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Marines with 3rd Marine Regiment render a salute to the fallen during a memorial service at Dewey Square, Monday. "Each of these men served their entire careers in the Marine Corps during a time of war. Each of these men served honorably," said Col. Nathan I. Nastase, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regiment.

3rd Marine Regiment honors, remembers friends

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Three pedestals of wood, three pairs of combat boots, three rifles, and fond memories — these items were but a mere representation that paled in comparison to the three missing sons of 3rd Marine Regiment. Family, friends and fellow service members bid one last farewell to their loved ones during a memorial service at Dewey Square, Monday.

The two-dimensional likenesses of Staff Sgt. Scott E. Dickinson, Cpl. Richard A. Rivera Jr. and Lance Cpl. Gregory T. Buckley seemed to smile at the large audience of loved ones, who brushed away tears.

Even thousands of miles away, commanders and senior enlisted leaders with III Marine Expeditionary Force observed a moment of silence for them aboard Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan that same day.

All three were killed Aug. 10, while serving in Afghanistan. Dickinson, Rivera and Buckley each posthumously received a Purple Heart medal, which was presented to their families.

Dickinson, 29, of San Diego, enlisted in August 2001. During his last deployment, Dickinson served as the senior enlisted logistics adviser to the Garmsir District Police in Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. Roger Ruiz approached the podium, and told the story about Dickinson. He hadn't had a decent meal in seven months and upon finally being able to eat luscious food, he went for the cake first. Ruiz who served as the battalion food service chief in Afghanistan, said Dickinson helped him through the check-in process when he was a new Marine at the S-4 shop.

"He was someone I could count on for anything no matter what it was, no matter what time of day it was," Ruiz said. "Giving me a ride, watching my dogs or helping me out with something at work."

Rivera, 20, of Ventura, Calif., enlisted in July 2010. While deployed, Rivera served as a security team gunner and precinct adviser for the Garmsir District Police Adviser Team in Afghanistan.

"No matter what job he had, he would never complain," said Lance Cpl. Jake Prochnow, who, like Rivera and Buckley, was also a security team gunner and precinct adviser for the Garmsir District Police Adviser Team in Afghanistan.

"He made sure it was always done right," Prochnow added. "He would never leave a job incomplete."

Rivera's mother, Linda, attended the service with other family members.

"He's a very special person," she said of her son.

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Marines, French, British forces clear objectives

Lance Cpl. Erik Brooks | III Marine Expeditionary Force

Cpl. Frank P. Wippel scans the surrounding area for enemy during Exercise Croix du Sud at Camp la Broche, New Caledonia, Oct. 13.

Lance Cpl. Erik Brooks
III Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP LA BROCHE, New Caledonia — The enemy never stood a chance as three different countries' elite forces closed in from the air and ground, eliminating anything that stood in their path by displaying seamless integration of their collective efforts into one multilateral company.

Platoons of U.S. Marine infantrymen, French Marine paratroopers and British Army soldiers conducted a company-level, coordinated attack together as part of Exercise Croix du Sud outside of Camp la Broche, New Caledonia, Oct. 14.

The Marines are with First platoon, Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine

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III MEF commanding general reinforces core values

Staff Sgt. Ken Melton
III Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Japan — Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr. conducted an all-hands reflection brief with Marines at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Oct. 24 in response to recent alleged incidents by service members on Okinawa.

Although the latest high-profile incident does not involve Marines, Glueck, the III Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, is using it as an opportunity to visit all Marine Corps installations on Okinawa to personally emphasize the importance of upholding the Marine Corps' high moral standards at all times.

"The bottom line is that we are all under a magnifying glass," said Glueck. "We can talk about how our incidents rates are down, but what I need you to do is to go out there and prove it. Prove that we have a good liberty campaign, that we are good neighbors in Okinawa, and that we respect the people of Okinawa."

Alleged incidents over the past few months have garnered significant local, national and international attention. Glueck made clear to the Marines that these alleged incidents are not taken lightly and that service members are held to a higher standard and must understand that they are representing the United States while in the Asia-Pacific region.

Lt. Gen. Sam Angelella, commander, U.S. Forces Japan, issued a general order stipulating that all members of the U.S. military in Japan, including those in a temporary duty, permanent change of station or leave status, must be on the military installation where they reside, in their off-installation private residence or in their hotel or place of lodging for temporary duty from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily.

"I want to personally apologize for the grief and trauma the victim has endured and the anger it has caused among people in Okinawa," said Angelella. "In addition to the curfew, core value retraining for military personnel and SOFA civilians will be conducted by subordinate commanders and we will review the USFJ liberty policy."

Violations of the curfew are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Component commands are responsible for informing inbound units and individuals participating in exercises or other temporary duty on the curfew policy prior to initiation of their travel to Japan.

"We are showing the Japanese people that we are very serious about these incidents and we are using this period as a time of reflection," said Glueck. "Think about your actions and demonstrate that we are good stewards, neighbors and ambassadors and that we respect the customs, traditions and the people of Japan."

Other leaders agree with Glueck that Marines should understand their unique role when serving in a foreign country.

"As service members on Okinawa, we represent the military and America," said Sgt. Maj. Brent L. Cook, sergeant major, MCAS Futenma, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. "When someone meets you for the first time, your conduct sets a precedent on how they view all service members and Americans. One individual's actions speak for all of us, so we all have to consider the impression we make to our hosts and neighbors."

Glueck hopes that these briefs will reinforce the Marine Corps' high standards of conduct and inspire Marines to improve the relationship with the local community.

"I have all the trust and confidence that we will overcome this period and continue to move forward," said Glueck. "Every Marine on Okinawa became a diplomat the moment they landed on Okinawa. Conduct yourselves accordingly when interacting with our hosts and be the best diplomat you can be for our country and service."

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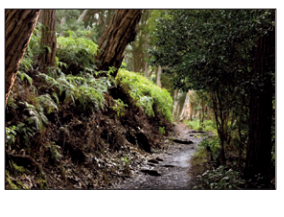
HQBN Warriors no match for 1/12 Savages, **B-1**



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Loping the loop at Aiea Loop Trail, **C-1**

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High 82
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NEWS BRIEFS

Mural competition

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is hosting a mural painting competition for the North Beach changing station. This is an opportunity for all base personnel to leave their mark aboard MCB Hawaii. Interested artists must submit a version of their idea to hawaiimarineeditor@gmail.com. All submissions must be received by Thanksgiving. All murals must include the following: be Hawaii related, have the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, include "MCB Hawaii," and incorporate different historic or relevant items related to Kaneohe Bay. All murals submitted will be judged by a selected panel and the winning artist will have the opportunity to paint their mural on the North Beach changing station.

Upcoming Anderson Hall events

Anderson Hall Dining Facility is scheduled to host a birthday meal Monday with a special menu for all military patrons born in November. The meal will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Show your military identification card at the front counter to receive a special meal ticket for the birthday meal options. Only authorized military patrons may attend.

The facility will also host a lunch for the 237th Marine Corps birthday Thursday, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All military, Department of Defense civilians, dependents, retired military and guests are welcome. Meal cardholders must present valid military identification cards. Per Base Order 1020.5C, Chapter 1, appropriate civilian attire applies; due to sanitation reasons, absolutely no sandals, open-toe shoes or exposed underarms will be permitted. For details, call 257-1312.

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Volunteers are needed for the "Save my Hale" event at Kewalo Basin Park (Next to Ala Moana Beach Park), Monday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can volunteer to help with moving and set up Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m., or schedule a few hours to help on the day of the event on Monday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details email Paul at paul@hawaiihomeless.org or 845-4565, extension 502.

Annual uniform pageant and cake cutting ceremony

To celebrate the 237th anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps, join us for our annual Uniform Pageant and cake cutting ceremony Thursday at Dewey Square. The ceremony will start promptly at 10 a.m. and feature the history of the Marine Corps through its uniforms. The pageant is open to the public this year. For more information, call 257-8863.

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Will you vote?

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ABOVE: Petty Officer 2nd Class Larence Ayers, air traffic controller, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, and Petty Officer 1st Class David Boman, air traffic controller, MCAS Kaneohe Bay, encourage passing drivers to vote, Wednesday. **BELOW:** Members of MCAS Kaneohe Bay and Headquarters Battalion stand near the front gate waving to drivers, motorcycle and bike riders in an effort to remind the base community to vote in the 2012 election. Election day is Nov. 6.

The Boys are back in town

Sgt. Danny H. Woodall | Hawaii Marine

Boy Scouts with Troop 310 navigate through the Leadership Reaction Course at Boondocker Training Area, Saturday. More than 100 Boy Scouts from various windward troops stayed overnight at MCB Hawaii for the annual Koolau District Camporee.

New Outdoor Recreation Center hosts grand opening

Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

RIGHT: Owen Whiteman, 5, plays with a balloon while he and his family wait to go on a boat ride around Coconut Island at the base marina, Oct. 26. **BELOW:** Cmdr. David Schoo and his wife are recognized at the base marina for donating their 24-foot Chapparal skil pleasure boat in September. The new Outdoor Recreation Center at the base marina held a grand opening event. There, service members, civilians and their families enjoyed music, refreshments, aquatic races and boat rides around Coconut Island.

