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Sacrifice, dedication honored on Mighty Mo

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Sailors from various units fire their rifles in a three-volley salute during the Veteran's Day Sunset Ceremony aboard USS Missouri, Sunday. A sunset ceremony was held aboard the ship to commemorate Veterans Day. This year's theme celebrated women in the military and featured female service members as guest speakers.

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

FORD ISLAND — Service members, veterans, families and many more guests celebrated Veterans Day in a ceremony aboard USS Missouri, also famously known as the "Mighty Mo," Sunday.

This Veteran's Day, the USS Missouri Memorial Association paid tribute to women serving in the armed forces, and featured remarks from guest speakers Army Brig. Gen. Martha N. Wong, Sgt. 1st Class Joy Couch and Vera Stone Williams.

Susan E. Cowan, a member of the USS Missouri Memorial Association's board of directors made opening remarks. She highlighted several new initiatives from each branch of service that give females more opportunities to serve in combat and leadership roles.

"Women have become an integral and central part of every service," Cowan said. "Due to the evolution of warfare as we've seen in Iraq and Afghanistan, women are now performing tasks thought not possible physically and culturally a decade ago. We have a truly committed and dedicated armed services team leveraging the strengths of both genders."

Williams, the author of two books including "WACs; History of the Women's Army Corps 1942-1978," was the first guest speaker. She shared stories with the audience about women who served during World War II, including the Women Airforce Service Pilots. The WASPs, for example, were not officially recognized for their service until the 1970s, as a result of efforts by representatives like Patsy Mink.

"These women, who were inspired by Amelia Earhart, went on to inspire generations of women pilots and women astronauts," Williams said. "So on a beautiful day like today, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on their bravery, their dedication and their service to our country, alongside all our veteran heroes."

Couch deployed several times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and earned a Bronze Star Medal and the Sgt. Audie Murphy Award. She shared a few of her experiences serving in the U.S. Army.

"I'm a proud noncommissioned officer, a leader of soldiers," Couch said. "I'm a member of a time-honored corps and will fulfill those duties inherent in that role. I will always place a soldier's needs above my own and I will be loyal to those with whom I serve — my seniors, my peers and subordinates alike ... it's an honor to serve with you and serve for you."

Wong, of Honolulu, approached the podium next. She is the first female general to serve in the Hawaii Army National Guard. Wong paid tribute to both females who have served in history and her fellow service members today.

After Wong's speech, the crowd was silent as Command Master Chief Patricia Roebuck read the "Presentation of Old Glory." Sailors dressed in crisp whites each ceremoniously passed the folded American flag to the next and rendered a salute. The last sailor in the line presented the flag to Lolita K. James.

James, of Honolulu, was honored for her contributions during World War II as a military spouse and as an employee on Ford Island.

After a moment of silence, sailors fired their rifles in

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'Island Warriors' improve jungle warfare skills through course

Lance Cpl. Daniel Valle
III Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP GONSALVES, Japan — For the past decade, Marines have trained to fight in the desert terrain of the Middle East. However, with the new national defense strategy focusing on the Asia-Pacific region, Marines are renewing their jungle warfare skills, upholding the Marine Corps tradition of training to fight in every clime and place.

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, currently assigned to 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted an endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Camp Gonsalves, Oct. 30, to develop their ability to maneuver and fight through the jungle.

The Marines, who are stationed on Okinawa as part of the unit deployment program, relish the opportunity to use the Corps' only jungle warfare training center.

"We don't have the opportunity to conduct jungle warfare training anywhere else," said Sgt. Benjamin E. Johns, an infantryman and acting platoon commander with Golf Company, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. "I enjoyed the endurance course and it allowed us to use a lot of the skills we learned from the instructors."

The transition from desert to jungle warfare is important because Marines must be able to fight in any terrain around the world, according to Johns.

"We have been focused on fighting in desert terrain for the past decade," said Johns. "Now, with the shift of focus to this region, we need to train more in this type of terrain."

During the course, Marines received classes on fast roping, hasty rappelling, crossing valleys using rope bridges, and stretcher carries.

"We took the training we learned, put it all together, and worked hard to complete the grueling course," said Cpl. Patrick P. Webber, an infantryman and squad leader with Golf Co.

The course not only teaches Marines different skills they can use in the jungle, but also strengthens bonds within the unit, according

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Lance Cpl. Daniel Valle | III Marine Expeditionary Force

Marines maneuver through jungle terrain with a simulated casualty during the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves Oct. 30. The purpose of the endurance course is to develop Marines' abilities to maneuver and fight through the jungle while strengthening unit cohesion. The Marines are with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, which is currently assigned to 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Thanksgiving Eve service and pie supper

The base chapel is scheduled to host a Thanksgiving worship service with a pie fellowship to follow, Wednesday at 6 p.m. Join us in a celebration of Thanksgiving and good news. For more information, please call Chaplain Mathis at 257-8318.

