Battle Group, commanded by Rear Adm.

Edwin J. Moore, Jr.; and Tarawa Amphibious Ready Group, commanded by Capt. Frank M. Gallic, with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, commanded by Col. John C. Garrett, embarked. U.S. Navy and Marine Corps forces will be joined in the exercise by Army, Air Force and Coast Guard units.

The exercise will involve naval operations such as operational testing of various weapons systems, logistics support, search and rescue, command and con-

trol and various air strike and support missions. The exercise will also involve a variety of amphibious missions, culminating in an amphibious landing at Camp Pendleton, involving both surface and helicopter assault forces.

The Canadian ship, HMCS Algonquin, will participate as a unit assigned to the carrier battle group.

PJTFE 96-1 is the next in a series of exercises previously named "Fleetex." The current name reflects the increasing

focus on preparing naval forces to participate fully in joint operations with other U.S. forces. During the past several years, this exercise has placed increasing emphasis on incorporating joint technology, procedures, planning and command and control structures into battle group training.

Participation by units from other branches of service is actively sought and incorporated into the exercise whenever possible. (PAO, Camp Pendleton)

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Editorial/Commentary

Paying respect for the dead seems a thing of the past

Sgt. Valerie Griffin
Staff writer

Although the Marine Corps is a service based on pride, it seems not enough is taken in remembering or paying respect to those who have passed on.

Over the past weekend, the burial detail, of which I'm a part, was sent to Maui for the burial of a retired lieutenant colonel who served 30 years over the course of three wars.

The ceremony did not go quite according to plan, but true to Marine form everyone managed to adapt and overcome. Jokes were made following the ceremony in an understandable effort to relieve the tension. These jokes were focused on Marines who took part in the ceremony and poked fun at actions which provided a bit of comic relief.

Unfortunately, the fun we had on the trip began to denigrate into a ripple of jokes such as "When is someone on the Big Island going to die?" and "Maybe I'll have someone knock off a former Marine there so we can go."

I can't say I'm faultless because on the first, one I laughed but by the second, I was rather appalled. How anyone could even joke about someone's life was beyond my wildest imagination. Being brought up to respect human life, jokes such as those are in poor taste and make me lose a bit of respect for those wearing a uniform which should be worn with a pride so

strong others can almost sense your presence.

I gave a small sign the jokes had gone far enough but felt I could have done more. Perhaps it was my place to step in and correct the young Marine but it was obviously more than an issue of basic respect.

For the past three and a half years I served in an Air Force squadron and was afforded little opportunity to take part in Marine Corps ceremonies. Often, as a broadcaster, I witnessed them through a camera lens, which detracted from the pride one would, and should, feel being there.

I was forced to defend my service on a daily basis and perhaps, in those acts, gained a greater pride in myself and my Corps.

Getting back to the "real" Marine Corps was good news and being placed on funeral detail did not seem a chore. When I mentioned the words "burial detail" however, the reaction by my peers was often something to the tone of "That's too bad," or "Doesn't that stink?"

In an attempt not to sound morbid I will refrain from saying I was pleased to be a part of this and simply state I was proud to be chosen as part of such a time-honored Marine Corps tradition.

I can't begin to explain the pride I felt during my first funeral, as I folded colors I knew would be cherished by family members for years to come. I was shaking not only out of nervousness but because I was holding what would soon be a piece of history. In only a moment it would become a memory which helped honor a man who did his time and helped make the Marine Corps what it is today.

'... and I say proud because no man or woman can possibly serve as a U.S. Marine without pride.'

Without this proud man - and I say proud because no man or woman can possibly serve as a U.S. Marine without pride - and others like him, we would not be where we are today, wearing the same uniform and having the chance to honor them with the respect they rightfully deserve.

Though I knew nothing about the man soon to be lowered into the earth, I couldn't help but feel a connection and some sorrow at the loss of a brother. Perhaps this man, who finished his service as a corporal, never did anything worthy of a Silver Star or Purple Heart but he served his time, which in itself, is worth the effort to prepare my uniform and be present at his ceremony. Whether he died alone or not, he would not be alone now as 13 Marines paid

tribute to his legacy.

My feelings came from deep within and from years of teaching by my father, a former minister. I feared my breath would be wasted, so I said nothing further.

My unfortunate view of the scene is today's Marines lack pride which should be present not only for special events but day-to-day duties.

Men who should be honored by these young Marines are instead mocked. I wonder what the families of these former Marines would say, could they hear the conversations taking place in the confines of a classroom, van or airplane.

Would they no longer desire the presence of these Marines or would they understand and simply carry on? My best guess is they would be offended and dismayed at views and lack of respect for what the offenders obviously know nothing about.

If properly educated on the long and illustrious history of the Corps, surely, Marines of today would not so callously mock what brave men had fought and died for. If they had known these men they would not or could not make fun of their lives and even worse, their deaths.

Marines who wake up every morning and don their uniform with scarcely a second thought, live free and at ease because men, like the ones we are called upon to help bury, gave of themselves.

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Front and Center

Marine joins Corps for independence

Sgt. Valerie Griffin
Staff writer

The plain walls of an office at hangar 105 barely give a hint to the personality of the individual who works there.

Framed posters accent Marine Corps stickers affixed on two clocks which tick quietly while work is done. Though the room says little, the corporal working within the space, seemingly a man of few words, speaks volumes.

Cpl. Godfrey G. Marille, service record book clerk, administration office, Marine Corps Air Facility, speaks in a low voice, which has the effect of drawing people in to listen to his story. Listen carefully -- the low voice says a lot.

After proper introductions and a bit of prompting he tells of his home far away, a small, tropical island called St. Lucia in the West Indies. Though his life began there 23 years ago, his journey toward the Marine Corps began more recently.

"Almost five years ago I came to live with my dad on Long Island, New York. I wanted to go to college but at the same time I wanted

to leave home and be on my own," he explained.

Marille spoke with recruiters from the various services but was most impressed with the Marine Corps representative.

"I liked his uniform and I liked the challenge so I joined the Marine Corps," he added with a smile.

Finding the challenge he longed for and given the chance to travel he soon came across further opportunities to do what he enjoyed.

"I like to play soccer," he said, pausing with a laugh and stressing, "I like to play soccer."

The sport became part of his life at an early age in St. Lucia. "That was the only thing we could do because we didn't have so many options. We didn't have TV, video games and stuff like that."

"St. Lucia is a very poor, very small place. Most of us just played sports and that's where I picked up soccer," he continued.

From a meek beginning as a boy in St. Lucia, Marille has honed his talents through the years and become more than an average player. Representing the Marine Corps on the Armed Forces Soccer Team and being selected for the Interservice Team for three consecutive years gives credence his skills as

a soccer player and helps him to be a well-rounded Marine.

Though one of his loves, soccer is not all Marille thinks about. He recently passed the exam for citizenship and awaits the chance to complete his oath. This is an important step to Marille in helping to further his career as a Marine.

"I was thinking of going on MSG [Marine Security Guard] duty and if I'm not a citizen I can't go," he stressed.

Though MSG duty is an option he works toward by attaining his citizenship, his goals reach far beyond that single interest.

"I think I'm going to stay in at least another enlistment because I want to be a drill instructor. I went to MCRD [Marine Corps Recruit Depot] San Diego and saw a friend of mine in action. I like the power you have and that you can see your progress right there," Marille added as he gestured to the open space in front of him.

Years ago he was raised on a small island in the West Indies but today is proud to call the Marine Corps his home. Each day the young corporal completes the challenges which brought him here and works toward the future he is building with the Marine Corps.



Sgt. Valerie Griffin
Cpl. Godfrey G. Marille practices with a soccer ball in the Main Gym here.