AROUND THE CORPS

3/6 Marines conducts noncombatant evacuation training

Sgt. Steve Cushman
2nd Marine Division

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Private First Class Tamikao Johnson provides security at the landing zone during a noncombatant evacuation operation training exercise Oct. 19. Johnson is a rifleman with Company L, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division and a Hazlehurst, Ga., native. 3/6 is in Yuma supporting the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course taught by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron-1 located at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz.

YUMA PROVING GROUNDS, YUMA, ARIZ. — A platoon of infantry Marines wait anxiously in a hangar aboard Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. Suddenly a group of pilots rush past, and begin firing up the engines on their CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters. The infantrymen break up into groups, load into the helicopters and are flown to a "hostile" landing zone within the city of Yuma, Oct. 19.

The mission for this scenario is to evacuate U.S. civilians and noncombatants from a "hostile" environment. Working with role-players acting as noncombatants, Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 13 and 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion and a representative from the U.S. State Department, the Marines of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division secured the landing zone and began organizing the noncombatants.

"The CLB element was doing the actual processing and identifying of American citizens and non-governmental organizations personnel that were deemed to be evacuated," said Staff Sgt Owen Wood, a platoon sergeant with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, and an Annapolis, Md., native. "We were securing the perimeter and doing an entry control point to make sure no bad guys got in."

Even when the script for the training event called for some of the role-players to panic or when the Marines came under fire from an imaginary enemy, the Marines relied on the skills and experiences they have gained in training and executed their assigned missions.

"We got off the bird and immediately pushed out and set up a hasty 360," said Lance Cpl. Bobby Stokes, a Lima Company fire team leader and Carthage, Tenn., native.

"Then we pushed out to the permanent security points and set up our designated marksman positions. My guys did great, they reported up everything they saw (real or scripted). The communication was great."

"It was pretty hectic at first, but once we were able to push out and establish those security points everything worked pretty well," said Sgt. Martin Pallares, a Lima Co., squad leader, from Houston.

In light of recent events where American citizens and non-governmental organizations have been working in increasingly dangerous places around the world, noncombatant evacuation operation training is increasing in relevance.

"The Marines did well," Wood said. "Especially since most of them didn't even know what an NEO really was, before yesterday. They did well with a quick spin-up on training and applying the basic skills of an infantryman, which made the whole operation go pretty smoothly.

He added with a smile, "It was successful without taking any casualties."

Marine rushes to local teen's aid after car accident

Cpl. Tyler J. Bolken
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — A Marine and his wife were chatting as they prepared for bed around 10 p.m., Oct. 23, when they heard the sound of squealing tires not far from their home in rural Newport, N.C., just east of the air station.

"It was an extremely loud screeching sound, followed by a few bangs and crashes," said Cpl. Joshua Murphy, an airframe mechanic at Cherry Point. "We stopped in mid sentence and just kind of stared at each other.

"My wife and I both knew it was an accident."

Murphy, who is a native of Colton, Calif., immediately told his wife to dial 911 before quickly grabbing his keys to drive toward the sounds of chaos.

Cpl. Tyler J. Bolken | 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

Cpl. Joshua Murphy, an airframe mechanic with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252, aided a woman who was in a car accident.

According to police reports, a vehicle ran off the right side of a sharp curve on Lake Road, striking a street sign before impacting a tree and overturning onto its passenger side. No other cars were involved.

Murphy arrived at the scene and saw a totaled minivan less than a quarter mile from his home. It was pitch black outside, and he could only see what was in front of his headlights.

"You couldn't even tell where the front end was," said Murphy, adding that at this point, he was very concerned.

Scrambling across glass and rubble around the wreck, the Marine first checked the back of the vehicle to see if there were any children inside. There were none, but when he crawled inside, he saw the driver, a 19-year-old woman, hanging upside down and trapped between the driver seat and the steering wheel.

Murphy got out from the back of the vehicle and rushed to the driver side where the woman's hand was on top of the van outside of the window. He reached for her wrist to check her pulse but her hand slipped away. He then reached through the shattered windshield to feel her neck.

"She kind of started moving and moaning," he said. "I knew she was alive."

Murphy began clearing the debris around the young woman and checking her for injuries.

He noticed blood dripping from her hair and quickly applied pressure to where he thought the wound was. As she hung upside down, she faded in and out of consciousness.

"I just kept talking to her and talking to her, trying to keep her awake," he said. Murphy ensured the woman stayed still while doing his best to keep her head elevated as well.

He stayed with the young woman until paramedics arrived about 15 minutes later.

She was airlifted to Vident Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C., where she was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Going out to the accident was never a question, said Murphy. "I couldn't just sit there. Somebody had to see if she was ok."

Murphy's supervisor, Gunnery Sgt. Robert Cross said, "His situational awareness, personally and professionally, is above and beyond. It sets a standard for Marines and eastern North Carolina."

Murphy said the guys at work are calling him a hero, but he humbly tells them he's just doing the same thing any of them would.

"That's who we're supposed to be as a Marine," he said. "We're there to help and to protect."

II Marine Expeditionary Force | Courtesy photo

Sgt. Clifford Wooldridge, combat weapons instructor, Marine Corps Security Forces Regiment, Chesapeake, Va., stands at attention after receiving the Navy Cross Medal, May 18, at Lance Cpl. Torrey L. Gray Field.

Chesapeake native named USO Marine of the Year

Courtesy story
II Marine Expeditionary Force

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Sgt. Clifford Matthew Wooldridge, an anti-tank missleman with Marine Corps Security Forces Training Company, has been selected as the USO Marine of the Year. This honor comes less than a year after Wooldridge was awarded the Navy Cross for actions while deployed to Afghanistan in 2010.

Select service members from every branch of the armed forces are slated to be honored for extraordinary bravery, loyalty and heroism at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., Nov. 2.

More than 1,000 guests including Washington dignitaries, members of Congress, military leaders, the USO Board of Governors, and the media are expected to attend the 2012 USO Gala.

"It's an honor to represent the Marine Corps," said Wooldridge, a native of Port Angeles, Wash.

Wooldridge said, being the USO Marine of the Year doesn't change his perspective on life. At the end of the day he's still a Marine and he always tries to set an example for other Marines by working hard and striving to become better in every way he can.

For more than a year, Wooldridge has been serving with Marine Corps Security Force Training Company as a strategic weapons instructor. Wooldridge was recommended for the USO Marine of the Year by his regimental sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Charlie D. Stanford, Marine Corps Security Force Regiment.

Other senior enlisted Marines also speak highly of the combat veteran and Navy Cross awardee.

"I feel that he's a good example of a Marine based on his past actions and current actions," said 1st Sgt. Jefferey D. Durham, company first sergeant, Marine Corps Security Force Training Company. "He's one of my best instructors and a true professional."

Wooldridge, who originally enlisted to do his part and serve his country, has deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

He's taking his Marine Corps career one enlistment at a time though, allowing the option for the upcoming Marine of the Year award to either add to his already impressive list of awards, or simply signify the beginning.

MALS-24 celebrates Navy, Marine Corps birthdays

Marines and sailors stand at parade rest during the birthday ceremony at the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Oct. 26.

Lt. Col. Edwin R. Rich, commanding officer, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, cuts the ceremonial birthday cake while Navy Lt. Michael May, assistant supply officer, MALS-24 holds a plate ready for the cake at the MALS-24 ball, Oct. 26. **BELOW:** Guest speaker Johnie Webb, the deputy to the commander for Public Relations and Legislative Affairs at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, shares a few stories with the guests at the ball. **RIGHT:** A group of Marines and sailors bring the birthday cake up the isle during the ceremony.

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR–HICKAM — Marines and sailors of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 dressed in their finest blues and whites at the Hickam Officers' Club, Oct. 26.

This is the first time the squadron has hosted a joint birthday ball. Cmdr. Hillary Darby, the executive officer of MALS-24, said many MALS-24 sailors did not get a chance to attend the regular Marine Aircraft Group 24 ball, because the venue was not large enough.

"Our (Commanding Officer) wanted to ensure we had a venue that allowed all warriors to attend — not just the Marine warriors — and an opportunity to celebrate our heritage together," Darby said.

Lt. Col. Edwin R. Rich, commanding officer, MALS-24, made a few remarks before introducing guest speaker Johnie E. Webb, deputy to the commander for External Relations and Legislative Affairs at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

"We've been fighting many, many wars together, since 1775," said Rich. "We're celebrating our birthday together, so happy birthday!"

For this special occasion, a row of Marines and sailors lined the path along which a cake half-lined in blue frosting and half-lined in red was rolled up carefully to the front of banquet hall. The oldest and youngest sailor, as well as the oldest and youngest Marine, marched up to the front, where they each took a ceremonial bite out of the cake.

At 18 years old, Seaman Gaetan Malutshi, a logistics specialist with MALS-24 was the youngest sailor at the ball.