DEERS ID Card Center holiday closure

The DEERS ID Card Center will be closed Thursday, until Nov. 26, in observance of Thanksgiving. Check the online appointment system at https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/ to schedule your appointment outside of the holiday closure period. Thank you, and kindly call 257-2077 with any questions.

Manning Street closed due to road construction

From now through Jan. 2, 2013, Manning Street will be closed between the Lawrence Road intersection and the Manning Court (B2554-B2558) area to replace the transit water main. Access to locations west of the closure area can be made via Waikulu Drive and Arnado Street, or from Reed and Reeves Roads. For more information, call Marc Hirano at 257-6896.

Call for entries for North Beach mural contest

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is hosting a mural painting competition for the North Beach changing station. 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. Submissions 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.

Public Affairs Office KBAZ all-hands message

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The DSTRESS line is for active duty, reservists, veterans and retirees, as well as their families, in the western U.S., Hawaii, and Alaska. Callers can speak anonymously with people specifically trained in Marine Corps culture and ethos. The line helps develop the skills necessary to deal with the challenges of life in the Corps. Visit online at http://www.DStressLine.com or call the line at 1-877-476-7734.

MCBH bone marrow drive at Mokapu Mall

There will be a basewide bone marrow drive held in the Mokapu Mall shopping center Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a table set up outside the MCX as well as the commissary. The bone marrow drive is open to all active duty as well as spouses. The process is a simple swab of the cheek following a brief questionnaire. The Department of Health and Human Services estimates more than 18,000 people diagnosed with a disease have a chance for recovery with a bone marrow transplant. Call 257-7021 with questions.

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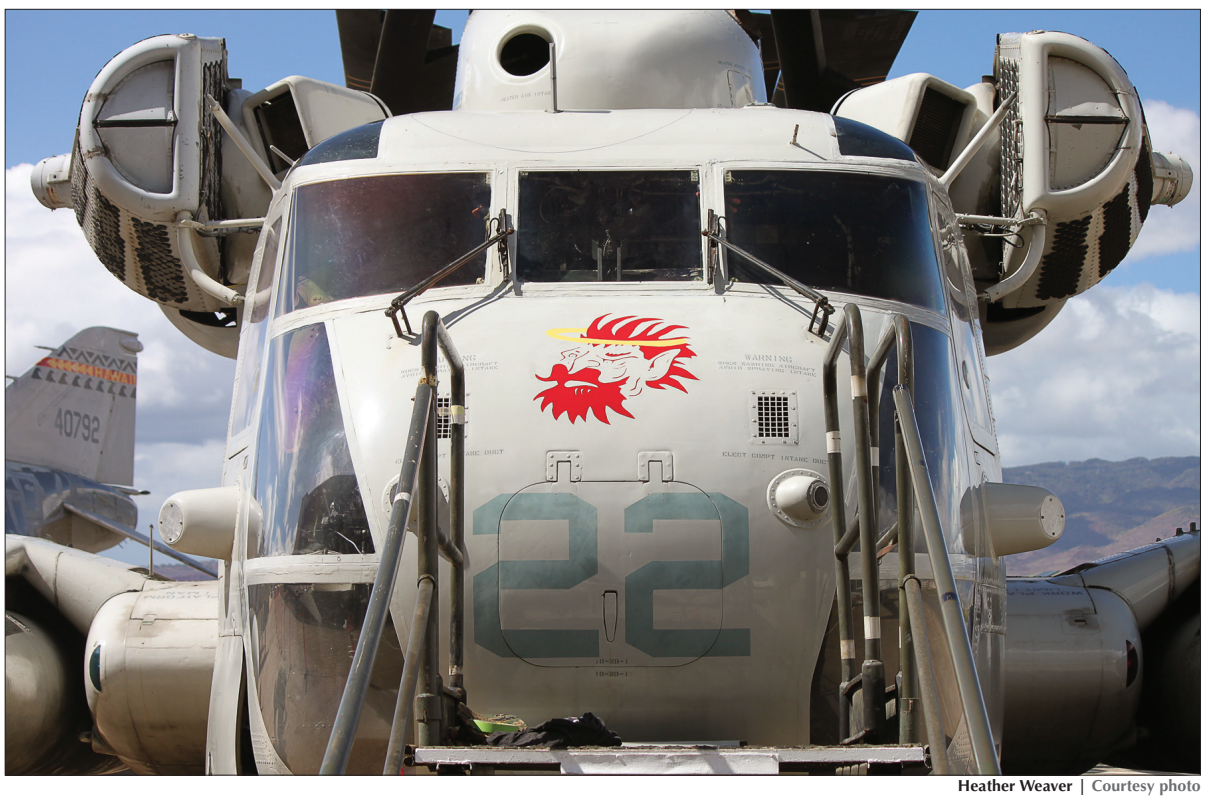

Heather Weaver | Courtesy photo

HONOLULU — A freshly painted CH-53 Delta helicopter stands on display at the Pacific Aviation Museum. Crews from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362's Ugly Angels finished painting their unit mascot, "Olaf," onto the aircraft, Tuesday. The squadron previously owned the aircraft, and flew it to the museum on Jan. 23, prior to their last deployment. Ugly Angels Cpl. Cody Pierce, Cpl. Ruddy Colon and Sgt. Kenneth McIntosh, who spent four hours painting the mascot.

