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## Marine Corps Base Hawaii *School Liaison Quarterly Newsletter*

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**The USMC School Liaison Program is designed to create connectivity between military parents, schools, and the Marine Corps.**

**Our top priority is to provide parents, students, and educators timely and relevant information to enhance learning and promote academic success.**

If you would like to receive a copy of the SLO quarterly newsletter and updates, please email us: [mcbh.slo.fct@usmc.mil](mailto:mcbh.slo.fct@usmc.mil); be sure to include your name along with your contact information.

Aloha and Welcome,

As the PCS season is upon us, we look forward to working with you on your family's transition to or from Marine Corps Base, Hawaii! In preparation for this busy time of year, all parent resource fliers have been updated. Enrollment Requirements for Hawaii Public Schools and a Checklist for Transferring Schools are two of the many parent resource fliers that are available for download on our website at [http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g1/school\\_liaison.htm](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g1/school_liaison.htm).

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS & FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

In this issue, we've highlighted a few scholarships available to military children. In addition, Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, is a terrific resource to families. Every year more than \$150 billion in new aid is provided to nearly 14 million postsecondary students and their families. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form used to apply for all federal, as well as for many state, regional and private student aid programs. The aid from their programs allows students and their families to cover school expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. For more information, please visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

#### **HAWAII STATE ASSESSMENT (HSA)**

All public and public charter schools are required to administer the HSA. This year the online testing window is from 10/17/2011 – 5/18/2012. The HSA measures standards and curriculum to be covered over the course of the year. The decisions on how and when to administer the HSA are made by individual schools. For more information about the computer-adaptive Hawaii State Assessment, visit the online HSA portal at <http://www.alohahsa.org/>.

#### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration starts in February for school year 2012-2013. Children who will be five years old on or before August 1, 2011, may enroll in regular Kindergarten, while children who reach five years of age between August 2 and December 31 may enroll in Junior Kindergarten.

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## "Kindergarten Registration Night" Mokapu Elementary School Cafeteria

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

4:00 – 5:30 or 6:00 – 7:30 pm

*For more information, contact the School  
Liaison Office 808/257-8897 or 8826.*

**Come and register your child for kindergarten.**

- Enjoy a complimentary pizza dinner.
- After dinner, you and your child can participate in a variety of fun hands on games and activities.
- Parents, learn what you can do to help your child successfully transition to kindergarten.

**SEE YOU THERE!**  
Child care is not provided.

**If you live on Kaneohe Base and your child is turning 5 years old by December 31, 2012,  
make sure your child is registered for kindergarten at Mokapu Elementary.**

### List of Military Scholarships for Military Children

*Below are links to scholarships available to Military Children. Please click on the link for more information.*

- Military Children Program Scholarships are currently available at commissaries and online: <http://www.militaryscholar.org>
- Pat Tillman Military Scholarship: <http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply/>
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division Association Memorial Scholarship: [http://www.caltrap.org/3rd\\_MarDivAssoc/scholarship.asp](http://www.caltrap.org/3rd_MarDivAssoc/scholarship.asp)
- Military Sons and Daughters Scholarship: <http://www.aie.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=15503>
- Military Family Support Trust Scholarship: <http://www.mobc-online.org/scholarships.html>
- The 1st Marine Division Association Scholarship: <http://www.1stmarinedivisionassociation.org/scholarships.php>
- Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund: <http://www.fascholarship.com/>
- Armed Forces Crossroads Scholarships for Military Children: [http://www.afcrossroads.com/education/coll\\_scholar.cfm](http://www.afcrossroads.com/education/coll_scholar.cfm)

### Attention Navy Dependents



If your parent is currently serving or has served in the **Navy** in an **aviation command** (squadron, naval air station, carrier etc.), you could be eligible to apply for a Wings Over America Scholarship.

- Pre-Qualification form (for first time applicant only) and Application available online 1 OCT 11
  - Deadline for pre-qualification form (first time applicant only) 1 MAR 12
  - Completed application deadline **1 APR 12**
- Complete information and eligibility requirements are available online at <http://www.wingsoveramerica.us/>

### Marine Corps League Scholarship Program Academic Year 2011-2012

If you are a senior whose active duty Navy or Marine Corps parent is stationed aboard Marine Corps Base, Hawaii or if you are in one of the Navy/Marine JROTC Programs on Oahu, you could be eligible for a **\$4,000 Scholarship!**

Applications and more information about the program are posted on line at the Marine Corps League, Aloha Detachment web site:



[www.aloha363detachment.com/  
Scholarships.html](http://www.aloha363detachment.com/Scholarships.html)  
**Application deadline  
April 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**What is the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children?**



The Compact deals with the challenges of military children and their frequent relocations. It allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts in member states. Each member state must adopt the Compact through legislation.

**What Are Some of the Specific Educational Issues that the Compact Covers?**

<b>Enrollment</b>	Educational Records	Immunizations	K & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Entrance Age
<b>Placement and Attendance</b>	Course & Educational Program Placement		Placement Flexibility
	Special Education Services		Absence Related to Deployment Activities
<b>Eligibility</b>	Eligibility for Student Enrollment		Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation
<b>Graduation</b>	Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed		
	Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-of-course exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state		
	Allows a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school		
Visit <a href="http://www.mic3.net">www.mic3.net</a> for more information about the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission.			



**Bernard Curtis Brown II Memorial NASA Space Camp Scholarship**

NASA Space Camp ([www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com)) is a place of learning where kids come together for a journey they will never forget. The Space Camp is offered in Huntsville, Alabama and is a six-day program that shows young men and women firsthand what it takes to be an astronaut. Activities include simulated Space Shuttle missions, training simulators, rocket building and launches, scientific experiments, and lectures of the past, present, and future of space exploration.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Student applicant must be:

- The child of a Military Member on Active Duty or Mobilized Guard or Reserves; OR
- The child of a Military Member who died while serving on Active Duty or Mobilized Guard or Reserve Status; AND
- Enrolled in grades 6 through 9

 **To apply:**  
**Log on today!**  
<http://www.MilitaryChild.org>

**To Apply**

- Submit a hand-written essay (written by the student) which includes: why he or she should be selected, evidence of patriotism, future goals, community service, and "after camp" intentions
- Submit two letters of recommendation with contact information (non-family members only)
- Complete and submit the official application (available at <http://www.militarychild.org>), postmarked no later than the deadline of **MARCH 10**



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