"I was really happy to be chosen," Malutshi said. "(Though) I was afraid of messing up the ceremony."

Lance Cpl. Diego Solis, an aviation supply clerk with MALS-24, is 17 years old and the youngest Marine attending the ball. The Highstown, N.J., native had always wanted to join the Marine Corps and immediately enlisted after high school last year.

"It was really nice to see the Navy and Marines together," Solis said.

Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey T. Dixon, MALS-24 sergeant major, was the oldest Marine attending the ball, at 48 years old. Dixon grew up in Greenville, N.C., with a cousin in the Marine Corps. He admired his cousin being "physically fit and always sharp" as a Marine, and was inspired to enlist.

"The Marines and sailors did an awesome job in their performance," Dixon said. "It was definitely an honor to witness (a dual ceremony with Marines and sailors). We constantly speak to the Marines and sailors about 'one team, one fight.' We're on the same team, doesn't matter if you're blue or green."

Master Chief Kenneth D. Parker, senior enlisted adviser, MALS-24, was the oldest sailor at the ball, at 43 years old. Parker, who grew up in Memphis, Tenn., found in the Navy an "opportunity to leave (home) and explore." His 25 years in the Navy gave him the "adventure" he'd been seeking.

"The Marines are so strict and so regimental in their movements," Parker said. "To include us in the whole ceremony was amazing. I'm looking forward to next year. We're going to make it even bigger and better next year and just keep it going."

The squadron watched both birthday messages from Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos and Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert.

Webb, a retired Army colonel and a Vietnam veteran, shared two stories about Medal of Honor recipient Mitchell Page, who fought in the Battle of Guadalcanal, and Lt. Jose Holguin, who survived a plane crash in Papua New Guinea after being shot down by the Japanese, and kept his promise to his fallen comrades that he would return for them.

"President Calvin Coolidge said 'a nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten,'" Webb said. "I believe those words, and that's why this proud nation has not forgotten our defenders nor will we forget these defenders and for those of us who have worn the uniform in the past, it's important that we learn and that we know about those who have gone before us because they have established the legacy, they have established the tradition that we have today."

Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

The oldest Marine, the youngest Marine, the oldest sailor and the youngest sailor march to the ceremonial cake during the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24's ball. **BELOW:** The color guard marches off the colors at the end of the ceremony.

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Prochnow described his friend as "super motivated" and "the best in the shop." He added that Rivera's section valued his exceptional work so much that it was difficult for Rivera to deploy.

"He really is a great person," Prochnow said. "Amazing, selfless, loyal, dedicated and compassionate … I love you Richie."

Buckley, of Oceanside, N.Y., enlisted in the Corps in August 2009. The 21-year-old served as a security team gunner and precinct adviser of the Garmsir District Police Adviser Team in Afghanistan.

Speaking on his behalf, 1st Lt. John P. Rose recalled how eager Buckley was to be deployed. Rose was the Headquarters Company supply officer while deployed with Buckley. Lighthearted laughter spread like tiny rays of sunlight on a dark day, as Rose remembered this young, humorous Marine who challenged him to races on the beach and taught friends how to dance "The Dougie," a hiphop move.

"He'd open up to us about his girl issues, how he saw life when he grew old. Greg had dreams of one day being a police officer, being a husband and a father … " Rose said.

Dewey Square became quiet for a few moments.

"… and have a big house in the suburbs, walking his son to school by the hand," Rose said. "I remember Lance Cpl. Greg Buckley as being extremely proud. He was proud to be from New York … he was proud of being an American and to serve his country. Lance Cpl. Buckley was proud to be a United States Marine."

As the service members rendered salutes, three shots cracked from the rifle detail, followed by buglers playing "taps." Attendees lingered after the service to pay respects to their loved ones.

"Each of these men served their entire careers in the Marine Corps during a time of war. Each of these men served honorably," said Col. Nathan I. Nastase, the commanding officer of 3rd Marine Regiment. "Each of these men willingly accepted the call to deploy into harm's way without hesitation … we stand together with (the families) in (their) time of grief and our thoughts and prayers have been and will remain with (them). Our fallen brothers will be remembered forever."

Lance Cpl. Benigno Nieto, unit clerk, Headquarters Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, pays his respects.

Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Alicia Dickinson touches a portrait of her husband, Staff Sgt. Scott E. Dickinson, during a memorial service at Dewey Square, Monday.

MULTILATERAL, from A-1

Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The French paratroopers are with 8th Marine Infantry Paratrooper Regiment, based out of Castres, France. The platoon of British soldiers are with The Royal Gurkha Rifles, a highly selective British army unit whose enlisted soldiers hail from Nepal.

The purpose of the attack was for the platoons to maneuver and secure two bridges while locating and closing with simulated enemy forces, said 1st Lt. Forrest L. Martin, a platoon commander with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines.

"We coordinated attacks and movements with the other platoons to ensure maximum effectiveness," said Martin.

The training started when the French regiment parachuted into a landing zone near the objectives.

"We performed the jump at 300 meters while the Gurkhas secured the landing zone," said French Marine Sgt. Guillaume Perget, a paratrooper with the French regiment.

While the Gurkhas and the French secured the landing zone, U.S. Marines arrived via vehicle just outside the first objective, where they dispersed into three squads and began patrolling the road leading to the objective.

"While on the road, my fire team noticed an out-of-place rock formation in the road ahead," said Lance Cpl. Ryan A. Psenka, a rifleman with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. "When we saw it, I ordered everyone to stop and set up a security perimeter."

When the perimeter was set, the Marines examined the area around the rock pile, searching for enemies. While probing around the rock formation, the Marines came under a simulated enemy attack.

"When we took contact, the rock pile exploded and confirmed our suspicions of an improvised explosive device," said Psenka.

After the explosion, the Marines pushed forward and drove the enemy back. When the enemy was neutralized, the Marines pushed forward to the first objective.

While the U.S. Marines advanced, the Gurkhas and French Marines were pushing toward their objectives, according to Perget.

"When we arrived at our target, we took contact and took out our enemy," said Perget. "After taking out the enemy, we secured the bridge and set up a security perimeter to defend the bridge."

As the French secured their target, the U.S. Marines' third squad continued to advance to the next objective.

"When we pushed toward our next target, the platoon came upon a farm compound just off the road," said Cpl. Carlos D. Villarreal, a rifleman with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines.

Taking action, the Marines conducted a squad search of the compound for enemy threats.

"After we cleared the house, we moved on to the barn," said Villarreal. "On our way, we took contact from the barn area and buddy-rushed to suppress the enemy."

The Marines systematically took out each simulated enemy combatant as they approached the barn and swept the remaining area once the barn was secured.

Just as third squad finished terminating the enemy, first and second squads took fire from up the road. The Marines of third squad quickly ran over to assist. The squads coordinated a platoon-size attack, took out the enemy, and secured their objective.

Once the French and British secured their objectives, the attack ended with all objectives seized and no casualties taken by the platoons.

"Everyone involved did a great job today in almost every (facet)," said Martin. "They had great communication and performed at their best."

Take a BITE out of crime and candy

McGruff the Crime Dog passes out candy to children as they trick or treat throughout base housing. The Provost Marshal's Office, McGruff and Crime Prevention walked around base housing from 6 to 9 p.m. giving out glow sticks and candy to ensure trick or treating on base was safe and fun for the families.

Elizabeth Turner | Courtesy photo

VP-4 junior officers attend career fair

Lt. j.g. Dustin Wilmoth
Patrol Squadron 4

HONOLULU — On Oct. 23, Patrol Squadron 4 sent two aviators, a pilot and a Naval flight officer, to attend a campus wide career fair hosted by the Manoa Career Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

The VP-4 junior officers were sent to assist Navy Lt. Phillip Jones of the Navy Officer Recruiting Station Hawaii in finding the Navy's newest leaders.

Lt. j.g. Dustin Wilmoth and Lt. j.g. Niles Murphy helped students gain valuable insight on how to become a naval aviator, and what challenges to expect on the path to "Wings of Gold."

Students were able to speak with fleet squadron aviators at the career field. This way, students are better able to understand what kind of missions they would be performing if they did choose to pursue a career in naval aviation. They may not have this opportunity if they speak with a officer recruiter who may not have an aviation background.

Mark Agnos, a college senior attending the University of Hawaii and a prospective naval aviator, said, "It's nice to be able to ask a recent flight school graduate what to expect, and what the differences are between the different aircraft pipelines."

Jones said having guest officers in flight suits willing to talk about the "awesomeness of naval aviation" helped him get students interested in becoming a naval officer, and more likely to come by and see what the Navy officer recruiting booth had to offer.

The squadron is stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii and operates the P-3C Orion, a Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft.

Members of VP-4 are currently in the final stages of preparation for a November deployment, which will stretch from Italy to the horn of Africa.

In December, VP-4 will celebrate 40 years of Class-A mishap-free flights and more than 254,000 flight hours.

Lt. j.g. Dustin Wilmoth | Courtesy photo

Sailors from Patrol Squadron 4 and Navy Officer Recruiting Station Hawaii pause for a photo opportunity at the career fair at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Oct. 23.