Celebrating Native Americans

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David Bevett shakes hands with Maj. Ronald T. Flora, the executive officer of 3rd Radio Battalion, at the National Native American Heritage Month luncheon, at Anderson Hall Dining Facility, Nov. 17, 2011. Bevett, whose bloodline includes Cherokee and Chee, has served more than 20 years in the Army and Navy, and has a son in the Marine Corps.

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Many Marines and sailors aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii begin the holiday season with Thanksgiving cheer. But Thanksgiving isn't all that's being celebrated in November. Native Americans and Alaskan natives across the country are honoring their heritage this November.

In honor of National Native American Heritage Month, "Windtalkers" will be shown free of charge at the base theater Monday. This 2002 movie highlighted the history of the Navajo Code Talkers during World War II. All those aboard MCB Hawaii with a military identification card may attend one of two free showings, from 9 to 11 a.m., and 2 to 4 p.m.

Various individuals began campaigning for an official day to recognize Native Americans as early as the 1900s. From 1914 to 1915, Rev. Red Fox James rode on horseback to Washington and numerous states to request support for "Indian Day." Eventually a day was first recognized in Illinois, and President George H.W. Bush designated a month honoring Native Americans in 1990.

"As the first people to live on the land we all cherish, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage," said President Barack Obama in his recent presidential proclamation. "Today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society — from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield."

From the Navajo Code Talkers of the 1940s to the present day, Native Americans have been a part of the U.S. military force. As of 2011, there were more than 150,000 Native American military veterans, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information about National Native American Heritage Month, visit http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov.

To see the proclamation, visit http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2012/11/01/presidential-proclamation-national-native-american-heritage-month-2012.

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SEMPER FLY!

LEFT: Lt. Col. D. R. Lingman, commanding officer, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, glides into Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course with a skydiving partner, Saturday. ABOVE: Retired Col. John R. Bates (right of Lt. Col. D.R. Lingman) prepares to remove his flight suit and parachute. Lingman and Bates, his guest speaker, skydived and landed at the 17th hole at the golf course. The Marines and sailors were not aware their commanding officer would be arriving at the MCAS Marine Corps birthday ball from the sky. Bates remarked it was his first time skydiving in a tuxedo.

AROUND THE CORPS

26th MEU, 8th ESB support hurricane relief, celebrate Corps' birthday in New York

Cpl. Daniel Wulz | II Marine Expeditionary Force

The Marines of 8th Engineer Support Battalion, operating in Breezy Point, a small coastal community of New York City, celebrated the Marine Corps 237th birthday with the Breezy Point community, Nov. 10.

Sgt. Megan Angel
Headquarters Marine Corps

BREEZY POINT, N.Y. — For the past week, Marines and sailors from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and the 8th Engineer Support Battalion, based out of Camp Lejeune, N.C., have been in the midst of the hardest-hit communities of New Jersey and New York assisting the people whose lives were so abruptly devastated by the fury of Hurricane Sandy.

Without hesitation, the Marines answered the call to help their fellow Americans rummage through what's left of their homes and work to clear away the wreckage in the wake of this historical storm.

Today, Marines in Staten Island and Breezy Point took a moment to pause from the recovery efforts and share birthday cake, a 237-year-old Corps tradition, with local residents, emergency responders, local authorities and veteran Marines.

"It was probably one of the most exhilarating and positive things that I've felt since Hurricane Sandy came through," said John G. Ingram, Kings County New York State Supreme Court Acting Justice. "I'd rather have the United States Marines here than Sandy any day. It was an honor to participate in the celebration of the Marine Corps' 237th birthday. This community appreciates the service of our dedicated warfighters, who have given so much to so many, and I was so happy to participate in the celebration of the Marine's birthday."

Working in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, Army National Guard and local authorities to clear out roads and access ways to help residents affected by the storm, the Marines believe this is all just part of what Marines do.

"We're excited to be celebrating the birthday as all Marines are and very happy to be here assisting this community," said Maj. Craig Clarkson, 8th ESB detachment commander and Falmouth, Mass., native. "I don't think there's any place these Marines would rather be than up here helping out in New York. It's a great place to celebrate our birthday and we're fortunate to be celebrating with some former Marines from the community."

The Marines expressed their enthusiasm to help and also to share their traditions with the people here.

"I'm excited to be here because we're helping. It's part of our nature as Marines," said Sgt. Jacob Baron, an operations noncommissioned officer with 8th ESB and native of Perry, Ohio. "It's not just us celebrating, it's also retired Marines who are coming out who are part of the police and fire departments. I'm honored to be out here."

The Marines have completed their work in New York and New Jersey in close partnership with the people of the communities they are assisting.

"The first days (after the storm) were rough and we had no idea how we were going to get through this mess," said Michael Fitzpatrick, a long-time resident of Staten Island. "But when the word got out that Marines were here, we knew for sure we'd be helped. This is beautiful. Happy birthday, Marines, we're so proud and grateful you're around."