Pacific's senior enlisted visits CentCom

SSgt. John DiDomenico
Public Affairs, U.S. Central Command

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND, MacDill AFB, Fla. -- Sergeant Major Joel S. Williams, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific sergeant major, spoke with enlisted Marines here recently about the current state of the Marine Corps and other important issues.

Marines from USCENCOM, MARCENT liaison, U.S. Special Operations Command and Joint Communications Support Element met at the Surfside Enlisted Club as Williams discussed the importance of the Marine Corps in joint operations and the future of the Corps.

"The joint community in which you are serving is not only the future but it's now. Each of you daily show our sister services what the Marine Corps is all about and the capabilities we bring with us. You represent the Marine Corps wherever you go and whatever you do. Our country holds the Marine Corps in high regard, carrying with that a high standard. We as Marines need to honor our contract with America and always uphold those standards."

According to Williams, the Marine Corps has met its personnel ceiling of 174,000, however, with the on-

going budget problems and our need, as a country, to balance the budget, we could be faced with more financial cuts in the future.

He also discussed items such as the recruiting effort, quality of recruit training, and leadership roles.

"The recruiting effort is on-going and, as always, is a tough and challenging job," said Williams. "The target age group is the smallest it's been in some time, but our recruiters are holding their own and making mission." Each of us as Marines can assist by always presenting a good image, in private and public, and assisting the local



SgtMaj. Joel Williams

recruiter when home on leave.

"We are looking at recruit training and ways to improve it if necessary," Williams continued. "One example is giving the drill instructor more one-on-one time with recruits."

Williams spoke of leadership and the backbone of the Corps.

"Leadership is always a continuing process and sometimes looking at the past is a good thing to do. The NCO has always been the backbone of the Corps and now, as in the past, we need to place responsibility in the hands of our corporals and sergeants. They need to step up and accept that responsibility. As a Corps, we recognize the importance of our NCOs and have reinstated a corporal's course, authorized an eagle, globe and anchor emblem on the dress blue waist plate, and pending approval, the issue of dress blue trousers for female Marines."

Before departing, Williams charged all Marines here to uphold the traditions of Core Values of honor, courage and commitment.

"Many of us who have been in for awhile have the values of honor, courage and commitment internalized and have taken them to heart. We have to find a way to instill that in our young Marines. These traits have carried the Corps for over two hundred years."

Editorial

From A-3

of veterans who fought during the battle for Iwo Jima. They spoke of buddies they had lost and friends who gave their lives for what they deeply believed in. They told stories of a time so quiet they were sure they would be gone in seconds and of elation at being spared and being able to carry on the memory of fallen comrades.

Having to strain to hear an older gentleman who had been shot in the throat during battle gave me the eerie feeling I could not possibly show this man as much respect as he deserved and the feeling follows me still today and this month, to each funeral.

If every Marine today could experience even a fraction of what these men dealt with, they would never again mock death or create a joke on the passing of a former Marine.

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card. The theft was reported to Honolulu Police Department.

•Military police arrested a man for violating a Military Protection Order barring him from contacting another person at their quarters. The man was issued a lawful order by his commanding officer to avoid contact with an individual. MPs observed the man attempting to make contact, and further investigation revealed him to be in violation of the order. He was given the opportunity to make a written statement, but declined

and was released to his unit.

•The Federal Fire Department extinguished a fire in a dumpster in the parking lot of barracks 227, HMT-301. Two people, including the one who reported the fire, tried to extinguish it but couldn't. The cause of the fire is unknown.

•A man was arrested for driving while on base suspension/revocation. He attempted to enter Camp Smith through the main gate when military police recognized him. He was released to his unit.

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has a 24-hour recorded Community Action Line set up to assist with any questions or concerns you may have. Call 257-6800 and help take a bite out of crime.

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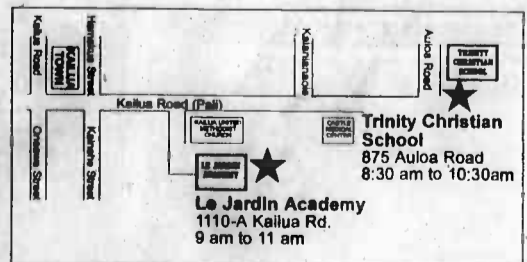
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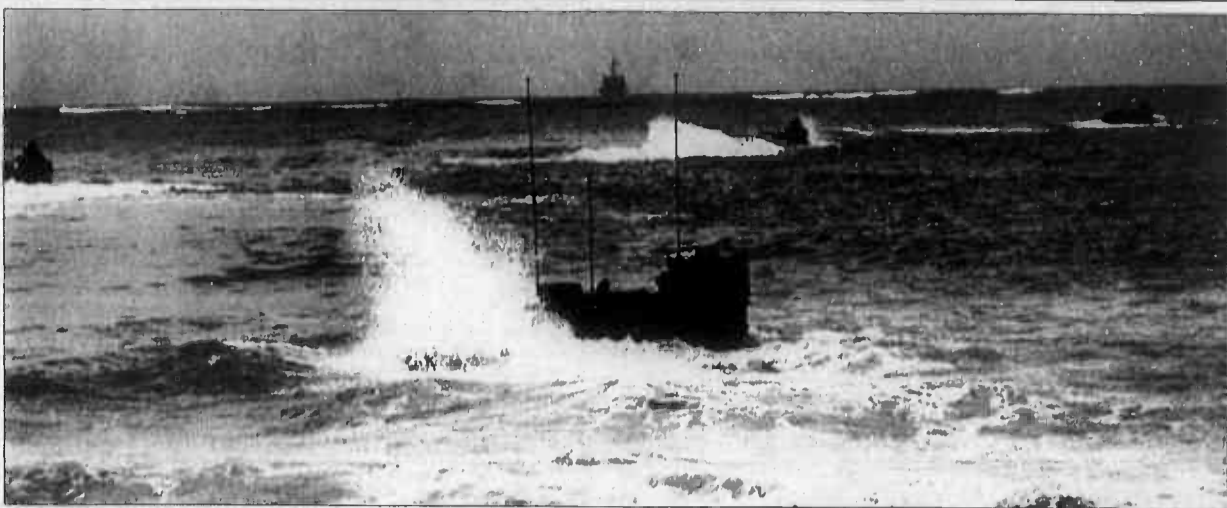
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Staff writer

Soldiers with the 1st Royal Australian Army experienced the rigors of amphibious training at Bellows Air Force Station Feb. 27, from the bellies of 26-ton Amphibious Assault Vehicles piloted by Marines from 3d Marine Regiment's AAV Platoon stationed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The scheduled interruption, enroute to a routine training deployment to the Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, for 1st Battalion, 3d Marines and its supporting units, was the first exercise in an annual exchange program between the United States and Australia.

"This is the fourth time I've trained with the Australians, and every time we train with them it seems to get better," said 29-year old Capt. Edward Darley, of Riverside, Calif., and platoon commander, AAV Platoon.

From the hull of the USS Juneau, the armored vehicles "splashed" into the Pacific Ocean, and began their 45-



Loaded with the soldiers from 1st Royal Australian Regiment, Amphibious Assault Vehicle Platoon, 3d Marine Regiment speeds toward the USS Juneau off the coast of Bellows Air Force Station.

minute ride to the shore of Bellows. Many of the the Australians peered through binoculars at the AAVs they would soon ride in.

Crew chiefs gave a brief on the capabilities of AAVs, and answered questions. Then the Australians donned Marine Corps flak jackets and Kevlar helmets for protection against the rough ride of the tracked vehicles. One at a time the "tracks" surged into



Darley

the water toward a new experience for the Australians.

"The Australians will receive a ship orientation aboard the USS Juneau, and then eat chow in the mess hall," said 1stLt. Tom Calhoun. The 25-year-old, Springfield, Va. native, the training officer for 1/3, said the training would finish with a beach assault by the Australians.