'Lava Dogs' sign up with DOD Bone Marrow Program registry

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The smell of barbeque wafted in the air just behind Pollock Field as Marines and sailors from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment relaxed and enjoyed their Friday afternoon, Oct. 26. But along with games, food and general chit-chat, many service members were rubbing the inside of their cheek with a cotton swab.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is participating in a basewide drive to register service members with the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program until Nov. 30.

Because 1st Bn., 3rd Marines is scheduled to deploy soon, a drive was held during their family day last week. Another drive will take place at Mokapu Mall, though the date has yet to be determined.

Service members were encouraged to fill out an application and provide four samples of cheek cells taken with a cotton swab. According to the program website, the information will be entered into the National Marrow Donor Program registry. If there is a match between someone in the registry and a patient who needs marrow, that person will, with their consent, undergo additional blood and health testing to further confirm a definite match and the determine whether that person is able to donate.

Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Kip Boker, radio technician, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, stands still while Cpl. Jacob Echeverri, radio operator, Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines, collects a swab sample, Oct. 26.

This year and last year alone, two Marines from MCB Hawaii have already been confirmed as matches for patients. Lance Cpl. Brantley Smith, a communications technician with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and Lance Cpl. Joshua D. Epps, a machine gunner with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, both underwent surgery and donated their marrow.

"Our mission is to get as much DOD (participants who) can help out families in need," said Chief Petty Officer Arvin Salas, a hospital corpsman with 21st Dental Company.

According to Salas, a drive is held every three years.

"Every 300 that registers, one gets called," Salas said. "The more people we can help the better."

Salas said a bone marrow transplant can raise a patient's chances of living from zero to 80 percent.

"It can happen to anybody," said Petty Officer 1st Class Dennis Gonzales of be ing chosen to donate. "It's a one in 300 chance. You can always be that one. Who's to say it won't be my kid 10 years from now (who needs marrow)."

Gonzales added that service members are "prime donors," as they are already required to be physically fit to serve in the military.

"Everyone should have a second chance at life," said Pfc. Tommy Arko, a mortarman with Weapons Company, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines.

Arko was one of many service members filling out applications and giving samples.

For more information about the DOD Marrow Donor Program, visit http://www.dodmarrow.org/.

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Navy, Marines surf their turf

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

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Mike Miller, a surfer on the Navy team, shows off his surfing skills during a competition against a Marine team at Pyramid Rock Beach, Saturday. The competition was comprised of two rounds of nine heats, for a total of 18 heats. To win the competition, a nine-man team needed to score a total of 10 heat wins.

Marines, sailors and civilians competed against one another for bragging rights to see which team had the top surfers during a surfing competition sponsored by Red Bull at Pyramid Rock Beach that resulted in a Marine victory, Saturday.

The competition was comprised of two rounds of nine heats, for a total of 18 heats. To win the competition, a nine-man team needed to score a total of 10 heat wins. During each heat, one surfer from the Marine team and Navy team competed against each other in the surf to accumulate points by demonstrating their surfing skills.

"The best thing about Pyramid Rock is that it has a really good break," said Jack Shipley, a contest judge and veteran surfer from the North Shore on Oahu. "The other judges and I are really stoked to be here. We're going to monitor what each surfer is doing in the water, tally the scores and hope everyone has a good time."

Before the event started, the team captains came together for a coin toss to decide who on each team was going to surf first. The competition rules explained that a surfer could only surf twice, once for each round. The coin toss gave the winner the opportunity to pick from each team the surfers who would go first. For example, the winner of the coin toss can choose a strong surfer from his team to compete against a weak surfer from the opposing team to gain an early lead.

"The strategy was to match-up their number three guy with our number one guy in the first heat to gain a quick win," said Rob Johnson, Navy team captain. "But afterward, the Marines picked their top surfers against our weaker ones and it seemed that we couldn't get ahead later on."

Each heat lasted 12 minutes, starting from the sound of a bullhorn to the next. For the majority of the 12 minutes, the surfers carefully picked which waves they wanted to surf for the maximum amount of achievable points.

Surfers from the Marine team came to the beach early before the event to scout out waves and see how they broke.

This strategy gave the Marines an edge over the Navy when the Marines leaped forward in points during the first round.

"Our team matched up to the Navy team pretty well," said Billy Pinkerton, Marine team captain. "It felt great when we pulled off a victory after 13 heats."

The Marine team secured final victory when they reached 10 wins after 13 heats. Both teams thanked the sponsors for coming out to Marine Corps Base Hawaii to host the event and are excited for next year's competition.

"Everyone here wants to do this again next year and if a sponsor won't host it, then the surfers here are more than willing to put it on ourselves," Johnson said. "Everyone had such a good time and it's a huge morale booster."

Savages annihilate Warriors in grudge match

Rochelle Smolinski
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Photos by Rochelle Smolinski | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Fowler, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment Savages quarterback, winds up for a pass before he's sacked by charging Warriors during the game, Tuesday.

The 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment Savages scalped the Headquarters Battalion Warriors, 36-6, during a rainy game Tuesday.

The two teams wasted no time getting down and dirty in this grudge match for the Savages. The Savages lost to the Warriors 18-15, Oct. 2, and came back with a roaring reply this Tuesday.

Scoring an early lead within the first three minutes of the game, the Savages pinned down the Warriors attempts to score as 1st Bn., 12th Marines ran another touchdown in the second quarter.

Ball-handling was difficult for both teams as the field and ball were slicked by intermittent rain showers. Fumbles on both sides saw the ball turned over a few turns in the first half as the Warriors offense paraded the field. The Savages' defense tiring, the Warriors took their fast breaks at every opportunity and pushed down the field to score, 12-6.

But the Savages came right back with a blow of their own and sprinted the ball back to their goal, leaving the score 19-6 by the half.

Rodney Harris, the Savages head coach, warned his team that, despite their lead, they should not rest on their laurels.

"We can move on them, we've already seen that," Harris said. "We know what they're doing, we have an answer for every one of their plays. We can take them completely out of this game."

Harris also told the team to take their pride down a notch and exit the field if they were too tired to defend as the Warriors kept possession of the ball for most of the first half. Harris said 19 points would not win the game.

Steeled for the second half, the Savages blocked Warrior advancement, ran their offense hard, and wrested control for the remainder of the game.

The Warriors seemed to run out of steam by the second half. Headquarters ran into several ball-handling issues including fumbles, incomplete passes, and ball hikes gone awry. Maybe it was the weather or the Savages cheering section as the Warriors ran up and down the field but could not seem to score.

Kelvin Brown, Warriors coach, acknowledged the defeat with his team at the end of the game.

"Let me tell you, (1st Bn., 12th Marines) have the right to brag tonight," Brown said. "They practice. You need to practice."

On the other end of the field, the Savages coaches touted their team's superior offensive and defensive lines that led them to victory.

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Fowler, quarterback for the Savages, praised his team for their performance.

"It started off a little shaky," Fowler said, "but we pulled together in the second half and ran the ball really well."

The next game is scheduled for the Headquarters Battalion versus Marine Aircraft Group 24 at Bordelon Field, Nov. 7.

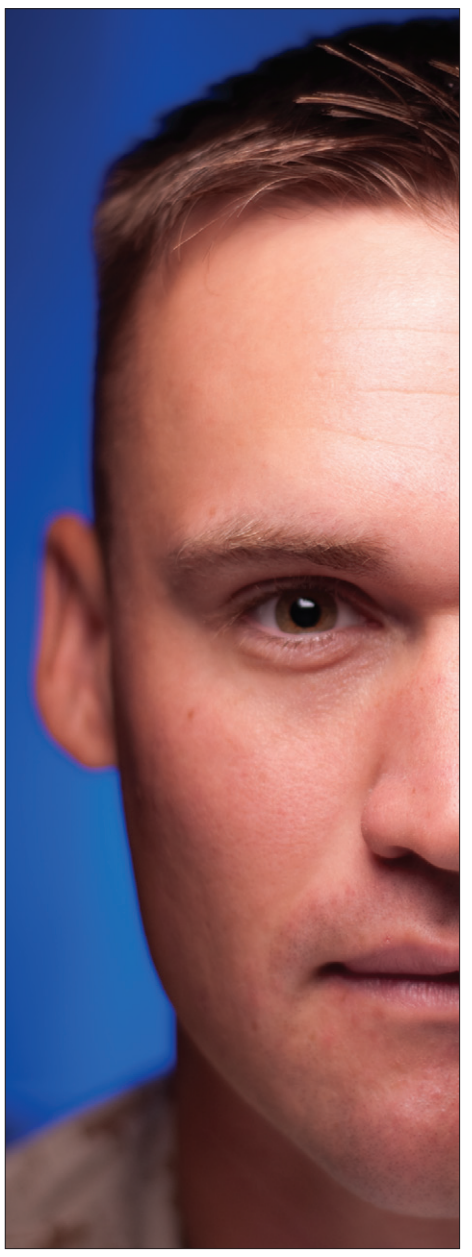
The Headquarters Battalion Warriors ran their offense hard during the first half of the game against the 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment Savages, Tuesday.