Whether it's after a tsunami in Japan, an earthquake in Haiti, or a hurricane in New York City, afloat and ashore, the Navy-Marine Corps team is well-equipped to respond to national disasters when required.

"We will continue to draw strength from our rich heritage and the shared values of the Marines to our left and to our right," said Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, in his birthday message to all Marines. "We know who we are ... we know what we stand for. As ever we will strive to be found worthy of the legendary trust of our fellow Americans. We are most proud of our well-earned reputation for answering the clarion call first."

For 237 years, Marines, young and old, have celebrated the Corps' birthday as their own. Across the globe, Marines are saying happy birthday to one another and most certainly, pausing to celebrate and reflect on the Corps' rich legacy and values — no matter where they are or what they're doing.

Combat Center Marines begin annual holiday tradition, collect toys for children

Lance Cpl. Ali Azimi
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER, Calif. — A handful of Combat Center Marines and sailors headed to a local toy store in Indio, Calif., Nov. 1 to collect toys for the Toys for Tots program. The store donated $18,000 worth of toys to the Toys for Tots program, adding to the cache of board games, action figures and dolls already collected.

Marines began the Toys for Tots program as a way to collect and donate toys for needy children in 1947. Since then, they have collected millions of toys for children in unfortunate circumstances all around the United States.

"It's our ability as Marines to give back to the community," said Sgt. Jeremy Smith, main battle tank technician, 4th Tank Battalion. "It shows that we care and it's definitely worth it."

The program has survived for decades and still donates a countless amount of toys every year to give to kids on Christmas. A simple toy can mean the world to a young boy or girl.

"When you were a kid and you got a toy, man that was the best thing," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jose Saenz, corpsman, 4th Tank Bn. "Just imagine a little kid that's not going to get a toy."

4th Tank Bn. is in charge of the programs collection, which began Oct. 10 and ends Dec. 17.

"I'm really happy I get to do this," said Saenz. "I always saw the Marines with the boxes and thought that's kind of cool and now I have a chance to do it. Back in the office we already have another truck filled with toys so I think this year is going to be pretty good."

The volunteers were split up and given an age range to buy for in the store. Their only rule was that each item must cost under $25. Their shopping carts filled up quickly with everything from Spiderman action figures to Barbie dolls.

Lance Cpl. Ali Azimi | Marine Air Ground Combat Center

Capt. Michael Gocke, inspector-instructor, 4th Tank Battalion, picks out toys from a local store as part of the Toys for Tots program, Nov. 1.

Their shopping carts quickly filled with piles of toys and were lined up at the cash registers.

It took well over an hour to process everything through the registers and load up into their white truck. By the end of their shopping spree, the truck was filled with a mountain of toys.

"It's something that will fulfill you, make you feel good about yourself," said Saenz. "Just come donate. It's not for the Marines it's for the kids."

For more information on how to donate to the Toys for Tots Foundation, visit http://29-palms-ca.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx.

Marines tread through water instructor *survival course*

Story and photos by
Cpl. James A. Sauter
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines shouted for help as their combat gear slowly tired their bodies and increased their threat of drowning in the pool. Another group of Marines at the opposite end heard the shouts and assured them they were coming to their rescue. After the Marine responders signaled to an imaginary bystander to get help, the Marines jumped into the water and swam toward the victims.

More than 20 Marines from various units on Marine Corps Base Hawaii recently underwent the grueling hardships of the Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival course at the base pool, Monday.

Considered one of the toughest courses in the Marine Corps, physically and mentally, the three-week course teaches students to become water survival instructors. The course demands students be proficient in various skills in the event of an emergency situation. Upon graduation, the new water survival instructors can update Marines on their swim qualification.

"We want them to not only know the material, but master it," said Gunnery Sgt. Derrick Huff, the course's senior water survival instructor. "We have 16 evaluations and they need to achieve a culminating 80 percent average to pass the course."

The wide range of training evolutions included challenges such as a 100-meter swim underwater, an underwater brick push and a gear rescue. During the gear rescue evolution, 10 Marines in full combat gear waded in the water to simulate panicking victims. Another group of Marine rescuers signaled for help and entered the water to rescue each of the victims.

When 1st Lt. Clark Petersen, acting as the rescuer, approached 1st Lt. Roy Miller, his victim, he assessed Miller's situation. Miller pretended to panic and pulled his rescuer underwater, simulating the natural instinct to grab hold of something to avoid drowning

Petersen and Miller, field artillery officers with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, have served the majority of their Marine Corps careers together since The Basic School and field artillery officer basic course at Fort Sill, Okla.

"The students need to make it realistic for each other," Huff said of victims pulling their rescuers underwater. "The key to this evolution is to do big wide kicks and power breathing. Otherwise, come game day or in real life, they're going to have a rude awakening."

Underwater, Petersen performed an escape technique to avoid being drowned. In this situation, it was important for the rescuer to be proficient in the proper emergency handling techniques.