But by late afternoon, sea conditions turned rough, and the decision was made to move the training to the Kailua Bay side of MCB Hawaii. As the AAVs crawled upon the sands of Fort Hase Beach, the Marines of C Company prepared to trade places with the Australians, and began their deployment to PTA.

The Australians followed the next day by airplane, according to the host company's executive officer, 1stLt. Ryder White, A Co.

"They will be conducting a lot of live-fire training with us," said the 25-year-old Tehachapi, Calif., native. "They also will assist us by working as aggressors during our field exercises."

The training at PTA is another first for the Australians, who coordinated their trip here to take advantage of the high training tempo with 1/3. After several weeks of traversing the rough volcanic rock of the big island, the Australians will have a better understanding of life as a Marine in Hawaii.



Cpl. Robert Powers, crew chief, AAV Platoon gives an orientation brief to Australian soldiers.



Pvt. Christen Peterson, 9 Platoon, C Company, 1 RAR practices attacking the beach at Bellows Air Force Station.

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Museum

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landing strip for bombers returning from raids on the mainland. They found what they were looking for on an island named Iwo Jima, some 700 miles southeast of Japan. The mission of capturing the island fell to the 3d, 4th and the newly formed 5th MarDiv.

Admiral Chester Nimitz, Pacific

Fleet commander, said of the Marines and Sailors who fought on Iwo Jima "Uncommon valor was a common virtue." More Medals of Honor were awarded for the battle here than for any other single operation in World War II. The majority went to Marines and Navy corpsmen of 5th MarDiv.

The Marines and Sailors who were not killed or seriously wounded at Iwo Jima returned to Waimea in March 1944. As with

2d MarDiv, 5th quickly rebuilt itself to prepare for its next campaign.

The campaign (Operation Coronet) was to be the invasion of Kyushu on mainland Japan in the fall. But the war ended with the Japanese surrender and in November, 5th MarDiv deployed from Hawaii to Japan and China for occupation duty. Upon completion of occupation duty, they disbanded.

Waimea and Camp Tarawa saw more than 50,000 Marines, soldiers and Sailors during the course of World War II. The service people relied heavily on the mere 400 locals to teach them about the land and culture.

And they taught the locals a number of things while stationed there.

Before the Marines departed, leaving Camp Tarawa completely behind, they schooled the Hawaiians on the arts of baseball and rodeo. The rodeo became so popular at Parker Ranch, the largest one there, in February

1944, saw more than 10,000 people watching the Marines mount the wild steers.

The Marines also brought their music to Waimea and had the Marine Band march through town every day. Because the Marines were there, other mainland items came. Electric generators followed the Marines to Hawaii. These basic amenities became popular to the residents who would no longer use kerosene to light their homes. Waimea was coming into the 20th century with modern medical facilities being constructed and ice boxes to keep their food cool and make ice cream. Waimea fell in love with the Marines as the Marines did them.

The love stories between the Marines and the Big Island natives were recounted throughout the afternoon and when the ceremony was over, all the guests were guided through the museum by veterans of the 5th and 2d MarDivs. Guides Bill Thompson and William Townsend provided great detail and insight into the historical pho-

tographs and displays adorning the walls of their station. Another station, manned by Wattie Mae Hedemann, revealed more of the social interaction between the Marines and their civilian hosts of Waimea. Hedemann, born and raised on the Big Island, remembered the Marines well. She pointed out a photograph of herself in the display taken in 1943, when she was a USO dancer entertaining the Marines before they went off again to war.

On Feb. 18, one day short of 51 years since the day Marines began their bloody assault on Iwo Jima, the Marines and Sailors of Camp Tarawa are the honored guests of the citizens of Hilo.

For many, time may have eased the pain of lost friends and loved ones, but has not erased the memories, which remain so vividly in the mind's eye. These memories not only belong to the Marines and Sailors who fought the battles, but also to those in Hilo and Waimea who also gave all they could to "make life better for our Marines."



Wattie Mae Hedemann points to a picture of herself when she was a dancer for the USO during World War II. Pictured with her is BGen. E.R. Bedard, deputy commander, MarFarPac, and his wife Linda.

Engineer

From A-1

"I really appreciate the individual recognition," the 38-year old continued. "But realize these types of awards are never totally earned by the individual. It's always a cumulative effort of many people that leads to an award."

Ota chose to single out two of the people whom he felt had a lot to do with this recognition. "I would like to thank Lance Iwami, who is also a civil engineer in the department. He always took the time to answer many of my questions, and I do have a lot of them, and to basically lend me an ear when I needed to chew on one."

"The other person who has really made a difference is my wife, Jennifer," he continued. "It was Jennifer who understood I needed the time at home over the past few years to gain the knowledge to accomplish my work."

Ota was born in Honolulu and his parents, Minoru and Sitsuko, still live there. He explained he was always did well in math and science at Kaimuki High School and it just led into engineering. He graduated the University of Hawaii with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and

went to work at the Navy shipyard at Pearl Harbor in 1979. He invested time and energy in himself by attending UH in the evenings and earning a master's in Business Administration in 1985. Ota also belongs to the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Col. G. E. Heavilin, deputy commander, MCB Hawaii, presented the award to Ota and said a few words of his own.

"I don't believe Gerald Ota needs me to extol his virtues," he said. "I believe his performance speaks for itself, and will continue to do so - but I'm going to do it anyway."

"He is the consummate professional in terms of our expectations and what we need to have done at MCB Hawaii," Heavilin continued. "Recently, he's been the lead engineer of a multi-disciplinary team involved in removing underground storage tanks to meet Federal regulations."

Heavilin explained how valuable Ota is to the base and the community of engineers overall because of his ability to identify problems and find solutions well before they become show-stopping issues.

Before the birth of his son, 22-month old Benjamin, Ota enjoyed spending relaxing hours with his Bonsai plants. "Now all my focus is on

raising my son," he said. "Keeping up with him takes up a lot of energy. But I love doing it."

When he's not trying to keep up with his son, Ota is helping to bring MCB Hawaii into the 21st century.

"There's a lot going on right now in the engineering department at Kaneohe Bay," RAdm. Dames said. "As we [Department of the Navy]

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HAZMAT

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LSC provides clean water for survival out in field

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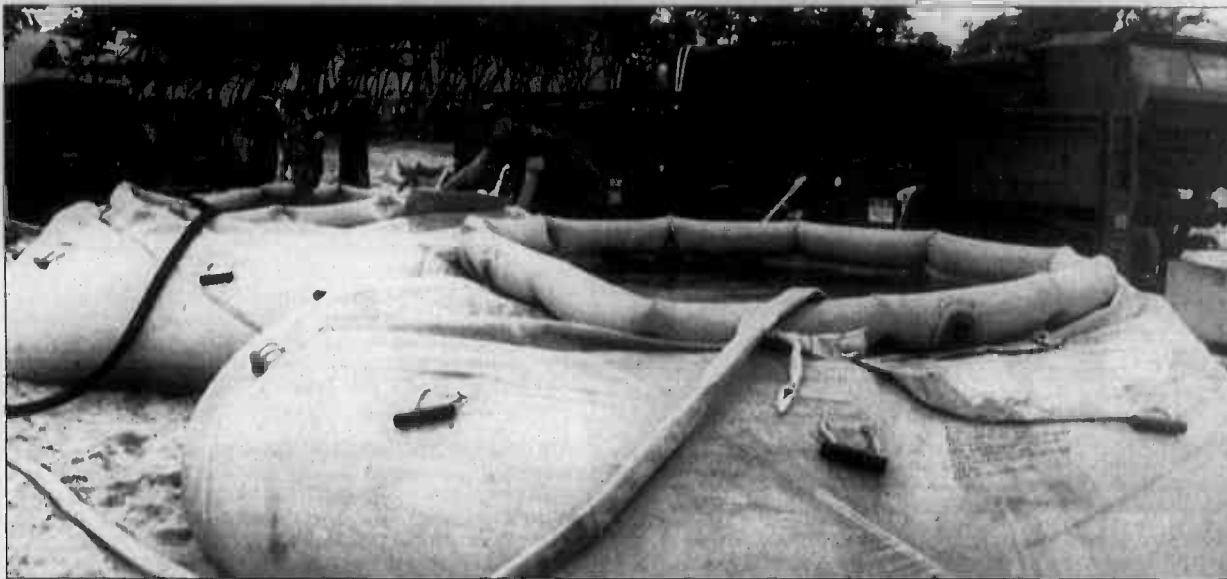
When Marines deploy into the darkest corners of the world, they are sometimes placed in regions miles away from one vital resource — clean water. The job of units like the engineering section of Landing Support Company, Combat Service Support Group 3, here, is to provide those Marines with the critical survival element in "any clime or place".