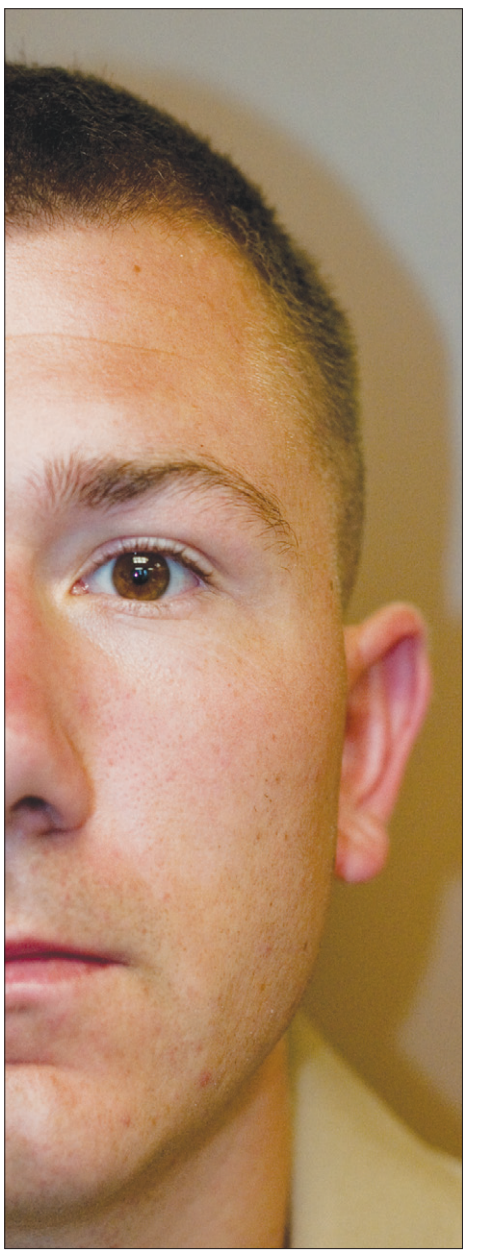
VS

VS is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by e-mailing their ideas to HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com.

If there's a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your "opinion," regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies … it's game time.

Who's the best in the west?





Sgt. Danny Woodall VS. Sgt. Skyler Tooker

WOODALL

WOODALL: All we've heard during the NBA offseason is how "exciting" the new-look Los Angeles Lakers will be this year. NBA analysts have all but crowned the Lakers champs for the next three to six years. Meanwhile, teams like the Oklahoma City Thunder — reigning Western Conference champions — and the Denver Nuggets have been relegated as competitors for the Conference's second-best. On Tuesday, the lowly "moneyball" Mavericks went into Staples Center (WITHOUT starters Chris Kaman and Dirk Nowitzki) and embarrassed the Lakers on both sides of the ball. Some say this is due to a lack of chemistry between teammates who need more playing time. However, if you watched any part of that game you would have realized just how old and slow the flashy Lakers have become … it's sad really. At this point I'm projecting the Dallas Mavericks to finish ahead of the Lakers, whose only saving grace is playing in the weakest division in basketball.

TOOKER: So you have determined this all after the first game of the regular season. Wow!! Are you a psychic or one of those people who can see the future, or are you just a bitter Dallas fan? Well I guess it is one in the same. The Lakers just got Kobe Bryant back from an ankle injury, so their team chemistry might have been off a little bit. If I had to rank the teams from the West I would put the Thunder at number two and the Lakers at number one and the Mavericks would not even be in my top 10 teams for the West. Regardless, whichever team is the best in the West all roads lead to the Heat with their new addition of Ray Allen. If I was a betting man, I would put my money on seeing the Heat face the Lakers in the NBA Finals this year. The Mavericks probably won't even make the playoffs this year, but that's OK because you guys are still living off the glory of your 2011 championship. I know I would still bring that up with all my other teams being failures.

WOODALL: Let's be civil, please refrain from making disparaging comments about another man's team or city. Now then … Los Angeles is the perfect center of manufactured happiness filled with Diesel-wearing, vacuous elitists who rabidly support a basketball franchise inexplicably entitled to everything. The problem with the Lakers, as it is with most big-market teams, lies in their inability (or lack of interest) to develop players within their own organization to create a likeable team with winning potential. Instead, they rely on buying superstars from other organizations; briefly renting their services much like mercenaries or hired guns of the old west. With teams like the Thunder, who are not only the Western Conference frontrunners but also the most deserving, we'll hopefully see an end to NBA "superteams." The Thunder were fortunate enough to land a player like Kevin Durant, but they were smart enough to build a championship-caliber team around him from scratch. Well, "smart" may not be the correct word … it was their only option seeing as how they do not have the monetary firepower to land marquee free agents. The Lakers? Well, with local TV rights alone they will cash in about $150 million. That's without merchandise or ticket sales.

TOOKER

TOOKER: OK mister that is quite enough out of you. The Lakers not developing any players are you kidding me? Rhetorical question, what about a player by the name of Kobe Bryant who has been a Laker his whole career. I know what you are going to say. He was drafted by Charlotte but they actually traded their draft pick to the Lakers in 1996 with Kobe being the 13th draft pick overall that year. I am pretty sure they built a couple of teams around him winning a few championships. I forgot how many, when they get up that high I lose count. For you to say that they just buy up all the "outlaws" of the "wild west" because they have so much money, is just envy and I am pretty sure there are a number of other teams that have done the same thing such as the Celtics and the Heat. The Thunder are going to be missing a big piece of their team with James Harden gone, and what do you think they did? They did what every other team in the NBA does and that is trade for other players, pick up free agents and trade for nice draft picks. Besides, when you were in gym class and you had to pick teams, did you pick the athletic kid who you knew would secure your victory, or did you pick the pudgy smelly kid who played "Dungeons and Dragons" in the corner and knew would bring your team down to a miserable defeat? As much as we want our teams to win it doesn't always go the way we would like it. When we see another team pick all the athletic kids it hurts deep down inside, because we know we have no shot at winning anymore. The fact is the NBA is a professional basketball league but it is also a business and the Lakers are great at doing business.

WOODALL: Alright, alright. We've been talking too much about the Lakers, they're just an underachieving team destined for a first- or second-round playoff bounce. Provided Durant stays healthy, the Thunder will blow through L.A. (again) on their way to a second consecutive NBA Finals appearance.

TOOKER: Well once again you are trying to take cheap shots at me, but it will not work because you did everything I wanted you to do during this debate. Which is, to talk about the Lakers because they are the team to fear right now. We all know you are sour on the Lakers because you wanted the Mavericks to get Howard and they didn't. You had your time to shine and now it is time for the Lakers to shine again like they have the past 16 times.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

808 Tennis Academy Fall 2012 Tennis Pups

Register now for the fall tennis camp Nov. 12 through Dec. 21 on MCB Hawaii. Both Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes are available for ages 6 through 17. Your child can learn the fundamentals of tennis as well as the more advanced strategy of competitive tennis. Classes are offered from one to three times per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and there is a minimum of four students per class. Sign up early to get your spot. If you have questions, call 383-6975.

Semper Fit Juniors Program

The Semper Fit Juniors Program is open to 14- and 15-year-olds who, upon the completion of a Fitness Basics class, will receive a badge and are granted independent access to the center from 2 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during regular operational hours on the weekends and holidays.

Even with completion of the Fitness Basics class, youth must be accompanied by an adult outside of these designated hours. Independent access will be granted to all group exercise classes regardless of times (participant fees still apply). Participants must present their military identification and badge upon entering the facility after completing the class. For details, call 254-7597.

Turkey Trot 10K

Take a running tour of MCB Hawaii with our last 10K run of the season, Nov. 17 at 7 a.m. The race will start and finish at Dewey Square. Run alone or in a six-person formation. Register online by Nov. 13 and receive a race T-shirt. Late registrations will be accepted, but with a late fee. Pick up your race packet by Nov. 16 at the Semper Fit Center. For more information, call 254-7590.

Adult sailing courses

The base marina offers a monthly adult sailing course where patrons can learn the basics of sailing in just four days. The highlight of this course is that participants will have the opportunity to receive a U.S. Sailing Small Boat Certification, valid at marinas across the nation. The cost includes book and certification. To register, call 254-7666.

Pro Bowl ticket sales

Pro Bowl tickets will go on sale Nov. 3 at 8 a.m. at Information, Tickets and Tours. Limit six tickets per military identification cardholder. For details, call 254-7593.

Sail around Coconut Island

Come sailing with us, and we'll do all the work. We cruise around Kaneohe Bay and Coconut Island Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your own refreshments. There is a fee per person and a five-person limit. Call 254-7666 for details.

Baby Boot Camp

Baby Boot Camp is scheduled for Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 220, the Education Center. Baby Boot Camp is a childbirth education class that prepares expectant parents for labor and delivery, newborn care, postpartum changes, and breast-feeding basics. Reservations required. Open to all active duty and eligible dependents. For details, call 257-8803.