"I thought this was the most challenging course I've taken because it's hard to get comfortable in the water," Petersen said, after completing the course.

A victim in combat gear grabs hold of 1st Lt. Clark Petersen, a field artillery officer with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, and drags him underwater during a gear rescue evolution of a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival course at the base pool on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Monday.

"Being told to rescue someone in the water wearing gear is not something we train for everyday and I absolutely hate being dragged underwater. If you don't know the techniques and it happens in real life, both of you could drown. This course prepares you for that situation and to know the proper techniques to handle it."

After Miller calmed down, Petersen grabbed hold of Miller's collar from behind and towed him to the opposite end of the pool without letting Miller's face submerge to complete the evolution.

During the final day of evaluations, the students were tested on three different rescues covering different victim behaviors and a final written exam.

"We're expected to know everything this course teaches us inside and out," Miller said. "The course does an excellent job of teaching us how to teach others. We didn't just swim everyday; we taught mock classes to gain experience in teaching. If I were to have a class next week, I'm confident I could teach Marines water survival."

Marines from different units on Marine Corps Base Hawaii don combat gear before entering the base pool during a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival course, Monday.

1st Lt. Clark Petersen (right), a field artillery officer with 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, tows a drowning victim to safety during a gear rescue evolution of a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival course at the base pool on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Monday.

Marines conduct a gear rescue evolution during a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival course at the base pool on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Monday. Considered one of the toughest courses in the Marine Corps, both physically and mentally, the course teaches students to become water survival instructors. As an instructor, Marines learn to instruct and certify students in water survival. The course demands that students become proficient in various skills, such as swimming strokes, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and rescue techniques in the event of an emergency situation.

Combat gear lays at the side of a pool before being used during the gear rescue evolution of a Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival course at the base pool on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Monday.

Saluting Veterans who served in every clime, place

HONOLULU — A joint service color guard from U.S. Pacific Command displays the colors during a wreath laying ceremony Sunday, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth | Defense Media Activity - Hawaii News Bureau

Lance Cpl. Matthew Callahan | Hawaii Marine

'Lava Dogs' train with Bruneian soldiers during CARAT 2012

PENANJONG GARRISON, Brunei Darussalam — Lance Cpl. Travis Main, a squad leader with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, explains the importance of reading one's weapon upon entering a hostile compound to the soldiers of 3rd Battalion, Royal Bruneian Landing Force during interoperability training, Nov. 7. "There's a readiness to learn from both sides here," Main said. "I'm really excited about the opportunity to train with these soldiers." Marines and Bruneian soldiers employed the garrison's new urban training facility to hone their combat effectiveness as part of Exercise Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Brunei 2012. CARAT is a series of bilateral military exercises between the U.S. Navy and the armed forces of Bangladesh, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Timor Leste.

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to Cpl. Abdiel Balderas, an anti-tank missileman and instructor at JWTC.

"The endurance course is the culminating event for the jungle warfare training," said Balderas. "It makes the Marines work together to accomplish the course and, in the end, helps build camaraderie within the unit."

The Marines did well on the course, maintaining good communication and not getting frustrated while navigating the obstacles, according to Johns.

"We worked together really well," said Johns. "We came together, pushed through, and didn't let anything slow us down."

Marines maneuver through jungle terrain with a simulated casualty during the endurance course at the Jungle Warfare Training Center at Camp Gonsalves Oct. 30. The purpose of the endurance course is to develop Marines' abilities to maneuver and fight through the jungle while strengthening unit cohesion.

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in a three-volley salute on the deck of the Mighty Mo, and members of Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii rose from their seats to play the song "Amazing Grace."

As attendees left the ship, military guests paused to render a traditional last salute just before debarking. Some veterans lingered on the deck, like Orly Keller and Alden Pule, both Vietnam veterans and recipients of the Purple Heart Medal for combat wounds.

"A lot of people made a lot of sacrifices, not only in Vietnam," Keller, from Mililani, said. "I feel deeply that they should not be forgotten."

Pule, of Aiea, served aboard ships in his military career and said being aboard USS Missouri brought back memories of his service. He plans to return to Veterans Day ceremonies next year.

As the sun set on another Veterans Day, the American flag was lowered from the edge of USS Missouri, and retired for the evening along with male and female service members of the past and present.

"In this dynamic world we live in, we must continue to learn from our history," Wong said. "My admonition to you all is to be the change that you want to see and always thank a veteran for being able to do that."

Sailors ceremonially pass the American flag for the Presentation of Old Glory during the Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony aboard the USS Missouri, Sunday. Lolita K. James, of Honolulu, received the flag for her contributions to the military, as a military spouse and working on Ford Island in the Aviation Supply Department and Airplane Inventory Department during World War II. The ceremony also included a three-volley salute fired by sailors from various units in Hawaii.