Marines have been stationed in some of the driest and disease-filled spots in the world. To get healthy hygiene and drinking water while in the field, these Marines depend on the hygiene equipment operators and other Marines within LSC's engineering section.

"Anywhere you go, there is bacteria in the water that may give people diseases," said LtCpl. Anthony B. Pugh, LSC water purifier. "It's hard to find clean water anywhere in the world. Some of the trouble spots for us are in deserts. There isn't much available water."

Whether the Marines have pitched their hooches next to a lake, or set up camp several miles from water, the engineering section will bring fresh water right to their doorstep.

"Back in Saudi (Arabia), we had two million gallons of water stocked before the



After setting up on Fort Hase beach, LSC's engineering section used this water purification site to perform water purification training. The water was pumped from the ocean to 3,000-gallon tanks, (front) before going through purification in either of three reverse osmosis water purification units, (rear).



Pugh

ground war even started," said Sgt. Jose A. Dizon, hygiene equipment operator.

Dizon said water is a morale booster for the troops. It provides a means for showers and laundry units in the field. It also gives them a good supply of drinking water.

"That is our job," said Dizon. "Without clean water to hygiene in or to drink, the Marines will be unhappy."

The Marines in the section recently broke out three Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units and set up training for these types of missions. Camped out on Fort Hase beach, the week-long exercise gave the Marines a chance to see how ROWPUs work and taste the success later.

ROWPUs, run by electric generators, can filter fresh water from virtually any water-based fluid including sewage and nuclear contaminated water, according to Pugh. This expands the possibilities for hygiene equipment operators when they are deployed to some of the most infested areas in the world. The purification process starts when the water is pumped from the source through a hose much like a fire hose. The water is extracted by a gas-operated pump capable of pushing 65 gallons per minute. Marines also have access to a 125 gpm pump which is used in different situations.

From there, the water, or whatever it may be, is emptied into a 3,000-gallon tank. Then, the Marines carefully analyze the liquid. They use a Total Dissolved Solids meter to measure salt content. This helps them decide what the ROWPUs pressure levels will need to be to properly purify the water.

The water is then transferred through another hose to a ROWPU water pump. "That's when the purifying operations goes into cycle," said Dizon.

The first phase inside the ROWPU is a multimedia filter. Here, large suspended solids such as hair, gravel, dirt and sand are removed. Also, Polymer and Sodium Hex are added to the water. Polymer makes the remaining small particles stick together. Sodium Hex keeps the minerals in the water

from building up on the pipes. This activity often happens in homes.

The remaining clumps are weeded out through the next stage -- the cartridge filter. It does the same job as the first, but collects finer particles.

In the third and final process, the water is pumped by a pulse dampener to reverse osmosis vessels. The ROVs filter out all remaining salt and other fine particles.

When the ROWPUs are finished with the purification process, the water is pumped to clean 3,000-gallon tanks. While fresh water is pumped out, chlorine is injected to kill bacteria in the water.

Using another hose, the water is transferred to 900-gallon tanks on the bed of a Logistics Vehicle System, commonly referred to as a dragon wagon. The LVS transports

the water to the troops. Or, as in the case of the recent training, the water was emptied in a pond at the base golf course.

LSC conducts purification training once every three months. They also provide water for Marines in training at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii. This training allows the unit to keep the cobwebs out of the machines and Marines' knowledge.

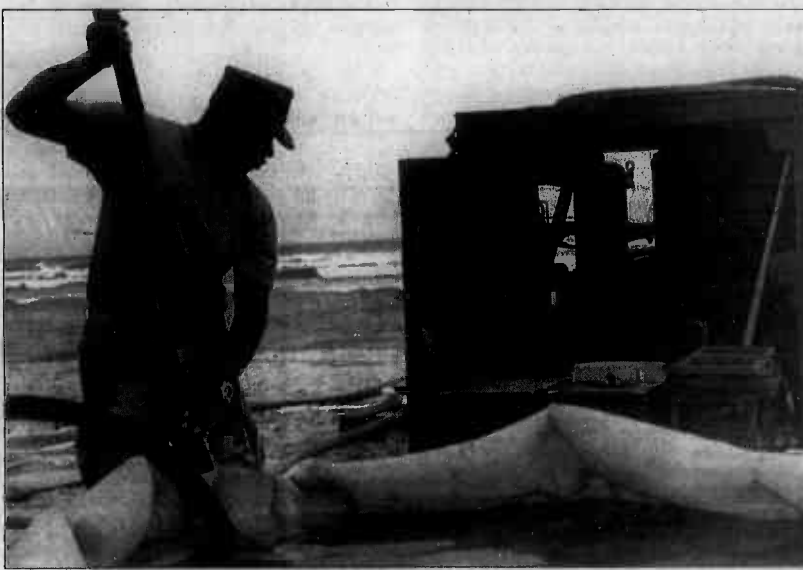
"Getting to operate the machines on a regular basis will make us more proficient at our job," said Pugh. "Because we have become more proficient at our jobs, when the opportunity arises, we will be able to do the job that much better."

Not only do LSC Marines receive extra training in water purification, Marines in the field get the luxury of clean water.



LtCpl. Steven Williams

Cpl. Jason Childs, generator mechanic, left, hands LtCpl. Gregory Grant, LVS operator, a transferring hose used to drain purified water from 3,000-gallon tanks into 900-gallon tanks.



LtCpl. Steven Williams

LtCpl. Kevin Rodwell, generator operator, Landing Support Company, CSSG-3, prepares hoses to transfer freshly purified water to a 900-gallon tank on a logistics vehicle system for transportation to the base golf course.

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Save time in getting license; here's how to prepare

LCpl. Steven Williams
Staff writer

Going prepared to driver's licensing stations in Hawaii may save military members a lot of time and hassle.

Obtaining or renewing a driver's license in Hawaii isn't that hard, according to Scott A. Walker, Hawaii driver's license examiner. In fact, he said reading through Hawaii's Driver's Manual will make the written and road tests a breeze.

However, military members transferring to the island have had complications in the paperwork process, creating a road block before taking any tests, said Alan F. Miyamura, chief license examiner and inspector for Honolulu.

"You have to make sure you have all original documents, not copies," said Miyamura. "We've had a lot of problems with military members bringing in copies. They have to be verified by the state they came from."

Miyamura said verification is needed due to immigrants flowing into the islands.

"The state department is very concerned with the number of illegal immigrants and fugitives who are making their way to Hawaii," said Miyamura. "This is why every effort is made to prove identity."

Name changes are also common problems among military members. Individuals who have changed their name recently are required to bring all certified copies of marriage or divorce papers.

Failure to bring all required paperwork on the day of the test will result in turn-down.