Cosmic Bowling at K-Bay Lanes

The lights are off but bowlers can still strike it big as they play with the lane's special cosmic lights and neon-colored bowling balls.

The glow-in-the-dark games are Fridays from 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays from noon to midnight and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 254-7693.

New Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Center open

Check out the fun at building 6800. The OREC features a new, expanded selection of water activity, recreation equipment, and party rentals.

For more information, visit http://www.mccshawaii.com/marina.shtml#open.

Boxing returns to MCB Hawaii after six years

Photos by Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Joseph Hammond, right, blocks a punch from Nate Fix during the third fight of a boxing event at the Kahuna's Bar and Grill enlisted club ballroom on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Saturday.

Cpl. James A. Sauter
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Punch, punch, jab, jab! Two boxers in a ring gave it their all to make the other experience a tremendous amount of pain. Punches were met with blocks and jabs were met with a blow to the face resulting in gashes, cuts and blood. As the misery mounted, relief ran through the minds of both competitors when the carnage stopped at the sound of the third and final bell — the fight was over.

Boxers from local boxing clubs on Oahu competed against each other during a boxing match sponsored by Amateur Boxing of Hawaii organization at the Kahuna's Bar and Grill enlisted club ballroom on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Saturday.

This boxing match was the first to happen in six years. In 2006, boxing matches were no longer hosted on MCB Hawaii. Jack Johnson, the event coordinator, negotiated for the past years to bring the matches back and succeeded with Saturday's event.

"For years, we used to have matches like this all the time," Johnson said. "It was a great opportunity for members of the base to have good quality entertainment. It took me awhile to make this happen again and the people who wanted this to happen definitely got it."

The first fight of the night was between David Hauoli, an unaffiliated fighter, against Joshua McShane of the Five-O Boxing and Fitness club in Ewa Beach, Oahu. The two boxers came face-to-face, the referee told them to have a good, clean fight and the fighters turned to their respective corners. At the sound of the first bell, the boxers came out gloves up, ready to bring pain and misery to the other.

"During the first round, I did really well when I was coming in from the outside and landing punches," McShane said after his fight with Hauoli. "I had a rough time on the inside because I was tensed up. By the time the third round started, I focused on trying to make him tired and just win."

Joshua McShane, left, throws a punch toward David Hauoli's face during the first fight of a boxing event at the Kahuna's Bar and Grill enlisted club ballroom, Saturday.

After the first fight ended, McShane was crowned the winner by accumulating more hits than Hauoli. The event was scheduled to continue with an additional nine bouts, but due to the tsunami warning Saturday night, the event ended early shortly after the fifth fight. Despite the drawback, Johnson hopes to expand the boxing matches to a wider audience and possibly make the events bigger.

"The turnout that we had tonight was exactly what I predicted because it's the first match in a long time," Johnson said. "But in the future, I would like to turn this event into possibly a tournament and award the winners a championship belt."

PMO

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month:

Per base policy, runners and walkers must be aware of traffic even when crossing streets or using crosswalks and are not allowed to use headphones when running or walking on sidewalks. PMO will be responsible for enforcing this policy.

Topic of the Month

While operating a bicycle aboard MCB Hawaii installations be sure to follow Base Order 5500.15B regarding bicycle regulations. Bicycles are only permitted on streets, roads, and parking areas; only children operating foot powered devices with a height of less than 16 inches are allowed to ride on sidewalks. While riding a bicycle you may not be towed by another vehicle or tow another vehicle, you may not wear headsets, earphones, or other devices that obstruct hearing, and if caught riding a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs you will be subject to the same penalties as for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. While operating a bicycle, the operator is required to wear a fastened bicycle helmet at all times. While operating a bicycle at night the bicycle must be equipped with a front white light that is visible from 500 feet away. For a list of all the requirements refer to Base Order 5500.15B Paragraph 7011. For more information, call base safety at 257-1830 or the PMO Accident Investigation Division at 257-6987.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

PMO contact numbers and locations

To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls contact the desk sergeant:
257-1018/2123; building 1096
For information regarding check in/out, fingerprinting, or weapon registration contact:
257-6994; building 1095
For information regarding pet registration, fishing regulations, or lost/found animals contact the PMO Game Warden:
257-1821; building 3099
For information regarding vehicle decals, base passes, and vehicle registration contact:
257-2047/0183; building 1637/1095 for MCB Hawaii and 477-8734/8735; building 601 for Camp H.M. Smith
For information regarding traffic regulations, citations, or traffic court contact the Traffic Court bailiff:
257-6991/6992; building 1095
For all other numbers not listed contact Base Information:
449-7110
For more information visit the PMO website:
http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/mp/default.htm

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 237TH BIRTHDAY MEAL

Nov. 8

Anderson Hall Dining Facility
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
All military, DOD civilians, dependents, retired military and guest are welcome!
According to Base Order 1020.5C CH 1, appropriate civilian attire applies; no open toe shoes or sandals.
No to-go trays are permitted, with the exception of Marines and sailors who are sick in quarters.
Cost: $7.50
Discount Rate: $6.40
(Discount applies to dependents of E-4 and below only)
Meal cardholders must present military identification card

French Onion Soup
Manhattan Clam Chowder
Shrimp Cocktail
Roast Prime Rib
Roast Turkey
Roast Ham
Alaskan King Crab Legs
Garlic Cheese Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Sautéed Mushrooms and Onions
Corn on the Cob
Simmered Broccoli
Brown Gravy
Chicken Gravy
Marine Corps Birthday Cake

Courtesy photo

Environmental Corner

Federally protected Wedge-tailed Shearwater seabirds need your help

November and December is "Annual Shearwater Fallout" season on base and around the islands. Juvenile Wedge-tailed Shearwaters (seabirds) are just learning to fly. The birds often get disoriented by city lights, fly inland instead of toward the sea, and fall to the ground and get injured or become vulnerable to predators, car strikes, etc.

If a juvenile shearwater is found, promptly contact the Provost Marshal's Office at 257-2123 during working hours. If after working hours, a response unit may be unable to make a pickup until the next day and the seabird may need to be secured.

How, when to handle seabirds

If the seabird is in a safe location, and will be picked up soon, then leave it there. However, if after hours and/or seabird is in harm's way, for example, when on the road or being stalked, seabirds should be secured in a cardboard box.

When handling, cusp the bird "firmly without squeezing." Keep wings close to body. Birds have strong muscles, but fragile bones.

Gloves a recommended, although their bite is not hard, their fish-catching beak is very sharp. A towel or T-shirt may be used to cover seabird prior to handling. Keep the box in a quiet location until it is picked up.

'Sets on the Beach' wins 3-on-3 beach volleyball tournament

Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

"Boy Toys" player Andrew Rios and "Sets on the Beach" player Aaron Coulson both reach for the ball during a beach volleyball game at Riseley Field on Oct. 24. (Far left and third from left) "Sets on the Beach" players Matt Choy and Chris Saldarriaga wait to provide backup for Coulson. Nine teams of Marines, sailors and civilians competed in the double-elimination 3-on-3 beach volleyball tournament that started in the beginning of October and ended Oct. 24. The "Boy Toys" took second place and "Sets on the Beach" took first.

BASE/COMMUNITY/ VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Volunteer Opportunity for "Save my Hale"

To help raise awareness about homelessness a "Save my Hale" event will take place at Kewalo Basin Park (Next to Ala Moana Beach Park), Nov. 5, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There are various volunteer opportunities including moving, set up and break down of equipment, manning a few stations as part of the homeless obstacle course, assistance with food collection and distribution, security, etc.

You can volunteer to help with moving and set up Nov. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m., or schedule a few hours to help on the day of the event, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, email Paul at paul@hawaiihomeless.org or call 845-4565, extension 502.

Vote now

Everything you need to vote is on http://www.fvap.gov. Print off voter registration/absentee ballot requests; postage-paid envelopes, etc; state-by-state absentee voting information and points of contact. A voting assistance booth is open during working hours in the IPAC main office. Get online, and have a unit voting assistance officer assist. Each Marine and sailor has a UVAO who should be able to provide assistance at the unit level. If you do not know who your UVAO is, please contact 257-8866 or Deanna.nieves@usmc.mil.

Waimea Valley events

Kanikapila Sundays are scheduled Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. This freestyle music circle is held in the Waimea Valley pavilion area and free to the public. Bring your instruments or just come and listen to the music from 1 to 4 p.m. Moon Walks are scheduled today, Nov. 30, and Dec. 28.

This special monthly, 1.5-mile round-trip walk will take you from the ticket booth area to the waterfall area and back. There is a small fee. There is also an Arbor Day Annual Tree Give-Away Saturday, Nov. 3 scheduled to start at 9 a.m. with an annual plant sale.

Waimea Valley's annual Makahiki Celebration Saturday, Dec. 1. This is a time-honored celebration paying tribute to Lono, the Hawaiian deity of the harvest, with hula, music, traditional games and crafts. For details, call 638-7766.