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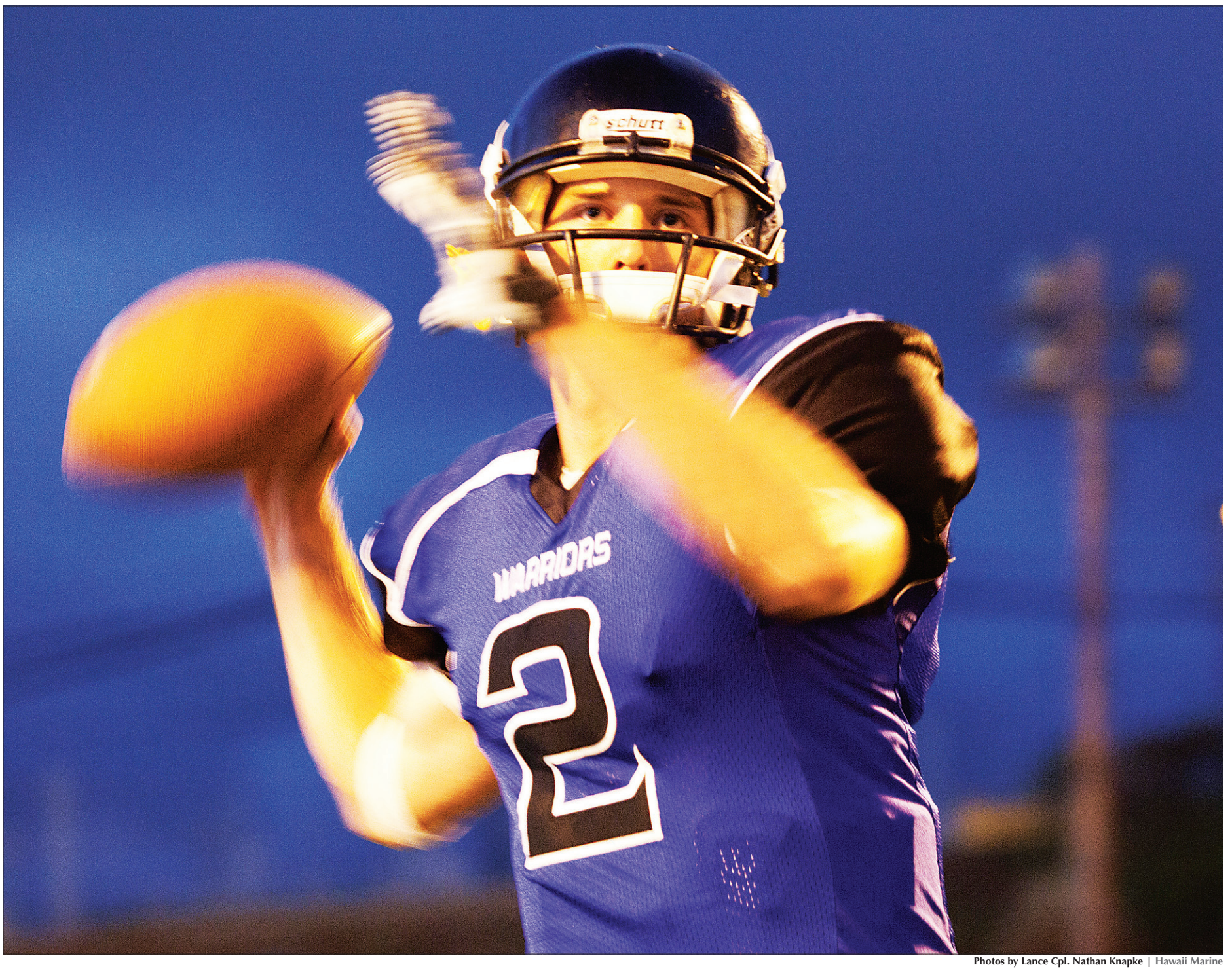


Photos by Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

Coleman Tull, the starting quarterback for the Headquarters Battalion Warriors, throws warm up passes before an intramural football league playoff game against the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits, Tuesday, at Bordelon Field.

Bandits steal victory over Warriors

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

CAMP H.M. SMITH — Battling the mud, rain and wind, the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits defeated the Headquarters Battalion Warriors, 13-12, Tuesday, for their first victory of the intramural football league playoffs.

Warriors middle linebacker Jason Misener said, "I would rather lose as a team than not be a unified team and win. Playing football for the Warriors helps relieve stress and gives me an opportunity to lean on teammates with personal issues."

The Bandits received the ball at the beginning of the first quarter. Despite their chance to score first, the Bandits went three downs without advancing and punted the ball back to the Warriors.

The Warriors' defense held the Bandits the whole first quarter, and transitioned their momentum into a strong offensive. As time expired in the first quarter, they held a 6-0 lead.

The second quarter had a much different outcome. The Bandits regrouped and responded with two touchdowns, but only made one of their extra points.

Shandale Graham, the Bandits coach, said their intensity picked up from the first quarter. The defense stepped up in the second quarter, he said, but the offense also scored much needed touchdowns.

The passing game of the Bandits punched through the Warriors' corners and safeties. The quarterback played strongly, throwing touchdowns to the tight end and wide receiver. The Bandits defense shut down the Warriors' offense with sacks and punishing hits.