The island of Oahu has six locations for testing. Some stations share space with police departments including Kaneohe, Pearl City and Wahiawa near Schofield Barracks. The station in Waianae is located inside Satellite City Hall. The other two stations are in Kalihi and downtown Honolulu. The office in downtown Honolulu

is on Maunakea Street off Vineyard Boulevard. This office is headquarters for the stations, and the most popular testing site, according to Miyamura.

The testing sites open at 7:45 a.m. weekdays except holidays. The offices hand out a certain amount of numbers to walk-in applicants each day. Once those numbers have been called, the doors are closed. Appointments have to be arranged at least three weeks in advance.

The written test costs \$2 and the road test \$8 each time the applicant takes it. Applicants 18 to 25 years old pay an additional \$9 for their license or renewal, while those over 25 pay \$18. Needless to say, multiple trips to the station could get costly.

Drivers who make it into a station before their licenses expire may only have to take the written portion of the test, depending on their individual state's licensing regulations. Those with licenses which have already expired are required to take both the written and road tests. Military members who are on a short tour in Hawaii with licenses

which expire just before they leave, may be able to continue on their old license. These situations are considered on a case-by-case basis.

When drivers finally make it through the paperwork process, they can concentrate on their performance. Studying the sample questions posted outside of the stations may help.

During the road test, drivers must leave their lead

feet and other bad habits behind.

"The biggest problem we have with the military is drivers who have developed bad habits," said Walker. "They've been stationed somewhere like California. They start to speed or don't use proper signalling during the test."

The easiest way to ace both tests is to read the Hawaii's Driver's Manual, according to

Walker. The Hawaii Driver's Manual is available for \$5 at several grocery, book and drug stores. The manual provides detailed information on driving safety and regulations. It also has a sample test at the end. Some of the questions in the book are actual questions from the test, according to Miyamura. There is also a Motorcycle Manual available for motorcycle riders.

To ensure success on the first trip, drivers need to pay attention to the following list.

Things to do

- They must bring current vehicle registration. Applicants are not allowed to drive temporary dealer cars.

- If the driver is using another person's vehicle, that person must be present with valid driver's license and proper paperwork during the driving portion of the test.

- The driver must have a current Hawaii no-fault insurance card.

- All inspection decals must be present on the vehicle and drivers must have a Vehicle Inspection Certificate with them.

- If drivers use a rental car, they must have the original Certificate of Registration, Hawaii no-fault insurance card and the applicant's name must be on the contract.

- If drivers use a recently purchased vehicle, they must bring the sales contract, a current temporary license plate attached to the vehicle, Certificate of Vehicle Inspection/decals and Hawaii no-fault insurance card.



Gene Leong, Honolulu driver's license examiner, prepares 16-year-old Sabrina Usita, from Manoa, for a road test at the Oahu's main driver's licensing station on Maunakea Street.

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FBI recruitment

There will be an FBI special agent recruitment March 18 from 9-11 a.m. in the Bachelor Officer Quarters conference room. The minimum requirements are: bachelors degree, physically fit, age 23 to 36 years old, good hearing and vision, U.S. citizen, able to relocate and valid driver's license. Reservations are required, so call the TAMP office for appointment at 257-3135.

TAMP

The Transition Assistance Management Program will be offering the following classes in the month of March:

Around the island tour — The tour begins and ends at the Family Service Center in building 216. The tour is Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and registration is required.

TAMP workshop — This workshop is Tuesday through March 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the base theater. Personnel separating within six months are required to attend this workshop. No registration is required.

Sponsorship training — This class is March 14 and 28 from 2-3 p.m. at TAVSC in classroom two. This training is mandatory for all those assigned as sponsors to inbound Marines and Sailors.

VA representative — A representative from the Honolulu office will be at our office March 15 from 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help our service members with any concerns they have about the military. Registration is required.

How to get a federal job — This class is March 19 from 8-10:30 a.m. at TAVSC in classroom two. Learn how the federal selection and hiring process works.

ETAP seminar — This seminar is March 25-27 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the BOQ conference room. ETAP is for military members retiring with 20 years or more of service. Registration is required.

For more information, or to register for any of the above classes, contact the TAMP office at 257-3135.

TQL

Nominations are being accepted for the following courses in Total Quality Leadership training:

Team skills course — This three-day course is March 20-22 at TAVSC in classroom one.

Statistical tools course — This two-day course is March 27-28 at TAVSC in classroom one.

Team Launch — This new one-day course focuses on team building, process improvement methodology, and equips the student to return to the work place with tools for process improvement. Space is limited.

Nominations for these courses should be submitted in writing to Commanding General (TQL), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Box 63002, Kaneohe Bay, MCB Hawaii, 96863. All inquiries, scheduling and coordination should be directed to Bill Lang, TQL manager at 257-2130.

ASYMCA

To sign up for any of the following programs/classes, or for more information, call 254-4719 or 254-4965.

Swap meet — The next swap meet is March 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up as a seller or find that special bargain.

Let's meet nature — There will be a tour to the Hawaii Nature Center March 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is for children younger than five years old and their parents. Transportation will leave the ASYMCA parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Register before March 17.

Hula Class — Hula classes for children ages 4-12. The class meets every Saturday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the ASYMCA office in building 216. The fee is \$40 a month.

Playmorning — The "playmobile" will be closed for spring break March 25-29, but can be found other weeks at these locations 9-11 a.m.: Monday — Courtyard behind the seven-day store; Tuesday — Harris Avenue & Elrod Drive; Wednesday — Cochran Street & Dodson Street; and Thursday — Daly Place & Daly Road. On rainy days, playmorning will be held at the ASYMCA building 216.

Tumbling tots — This is an exercise program for motor skills and coordination for children just starting to walk up to 3 years old. It meets Monday and Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m. and 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Lamaze — This six-week class is on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting March 21.

Filipina Wives Club — the monthly meeting is March 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. Plan on fun and fellowship. Children are welcome.

Fit for two — These classes are for pregnant women and new moms every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Registration cost is \$30.

Beginning line dance — It's an exercise for the whole family. Class runs Tuesday, March 19 and 26 from 6-7 p.m. The cost is \$2 per adult per class and free for children.

Dog obedience — This six-week class is offered on Sundays from 4-5 p.m. starting March 24 in the courtyard of building 216.

Coupon club — Belinda Garcia will teach all about coupons, rebates and forms. Meets once a month. Call ASYMCA for location and time.

Haku Lei — This class teaches how to make haku lei using ferns and flowers. Class is March 29 from 6-8 p.m.

Parent support

The New Parents Support Program provides a variety of education and support services to Marine families on Oahu and Navy families stationed at MCB Hawaii in an effort to promote health family functioning.

Prenatal classes — Expecting a new baby? Learn information to help you through pregnancy, labor and delivery and postpartum time. NPSP also provides basic baby information to help you become the best parent you can be. Seven-week classes are held Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 at TAVSC building 267.

Parenting support group — The group meets every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Family Service Center, building 216, on D Street. Free child care is available with a copy of your child's up-to-date shot record. Parents with children of all ages are invited to attend to discuss topics such as child development, discipline, stress management, communication and family interaction.

Stork club — This education/support group for expecting and new parents is every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Service Center building 216. Light refreshments are provided. Brown bag lunch is encouraged.

All services provided by the New Parents Support Program are free. For information, schedules or to register for any classes, call 257-9965.

FSC

Overeaters anonymous — Group support to help with over eating behavior using the 12-step approach. Meets every Friday at the FSC from 7-8 p.m.

Women's group — Focuses on safety, self-esteem, anger and stress

management. The group meets every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. Please call Melody for more information at 257-3655.

Parenting teenagers — This six-week video-base course is for parents of teens and pre-teens. The course is offered on Fridays from 9-11 a.m. beginning Friday. Reservations are required.

Fighting for your marriage — Communication course teaches couples constructive arguing and problem-solving skills. The two-day workshop is Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations are required.

All of the above classes are free. For information or reservations, call 257-3655.