Halloween Teen Dance

Teens and guests ages 10 through 14 who are Marine Corps Base Hawaii Child, Youth and Teen Program members are invited to the annual Halloween dance tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. A costume contest with prizes will be held and pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. This event will be held at the Youth Activities Center and supervised by Youth Activities staff. For ticket purchase or questions, call 257-2030.

All privately owned vehicles must comply with Hawaii Revised Statutes

All privately owned vehicles to include golf carts gas or electric, and electric vehicles must comply with current Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding insurance, safety inspection and equipment, and state registration requirements to be operated on MCB Hawaii. MCB Hawaii Order 5500.15B Chapter 6 covers the registration requirements to operate a vehicle gas or electric on the roadway.

Annual uniform pageant and cake cutting ceremony

To celebrate the 237th anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps, join us for our annual Uniform Pageant and Cake Cutting Ceremony Thursday, Nov. 8 at Dewey Square. The ceremony will start promptly at 10 a.m. and feature the history of the Marine Corps through its uniforms. The pageant is open to the public this year. For more information, call 257-8863.

Mural painting contest

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is hosting a mural painting competition for the North Beach changing station. This is an opportunity for base personnel to leave their mark aboard MCB Hawaii. Interested artists must submit a version of their idea to hawaiimarineeditor@gmail.com. All submissions must be received by Thanksgiving. All murals must include the following: Be Hawaii related, have the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, include "MCB Hawaii," and incorporate different historic or relevant items related to Kaneohe Bay.

Children's Birthday Bash Art Contest Sign-up

Join L.I.N.K.S. at the Children's Birthday Bash Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dewey Square. to celebrate the 237th Marine Corps birthday. There are contests with prizes to win. Sign up at: http://www.mccshawaii.com/birthdaybash.shtml, call 257-2410 for details.

Young Marines Program recruiting

The Young Marines Program is recruiting youths for the new Pyramid Rock Young Marines. This youth education and service program welcomes boys and girls, ages 8 through high school completion. Adult staff volunteers are also needed for the program. Must be at least 18 years old to apply. For details, email PyramidRockYM@gmail.com or call: 443-975-6805/6807.

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Comin' Round the Mountain

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AIEA, Hawaii — Want to see how Oahu's jungles looked before they became concrete?

For new and seasoned residents interested in hiking the backcountry of Hawaii, the Aiea Loop Trail is a popular beginner's hike and running trail steeped in history.

Buried at the very end of Aiea Heights Drive, the 384-acre Keaiwa Heiau State Recreation Area entrance opens to the remains of the Keaiwa Heiau, a temple of healing, nestled among a grove of Norfolk Island pine trees. The area also houses the final resting place of a B-24 bomber that took off from Hickam Air Force Base, struck the Puu Uau Ridge, and killed all 10 aviators inside in 1944.

From the entrance, a paved one-way road takes visitors to the trailhead another half mile or so inside the park.

At 4.8 miles long, the trail meanders around the sweeping Koolau Mountain Range and along the western ridge of Halawa Valley where hikers are treated to views of Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head, and the long, snaking stretch of H3. The hike may take anywhere from two to three hours to complete depending on breaks or stops for scenery.

Despite the trail's length, it's one of the easier hikes on the island when compared to the sharp ascent of hikes such as Koko Head or Diamond Head Crater. Aiea Loop has gentle inclines, quiet vistas, and guava trees for the adventuresome to harvest and snack on.

The trail is best undertaken during a dry spell. A combination of rain and sheltered areas along the path often creates mud patches deeper in the mountain. It's a good idea to wear old tennis shoes with decent tread for traction. The moisture also fosters mosquitoes that are all too happy to feast on the unprepared hiker.

Though relatively flat, the trail is strewn with the occasional fallen tree and rockslide on an otherwise well-worn path. Several trunks of downed trees are notched for an easy step over, while others must be ducked under while negotiating a mud pit.

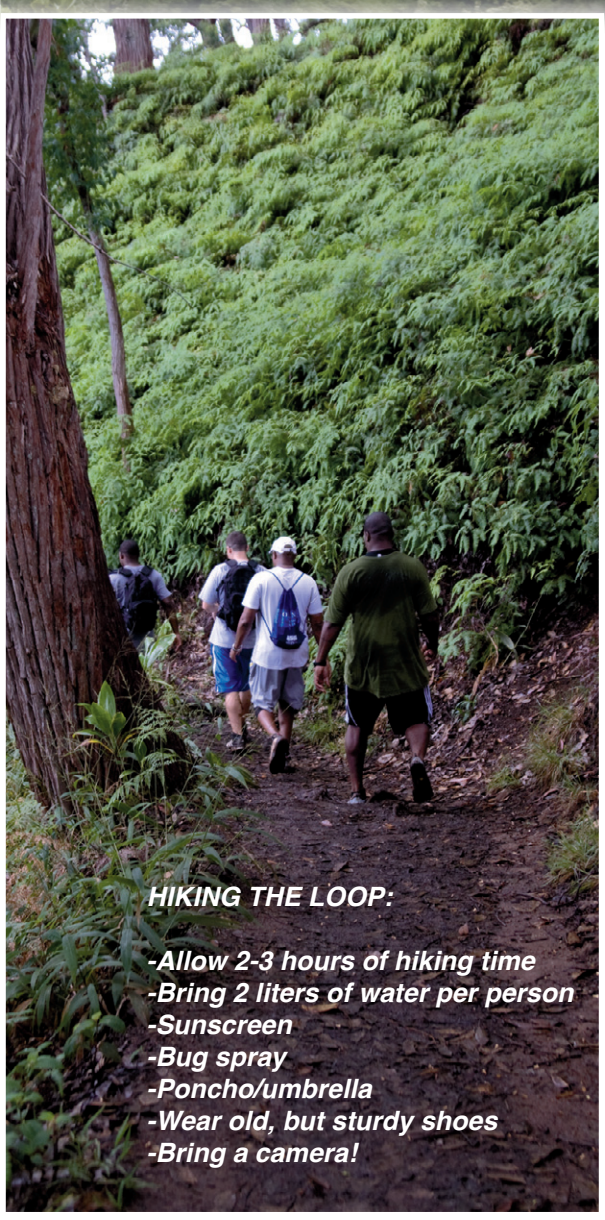
The trail also gets narrow in places and sections hedge hikers right along sheer cliffs. Exposed tree root systems can also present a hazard for the unwary.

Feral pigs also inhabit the area and signs of rooting along the trail are not unlikely. I've hiked this trail several times and have yet to encounter this animal.

If you feel the urge to escape the hustle and bustle of Oahu, disappear into its jungles for a spell. Take a deep breath of fresh lemon eucalyptus, be serenaded by the local birds, and circle the loop.

The park is open from 7 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., Labor Day to March 31 and has public restrooms, water fountains, showers, camping sites, and picnic tables. For more information about the Aiea Loop Trail and other hikes around Oahu, visit http://www.hawaiistateparks.org/hiking/oahu.

LEFT: Fruit, like this yellow strawberry guava, can be found along the trail and are edible.
BELOW: Fallen trees scatter the path but some, like this log, have been notched to allow hikers to step over.



A tired group of hikers head into the final stretch around the 4.8-mile Aiea Loop Trail.

Due to intermittent rain showers and leafy cover, some deeper sections of Aiea Loop Trail are often wet. It's not uncommon for puddles and mud pits to remain a few days after a heavy rain.

A modest grove of paperbark trees break up the surrounding jungle about a mile in from the Aiea Loop Trail trailhead.

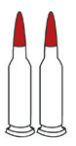
Pass In Review

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your number one source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week's critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn't, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you're not familiar, here's a quick breakdown of the ratings …

1/4 — No Impact, No Idea
Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.

2/4 — High And To The Right
Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if you have nothing better to do.



3/4 — On Target
Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.

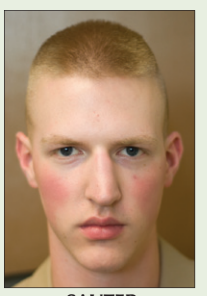
4/4 — Confirmed Kill
Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.

So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, The Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.

Better Know A Critic

SMOLINSKI

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


SAUTER

Cpl. James A. Sauter believes that a good movie begins with a good story. The story ought to be well balanced between the chemistry and variety of characters. It must also have an original plot or setting that keeps the reader or audience up on its toes.

Revolutionary addition makes a clean kill

Rochelle Smolinski
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

I've sprinted through the Souk Sarouja market in Damascus, scaled the walls of the breathtaking Santa Maria della Visitazione church, and dove off of Ponte Vecchio into the Arno River. Now, finally, I get to meet George Washington — and slaughter some redcoats.

Spanning the centuries from the Crusades to the Italian Renaissance, the fifth major installment in the Assassin's Creed series, Assassin's Creed III, takes us to the battleground of the American Revolutionary War from the eyes of a half-bred English, Mohawk assassin named Ratonhnhaké:ton, who also goes by the name of Conner.

Pushed into conflict by the European expansion, Conner joins the fight to end tyranny on his homeland — be it from Continental soldiers or Loyalist Redcoats.