The Warriors defense only let the Bandits score two touchdowns in the first half, but this wasn't enough. The offense needed to respond by putting points on the board if they expected to gain the lead.

ABOVE: Eric Sanchez (left), Nicholas Armbruster (center), Hone Cortland (right), members of the Headquarters Battalion Warriors, stretch and loosen up before an intramural football league playoff game against the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits, Tuesday, at Bordelon Field.

Since the Warriors deferred their possession during the pre-game coin toss, the ball was theirs in the second half. Both defenses dug deep, and at first few points were scored. Then Coleman Tull, the Warriors quarterback, threw a deep pass to his wide receiver to score six points, bringing them within striking distance of the Bandits. After the third quarter, the Bandits maintained a 13-12 lead.

In the final quarter, both teams were eager to put points on the scoreboard but neither was successful. They waged a defensive battle and no points were scored in the fourth quarter. Although both teams made several big plays, neither team managed to score another touchdown.

Misener said the Warriors missed a lot of opportunities, but both teams "left it all on the field."

The Bandits advanced in the playoffs and will play the winner of the game between 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, and Combat Logistics Battalion 3. The championship game will be played at the Bordelon Field, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

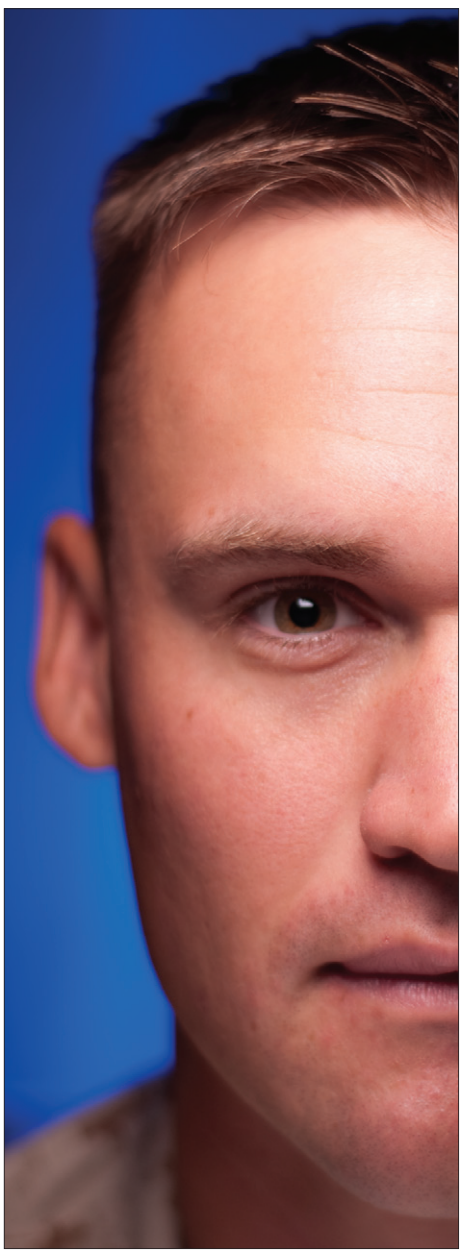
A member of the Headquarters Battalion Warriors, catches passes before an intramural football league playoff game against the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits, Tuesday, at Bordelon Field.

RIGHT: Anthony Merry (center), a member of the Headquarters Battalion Warriors, listens to head coach Kelvin Brown after losing an intramural football league playoff game against the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits, Tuesday, at Bordelon Field.

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.



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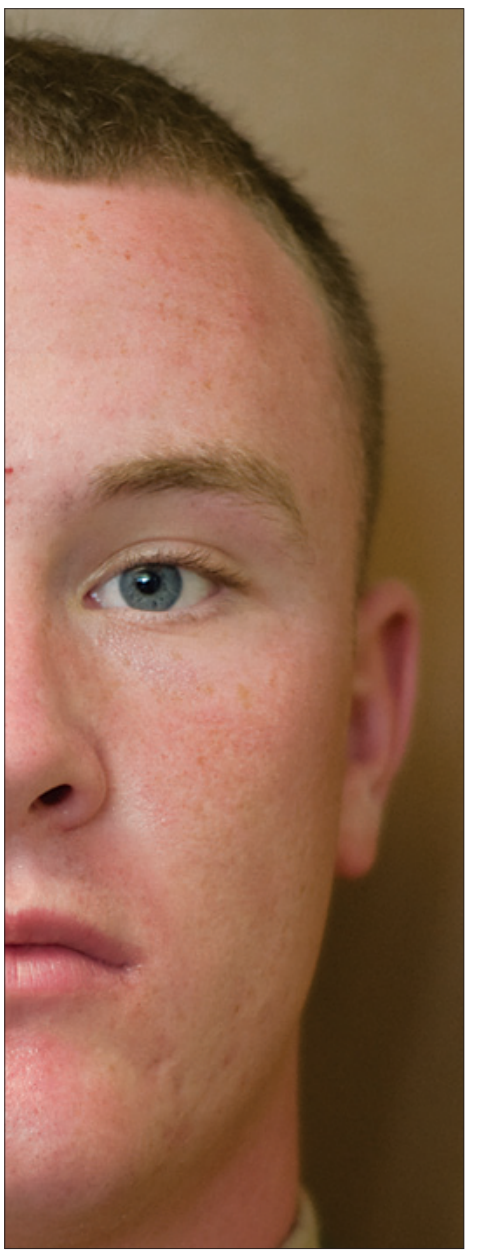

BARBER

Best in the NFC east?