Job hunting

A computerized listing of on-island jobs is available at the Employment Resource Center. Call 257-3135 to make an appointment with a counselor.

N/MC Relief Society

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society is conducting a mini training course March 19-21 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Pearl Harbor office. All interested volunteers or Key Volunteers who would like to know more about NMCRS are encouraged to attend. Mileage and child care reimbursement provided for all attendees. Space is limited. Call 423-1314/1315 to reserve a spot.

There are applications for the Travers Scholarship and Loan Program for academic year 1996-1997 at NMCRS. The scholarship provides students a grant of up to \$2,000 per academic year. The loan provides student's an interest-free loan of up to \$3,000. All awards are made on the basis of financial need. Deadline for combined scholarship/loan applications is March 15, and for loan only applications the deadline is Oct. 31. For applicant restrictions, call 254-1327. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in building 216.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross in conjunction with the 21st Dental Company will be accepting applications through March 13 for the Dental Assistant Program. This will be an 11-week course in dental assistance, first aid and safety, in

addition to 400 clinical hours to be completed in six months. This program is open to all family members, retirees and their families. Applications may be picked up at the Red Cross.

American Red Cross Kaneohe Service Center located in building 216, room 53. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check in/out will be between these hours. The office will be closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

For emergencies, please call 257-3150 or 471-3155. After hours, weekends and holidays contact the American Red Cross Pearl Harbor Service Center at 471-3155. Pearl Harbor Office is open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily.

Retired activities

A Retired Activities Office has been established in building 216 here to provide the retired community with a focal point for information and retiree business aboard the base. The program is in need of retiree volunteers to help meet staffing goals. Office hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on services or to volunteer, call Jim Gardner at 257-3135.

CREDO

Join the next CREDO personal growth retreat March 28-31. Retreats are open to all active duty, authorized family members and DoD civilians. Meals, lodging and transportation will be provided. To make reservations, call 257-1843 or 257-3618.

OWC

The Officer Wives' Club awards scholarships for family members of MCB Hawaii officers. For more information, call Martha at 254-2578.

The OWC is looking for possible recipients for this year's charity proceeds. For more information, call Amy teNyenhuis at 254-4977.

AESC

The All Enlisted Spouses' Club is now accepting scholarship applications. Scholarships are available to family members of all enlisted active duty and retired military. For more information, call Sylvia Garibay at 254-1355 or Rosa Lopez at 254-0194.

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March madness



Ravings of a Mad Man

SSgt. Stephen Gude
Press Chief

The Ides of March are here, and this means not only will college basketball enter into its annual playoff, but Dick Vitale will be all over the airwaves.

However, anyone can find solace in watching college basketball these days. There are not many dominant players in the game this year, but the few there are truly stand out. The dominators are:

Allen Iverson, Georgetown: College basketball's most scintillating player. Iverson has few faults to his game. Those who say he makes poor decisions should remember he's in the wrong position playing point, because his instincts are of a shooting guard. If Iverson was 6'-6" tall, there'd be no doubt he'd be the next Jordan. But at 6'-1", he still takes over games. I hope he stays in college for at least one more year, because he does need a bit more maturity for the pros. But I can't wait to see him take some weak pro clown to the rack.

Jason Sasser, Texas Tech: An amazing player no one knows about, because how many times has Texas Tech been on TV? During the tournament, watch this guy. He loves going coast-to-coast, and will make other players look like scared rabbits as he goes around them. Speed, power, size, good shooting range - he'll be a good pro. I'm telling you, remember his name.

Ray Allen, Connecticut: There are a lot of people who say Ray Allen is soft, but even if he is, he's going to be a stellar pro player, because he is so smooth. He walks a fine line between shooting guard and small forward, like Sean Elliot (who people said was soft, but last highlight I saw, he dunked so hard on Robert Horry, his head almost hit the rim). Allen disappointed me during the last Georgetown game, when Iverson ran roughshod through UConn, but I trust he'll emerge guns a blazin'. Allen will develop into another Elliot, if not better.

Marcus Camby, Massachusetts: Dickie V's always yapping about Camby being player of the year, but I don't think so. Camby's a great player, no doubt, but he needs to get a little more meat on his bones to effectively handle some of the big pros. Then again, Kevin Garnett, not known for being a heavy eater, and Joe Smith, also a relative lightweight for a pro, aren't doing too bad. Camby has a natural shot-blocking ability few players possess, and can score on bigger, stronger players. He'll be a millionaire soon.

There are plenty of other good players, but on to the teams. My pick to win it all is Kentucky. It appears no one can stop them. I wouldn't be too surprised if Georgetown is right there, especially if Iverson lets Othella Harrington score and the Hoyas play defense like they did against UConn. Kansas, UMass, Cincinnati, and Villanova will be in the running too.

No matter who wins, my favorite moments of the tournament will be watching North Carolina and Duke get smoked. I don't know how often I got mad in the '80s watching these teams get call after call after call from refs and be over-hyped by stupid announcers and commentators. Then there's the NCAA itself, but that's another commentary.

Guess every dog does have its day.

From the Chesapeake to Kaneohe ... Voices by the Bay



LCpl. Steven Williams
Staff writer

An ensemble of talent, highlighted by the U.S. Naval Academy Women's Glee Club, gathered here Sunday in the base theater during the 'From the Chesapeake to Kaneohe ... Voices by the Bay' evening of entertainment hosted by MCB Hawaii.

The free evening program kicked off with several pieces performed by the Marine Forces Pacific Band located aboard MCB Hawaii. The band played tunes ranging from "America the Beautiful" to a jazzy rendition of "Johnny Be Good." It also provided background music for Wendy Bross, 24-year-old soprano, who performed a number from the opera "Madame Butterfly."

Children from the Hawaiian Studies Program in YMCAs across Oahu, introduced the audience to the Hawaiian culture with hula dancing, ukelele playing and Hawaiian chants and songs. Led by Carolee Nishi, volunteer HSP director, the group of tykes dressed up in bright floral outfits and dazzled the crowd with their Hawaiian performance.

Following the show by the little people, teenagers from the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps gave the audience a spit-shined version of military in high school. Cadets from schools across Oahu marched in with rifles in hand to give group, duo and solo performances. Since the event was moved inside due to inclement weather, the cadets used the tiny center aisle of the theater to execute their movements. After the rifles stopped spinning, a group from Radford High School marched the aisles, conducting a drill presentation without arms.

The event concluded with the featured highlight: the women's glee club. Made up of 35 hand-picked voices from the academy, the club's varied repertoire included sacred selections, folk songs, patriotic music and popular and Broadway tunes.

"I liked the Glee Club," said SSgt. Terry Kaelin, 1st Radio Battalion Arabic linguist. "I always enjoy hearing good southern folk songs. They sang those very well."

The club and band combined forces and performed an armed forces medley for the finale of the program.

"That was marvelous," Helen Verdeyen said as she exited the theater. "I loved the music. Having the Marine band and the glee club together was absolutely marvelous."

The Women's Glee Club performed here during a tour of Hawaii. The first six days of their stay on the islands were dedicated to performing for various malls, school and other tourist attracting locations. The final three days of their visit is set aside for fun in the sun. The members will head back to the mainland Saturday.

(top) Wendy Bross, wife of Cpl. Bradley Nibloc, MarForPac Band, sings a number from the opera 'Madame Butterfly'. (left) Aaron Yoshita, 7, from Kaimuki-Wailae, strums a Hawaiian song on his ukelele during the evenings' entertainment. (below) The U.S. Naval Academy highlighted the 'Voices by the Bay' evening entertainment Sunday. They performed numbers ranging from folk songs to patriotic tunes.

Photos by LCpl. Steven Williams



Honestly Tobera, 7, (front) from Kaneohe, performs a Hawaiian dance with three other YMCA dancers during the program.