Set on the Eastern seaboard, players will explore 18th century Boston, New York, the settlements of Lexington, Charlestown, and Concord, and the wild American Frontier alongside a host of missions including hunts, and naval warfare.

The game wastes no time getting the player briefly re-acquainted with controls before throwing them into their first assassination mission, scaling the filled opera boxes of the Theatre Royal toward the target and escaping undetected.

The pace remains fast, even 78 days at sea as we wend our way to landfall in America and the premise of the game. And that's just the introduction.

Now, I've been playing Assassin's Creed since its first release and played through every game with increasing enthusiasm. I've watched the series grow, push platform and developmental boundaries, and provide players with an immersive experience in this world of elite assassins.

The level of research and meticulous detail Ubisoft puts into this series is a work of art, if not a labor of love. I find myself reading all the database entries of people, places, and locations and enjoying the conspiracy theories this creative team has dreamed up. What if, indeed.

This game is no exception.

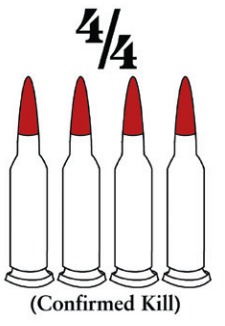
Cityscapes and natural vistas are absolutely breathtaking. Trees are scalable, successful hunts are tempered with wolves, punk kids replace annoying beggars, and new weapons make for fun, dynamic kills.

I could not be more excited to see this series make it to the Americas where I get to "meet" noteworthy historical figures of the era.

The only glitch I've encountered thus far is our ship captain flapping his gums without actually moving his lips in one cutscene, which I thought was actually rather more comical than detracting. But that's it. I can't find anything else to knock this game down a notch at this point.

That said, this game's price tag is worth every cent spent, every minute invested, every artificial reward earned.

The Battle at Bunker Hill won't quite be the way everyone remembers it— not if I have anything to say about it.



(Confirmed Kill)

This romantic comedy is almost 'Pitch Perfect'

Cpl. James A. Sauter
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

I said in my last review on "Argo" that the movie was a sign of the knuckle-dragging, post-summer movie season coming to an end and the holiday season of critically-acclaimed films was just around the corner.

This weekend I realized all too well my statement was a little preemptive. I took one look at what was playing in theaters and concluded I still had one more week to go before I could watch a decent movie.

Despite my disappointment, I still wanted to watch a movie at the theater. At random, I chose to see something I wouldn't normally care to but ended up surprised and entertained.

Ok. I actually decided to see "Pitch Perfect" after I saw the somewhat-scandalous movie poster, which is more than enough to make any straight guy want to see this chick flick.

"Pitch Perfect" kicks off at the beginning of a college semester in which all of the freshmen are trying to find their way around campus and meeting new people. Becca (Anna Kendrick) is reluctant to take advantage of college life and sticks to herself, remixing music and hoping to become a DJ for a small radio station. Encouraged by her father to branch out, Becca runs into Chloe (Brittany Snow) and Jesse (Skylar Astin) of "The Bellas," an acapella music group. At first, Becca wishes to have no part in it, but she joins after Chloe hears her singing in the shower and coerces her to join.

The group is made up of interesting characters that barely have anything in common. But in order to win the national competition, the Bellas need to reinvent themselves by changing up their performance with the help of Becca and her remixed music.

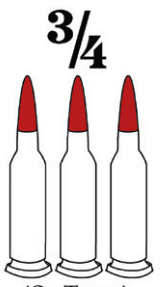
I was very impressed, for the most part, how this film carried itself as a romantic comedy with a musical twist.

The jokes are original and intertwined within witty dialogue and situation comedy. The most humorous jokes are from Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson), who's completely secure with her size and can find humor in any circumstance. Compared to the other ditzy and stereotypical prima donnas in the group, she balances out the drama everyone else creates.

As a movie buff, I'm fairly convinced that romantic comedies and horror films shouldn't be longer than one hour and 40 minutes. The average audience can only take so many jokes and gore before their attention shifts to their phones to figure out what time it is. "Pitch Perfect" breaks this rule and runs about 12 minutes over at an hour and 52 minutes. I could see the movie starting to drag on in the last third of the film.

Overall, "Pitch Perfect" wasn't too bad. If it were just a little shorter, it would be even better.

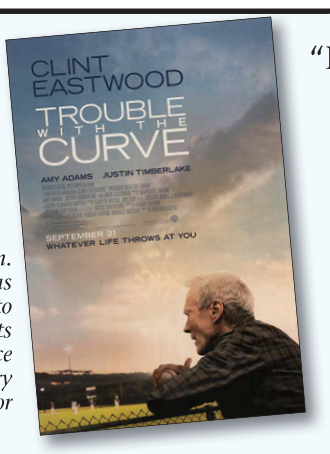
Again, I saw this movie because nothing else was playing and I didn't expect anything spectacular. I left the theater pleased that a chick flick could keep me entertained.



(On Target)

Movie Times

Prices: *All shows are $3.25 for adults and $2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call* ***254-7642*** *for recorded information.*



"House at the End of the Street" PG13	Today | 7:15 p.m.
"End of Watch" R	Today | 9:45 p.m.
"Trouble With the Curve" PG-13	Saturday | 7:15 p.m.
"Dredd" R	Saturday | 9:45 p.m.
"Finding Nemo" G	Sunday | 2 p.m.
"Resident Evil: Retribution" R	Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
"Dredd" R	Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

MAG-24 units host Trunk or Treat

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Halloween started a little early for the squadrons falling under Marine Aircraft Group 24, as more than 900 Marines, sailors, civilians and families hosted Trunk or Treat between Hangars 101 and 102, Oct. 25.

More than 20 cars were lined up side by side, in two rows facing each other. Each car was decorated with various themes. Children of various ages dressed in costume, and went from trunk to trunk, "trunk or treating," and receiving candy from each. Many children also hopped around in two bounce houses.

The car owners competed to win the contest for best-decorated car. Guest judges from each unit voted on their favorite trunk for the "Judge's Choice Award" and attendees dropped tickets into paper bags set up at each trunk to determine the "People's Choice Award."

Staff Sgt. Ohraline Minh, who works for maintenance administration at Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, placed a basket of candy for the children on a remote-controlled toy car.

"The smaller kids love it," Minh said. "Some of the older kids, about 3 to 4 years old, are scared of it."

During the event, there was also a costume contest for adults and children. Many of the service members dressed in costume, like Lance Cpl. Leonardo Ojeda, a supply clerk for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24. Ojeda dressed as a mime in a tuxedo.

"I think it's awesome," Ojeda said of the event. "(The event is) good for little kids, good for morale, and shows unity. It's like (we're a) Kaneohe Bay family."

Some children shied away from certain service members who were wearing more frightening costumes.

"We've got a good mix of friendly and (scary)," said Lance Cpl. Zach Fisher, a flightliner for HMLA-367.

Fisher and his friends, who made their truck bed into a graveyard, dressed up as Mario and Luigi, but also a "Scream" scarecrow and Jason.

"Our stuffed animals look better than anyone else's," said Kennedy Hansen, 9, referring to her parents' trunk decorations.

Kennedy, dressed as a vampire, and her sister, Riley, 7, dressed as Hermione from the "Harry Potter" series, went trunk or treating during the event.

"The cars are scary," Riley Hansen said.

Representatives from each unit sold unit memorabilia while representatives from several organizations including Marine Corps Community Services were also on-hand to chat with family members about the services they offer.

One of the event coordinators, 1st Lt. Joseph Forbes, said that this was the first time the squadrons had come together for an event like Trunk or Treat. Forbes, the assistant family readiness officer for MAG-24, said it is beneficial to have events like this to give families access to information about available military services.

"The turnout has been fantastic," Forbes said. "Participation from families has been significant as well. There are more people in costume than I thought."

Volunteers from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 decorated the interior of one of their helicopters. Brave families ventured inside the makeshift haunted house, and were rewarded with candy upon exiting.

C.J. and Christian Myers went through the haunted helo. Though he wasn't scared of the ghouls within, C.J., 11, chose the helo over all the decorated trunks. Christian Myers, 6, however, enjoyed collecting candy the most.

"It's different from past years," said Staff Sgt. Terrance Brown, S-6 noncommissioned officer of MAG-24. "Last year each unit did their own thing. This time the units are united."

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Khyree Day, 2, gives a low-five to Sgt. Dale Hackler, flightline mechanic, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, during Trunk or Treat between Hangars 101 and 102, Oct. 25.

Blayke Simich, 1, comes dressed as Leonardo, from "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," during Trunk or Treat, Oct. 25.

Treated to bowling

Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Costume contest winners Ansley Parr, 3, (in pink) and John Nakamura, 8, (dressed as Snake Eyes) pose with Elden Doi, manager of K-Bay Lanes, and Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362. The four Ugly Angels were judges for a costume contest, which was held Wednesday at K-Bay Lanes. Each child who entered received a water bottle for participating. The winners received three free bowling tickets.