Laka retires with more than 28 years service to Corps

Sgt. Shannon Antoine
Public Affairs, MarForPac

After more than 28 years of faithful service to the Corps, "Laka," a bay gelding from the Camp H.M. Smith Stables, was retired Feb. 26.

Little is documented of Laka's early years, although he is believed to be about 34 years old, quite old for a horse. The first record of Laka at Camp Smith is his work with the mounted perimeter patrol, which was used in the late 1960s and early 1970s to provide extra security for Camp Smith. The earliest record historians have been able to locate is a photo in the book "Island Cowboys," which shows Laka on patrol as a Marine Corps perimeter patrol unit horse. Stable manager Shelly Leslie also recently encountered a retired Marine who came to the stable and recalled riding Laka on patrol in 1968.

"He is our 'go-to' horse because he is so reliable" said Leslie. "I would be more than willing to sit under him in a rainstorm to keep dry!"

"The day before his retirement an older lady came to the stables," recalled Leslie. "She had never ridden a horse and was scared to death. Without hesitation, I saddled Laka and assured the lady she would be well taken care of. She went off on the trail wishing she hadn't made the decision to try riding, but by the time she returned she could not wait to come back again!"

Laka, which means 'gentle and kind' in Hawaiian, has touched many lives, among them 19-year-old Moira McAniff. She came to the stables nine years ago and Laka was the first horse she ever rode. She took lessons with



Laka, a bay gelding from Camp H.M. Smith, is joined by many friends who stopped by to spend time with him during his last day in service to the Corps. Laka spent more than 28 years serving the Corps at Camp Smith.

him once a week for a year, and developed such a love for horses that she went on to work at the stables and today owns her own horse. "Laka has done everything, anyone could ride him," said McAniff.

Judging from the reaction of children at Laka's 'party,' he will be greatly missed by those who come to the stables. Many gathered around him at the party and fed him carrots and apples.

"He is very fun to ride," said nine-year-old Cari Stricker, of Ewa Beach. "I am sad, but Laka will be happy where he is going."

Because of his calm and gentle nature, last year Laka carried the princess of the Big Island in the Aloha Week parade, and she won her category.

Leslie compiled some interesting facts about Laka. During the past year, he

has given 780 people riding lessons, been on 300 trail rides, and made approximately \$174,720 for the stables. He worked an average of 312 days a year, and has never been sick or lame for as long as any of the stable employees can remember.

The party for Laka was attended by many of his friends and former 'students,' and earlier in the day BGen. David F. Bice, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, stopped by to thank Laka for his many years of loyal service to the Corps.

Laka will leave Camp Smith in March and go by barge to the Pu'u O Hoku Ranch on Molokai. There he will live out the rest of his life much like a regular retiree. His new home on the 800-acre ranch will be shared with other horses, brood mares and babies, grazing on grass, all enjoying the good life.



Cpl. Steven Williams

Olympic winner

GySgt. Greg Gibson, a 1984 Olympic silver medalist in wrestling, visited MCB Hawaii's Marine Corps Exchange Friday selling U.S. Olympic Coins of the Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games. Gibson is a four-time military world champion, a 13-time national champion and a 20-time gold medal winner in interservice competition. Gibson currently holds a 45-second record for the Marine Corps obstacle course. He is also the first and only American to win the Somba World Championship in Paris, France. In 1988, Gibson was on the Olympic Team coaching staff before serving as All-Marine Wrestling Coach until 1990.

Gibson autographed photos and promoted this year's Olympic coins during his visit here. The coins are available for purchase at the several military exchanges: including Naval Base Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base.

Religion

MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Chapel	
Catholic Weekday Mass	11:45 a.m. (Monday-Friday)
Saturday Mass	6 p.m.
Sunday Mass	7:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass	9:30 a.m.
CCD Preschool	3:45-4:30 p.m. (Monday)
CCD Kindergarten	3:45-4:30 p.m. (Monday)
CCD Grades 1-12	6-7:15 p.m. (Mondays at Mokapu Elem.)
Protestant Lit. Communion	
Sunday School	8:30 a.m. (Sunday)
	9:30-10:30 a.m. (Mokapu Elem.)
Adult Bible Study	9:30-10:30 a.m. (Sunday)
Non-lit. Worship	11 a.m. (Sunday)
Kaleidoscope	1:30 p.m. (Wednesday)
Promise Keepers	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Friday)
Singles	6 p.m. (Sunday)
(call 254-6028 for information)	
Gospel of Holiness Fellowship	
Sunday School	11 a.m. (Boondocker)
Sunday Worship	1 p.m. (Base Chapel)
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Choir rehearsal	7 p.m. (Friday at Base Chapel)
For more information about MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Base Chapel religious services, call 257-3552.	
MCB Hawaii Camp H.M. Smith Chapel	
Catholic Mass	6:30 a.m. daily and 8 a.m. (Sunday)
For more information about the MCB Hawaii Camp H.M. Smith Chapel religious services, call 477-5098.	
Aloha Jewish Chapel at Naval Base Pearl Harbor	
Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m. (Friday)
For more information about Jewish services, call 471-3971.	

Check out what's going on with SMP

Renee' Valdov
Single Marines Program Coordinator

There are lots of things happening at the Single Marine Center this month. The plans are in motion to get this program completely up and running!! Everyone here is really excited about the great upcoming events and activities. First of all we will be sponsoring a pool tournament on Mondays. Stop by the center in building 1033 to sign-up. We will be having a carwash Saturday. There will be free food for all participants. March 16 we will be attending an authentic Hawaiian luau. The cost is \$25 per person or if purchasing two or more tickets \$20

per person. This event is a fundraiser for The Friends of Heeia. It is a non-profit group that contributes to all the local communities. Did you ever wish that you could be one of those who are brave enough to scuba dive? Well, if you're a single Marine or Sailor and a member of the Single Marine Program, now is the time for you to get certified!!! For more information, stop by the center in building 1033.

We are currently in the process of naming the Single Marine Program newsletter. If you have any ideas, put them down on paper and submit them to Renee' Valdov at the center. Please include any art ideas you would like to see also. All entries must



be in by March 22. The winner will be awarded a gift certificate and featured in our newsletter. Trust me, I need all the help I can get with picking out a really eye-catching name.

Don't forget about our regular weekly events: **Tuesday** and **Thursday** night at the movies, **Wednesday** \$1 per game after 6 p.m. at K-Bay Lanes with membership card (with eight or more you will receive 25 percent discount at the snack bar) and **Fridays** free guitar lessons. We are still in need of dependable volunteers to help with the programs. For more information, please call Valdov at 254-7592 or 257-6278.

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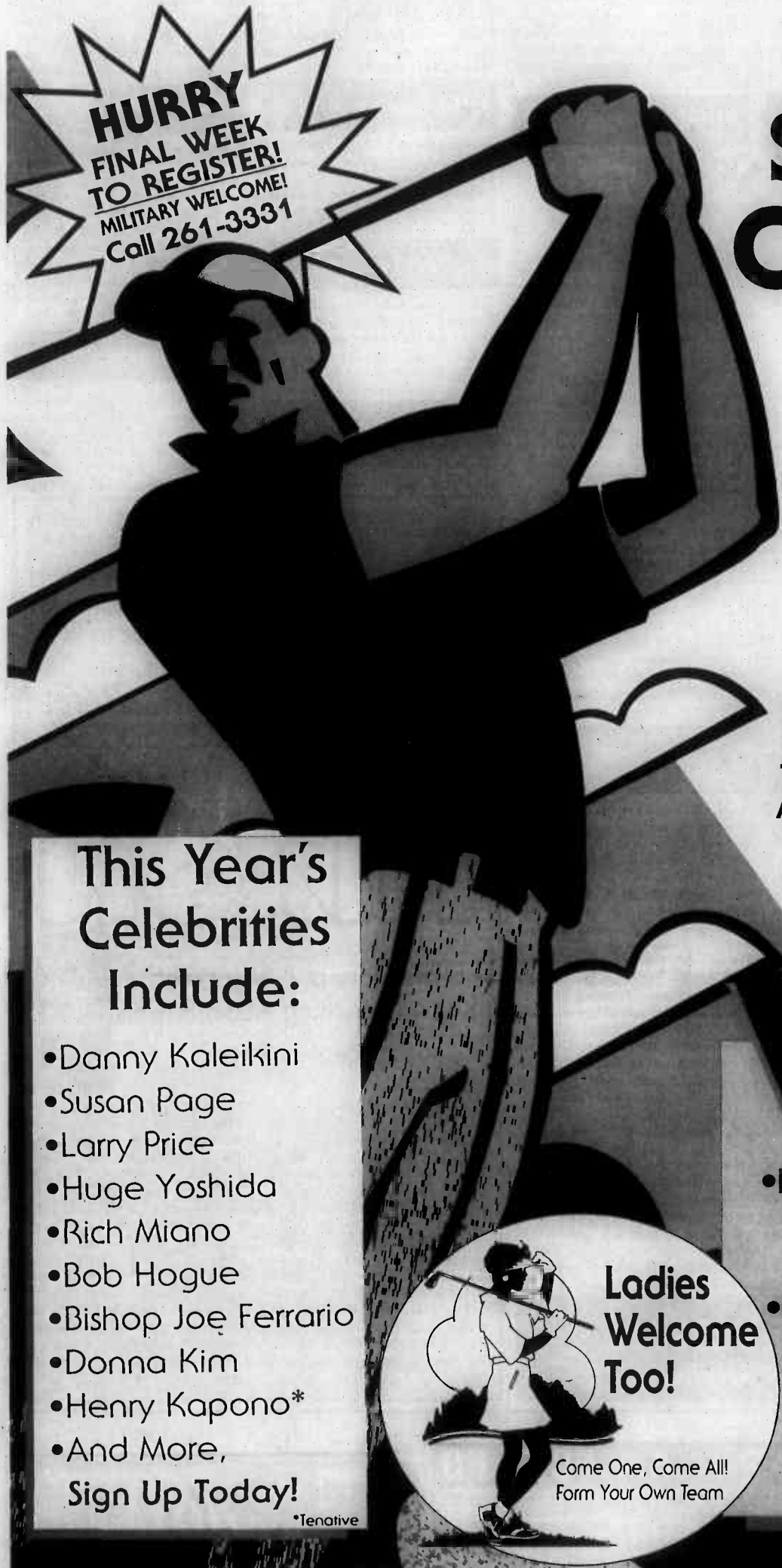
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Aerobics

Semper Fit Aerobics classes (including the STEP program) are offered

every day in the Main Gym. Active duty classes are \$.50, monthly passes \$10; Family members, classes \$2.50, monthly passes \$25. For more information, call the Athletic Office at 254-7591/89.

Instructors needed

The Athletics Office is seeking aerobic instructors for its high- and low-impact, and step Semper Fit Aerobics

Field reservations

Attention all units! All ball fields must be reserved ahead of time for use. Reservations can be made up to

10 days in advance through the Athletic Office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call the Athletic Office at 254-7591/89.

Officials needed

Looking for a challenge? Become a sports official. Officials are needed for all sports activities on MCB Hawaii. For more information, call 598-6133, 289-6175 or Ed Preenboom at 254-3469.

enced riders on motorcycle safety and operations. The courses are registered through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and provide insurance discounts for motorcycle riders. For more information, call Sgt. Heath Rutt at 257-3408.

Rod and gun club

The Kaneohe Rod and Gun Club is currently conducting a membership drive and is looking for interested participants. The meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Bachelor Officers' Quarters conference room. For more information, call Pete Zoretic at 254-4183.

Volunteers needed

The K-Bay Athletic Office is looking for volunteers to help with its expanding sports requirements. If you have a favorite sport or would just like to learn about the sports programs, call the Athletic Office at 254-7591/89.

Tickets

The MWR Ticket Office offers tickets and information on how to get them at special military rates. The office also takes reservations for events and attractions around the island. Call the Entertainment Hotline at 254-7663 or stop by the Marine Corps Exchange for information and reservations. The office is located at building 1090 and is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Holidays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This week's offerings include:

Kidsports

Currently selling tickets at reduced rate of \$5, includes two tokens. Also have \$10 gift certificates for \$9.

Island tours

There are Roberts Hawaii island tours for Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii available.

Whale watching

There are different whale watching packages. The Star of Honolulu has a breakfast and lunch cruise for \$26 or \$16 (no food included.) This cruise sails past the Arizona Memorial. Navatek has a breakfast cruise for \$31 or a luncheon cruise for \$36. There are also whale watching tours for Maui.

Cruises

There are Club Atlantis cruises off Waikiki which

include snorkeling, scuba diving and other water-sports. Introductory dives are available. There are dinner cruises on the Big Island offered by Captain Beans Dinner Sail at Kailua-Kona, Waikoloa and Maunakea.

Flying

There are packages available for flights in a bi-plane such as a mock run on Pearl Harbor, a view of the North Shore or an aerial roller-coaster ride with Tsunami Aviation at Dillingham airfield.

East Coast

Different East Coast attractions are available.

Concerts

The following are upcoming concerts at the Groove: Mephiskapheles, March 8, tickets are \$14.50; Eek-A-Mouse, March 15, tickets are \$16.50; Torture King and Impervious Aziza with Razed in Black, March 16, tickets are \$11.

Softball

Tickets are available for a fund-raiser softball game April 13 between San Francisco 49ers and the Honolulu Police Department. The game will be at 10 a.m. at the Rainbow Stadium at the University of Hawaii.

Jazzercise

Get fit with Jazzercise on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 in the Main Gym, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15 in building 1036. For more information, call Jean Hamilton at 254-4112.

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MWR Offerings

Kathy Hayes
MWR Marketing

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Youth Wrestling at K-Bay

Join the Hawaii Marine Youth Wrestling Team and take the challenge. The team is open to ages 7-18 in both female and male divisions. Sign-up anytime during the season. Registration fee is \$25. For more information, call Youth Activities at 254-7611 or Mark Smith 257-1325.

Crafters needed for Easter Craft Fair

Camp Smith is hosting an Easter Craft Fair March 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafters are needed for this event. Get a jump on spring sales, display crafts at the Easter Craft Fair. Those who would like to participate should call Camp Smith ITT office at 477-5143.

Design a Bookmark Contest

Library week is coming April 14-20. To celebrate, the Base Library is having a contest to design a bookmark. Let artistic talents show by designing a bookmark based on the national library week theme "Libraries

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Want to get off Base? Catch "Da Bus"

Bus schedules for the number 70 bus which comes aboard MCB Hawaii will soon be available at the Main Exchange customer service counter and ITT ticket office. Pick up a schedule and get around town. For more information, call the Main Exchange at 254-7616.

Adventure Training Adds Power Boating

Power boating has been added as one of the activities highlighted in the Adventure Training Program. Adventure Training is offered by MWR recreation at no charge to all Marine and Navy units. Learn different water sports and do PT at the same time. It's a fun alternative to regular unit workouts, while experiencing Hawaii's unique recreational opportunities. Training NCO's and staff NCO's should call the marina at 254-7667 for details.

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Pacific Hideaway now hosts Friday night dinner specials. Enjoy a different dinner theme every Friday in March. Friday it's cook-your-own-steak followed by the popular Mongolian Barbecue March 15. Salsa into Mexican fiesta night March 22, and end the month with an Italian pasta buffet. For more information, call the Pacific Hideaway at 254-5592.



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