Sgt. Danny Woodall VS. Cpl. Jacob Barber

BARBER: When I look at this year's Cowboys' team I see a group of losers, led by a quarterback who loves playing catch with opposing cornerbacks. I don't understand how one would think this year's Cowboys' team could clinch the NFC East and finish the year at Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. It won't happen with a mediocre running back, a quarterback that needs counseling, and an offensive line that couldn't stop the Olsen twins from wrecking their backfield. The Dallas Cowboys haven't been a true championship contender since Carrie Underwood left Tony Romo. No joke, it's a fact.

WOODALL: Despite the person on Romo's arm, the Cowboys will always be Super Bowl contenders. I'll admit, it's true, the Dallas Cowboys are the most inconsistent team in the league led by the most polarized quarterback in the NFL. However, Dallas is currently 1.5 games back from the New York Giants, and have one of the league's softest schedules in front of them. The Giants, on the other hand, just came off one of the most embarrassing losses of the year after getting throttled by the Cincinnati Bengals. The Giants' stock is falling while the Cowboys are picking up momentum. It seems the NFL's love affair with RG3 is over and the Eagles have lost five games in a row. The planets are aligning for Jason Garrett and his 'Boys, just in time to take over the NFC East.

BARBER: Yes, the Cowboys have an easy schedule coming up, but you just said it, this team is inconsistent. They could join a Pop Warner League and come away with a few losses. There is no chance the Cowboys will take the NFC East this year. But like every other previous season, Dallas fans will continue to talk until their team is knocked out for good and then go on about how next year will be different. The reign of the Cowboys is over. America, find another team.

WOODALL: If you don't like America, you can get out! I'm sorry … I'm from Texas, it's a natural defense mechanism. If the Cowboys aren't going to take the NFC East, then who will? You've been Cowboy-bashing for two paragraphs now without offering an alternative, though I assume it's New York. But the Giants are showing their true colors in recent weeks. Eli Manning is the new interception machine (three in the past two weeks compared to Romo's ZERO) and they've been very unsuccessful on the offensive side of the ball. Eli Manning hasn't thrown a touchdown pass in three weeks! The only reason no one is talking about this issue is because ESPN is controlled by biased, East Coast elitists who are still holding a grudge from Dallas' 1990s dynasty.

BARBER: The sportscaster world is ran by former Dallas players so don't pull that excuse out of your hat. The Cowboys have a quarterback that the team and fans can't rely on, an offensive interior line that can't support Romo if he had a good game, and a running game that is as unpredictable as Lady Gaga's wardrobe. There is no Cowboy bashing here, the New York Giants are just the better team. Manning is a quarterback who has proven himself in the second half of several seasons and big games. The Giants also have better leadership and experience as well as a great pass-rush defense, which if I'm not mistaken, is a great barrier for your Cowboys seemingly every game.

WOODALL: Fact: every time Eli Manning has won a Super Bowl, he has also had a dreadful November/December collapse. Granted, this only happened once. But after dreadful back-to-back losses, it seems history is repeating itself. Conversely, Tony Romo has the best November record among active quarterbacks. Regardless of the media tilt, the Cowboys will prevail in the NFC East.

BARBER: Maybe if they had Carrie Underwood in the stands and if your boy butterfingers Bryant can stay out of America's court system.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Work out at Burn-Off Aerobathon

The Turkey Burn-Off Aerobathon is scheduled for Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Semper Fit Center. The event includes various aerobics classes such as step, cardio kick and a special hourlong Zumba class. Participants are asked to bring a nonwrapped toy for Toys for Tots as admission. For details, call Semper Fit at 254-7597.

Take time for Turkey Trot 10K

Enjoy one last MCB Hawaii with our last 10K run of the season, Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7 a.m. The race will start and finish at Dewey Square. Run alone or in a six-person formation. Late registrations the day of the race will be accepted, but with a late fee. For more information about this event and upcoming races, call 254-7590.

Adult classes sail in Kaneohe Bay

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.

Join 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 will still apply).

Participants must present their military identification and badge upon entering the facility after completing the class. For details, call 254-7597.

Pro Bowl tickets available now

Pro Bowl tickets are on sale at the Information, Tickets and Tours office. Each military identification cardholder is limited to six tickets. The office will offer tickets until they are sold out. For more information, call 254-7563.

Exercise in winter with Kid Fit

Children stay fit during their school break. The dates for Winter Break Kid Fit are Dec. 17, 19 and 21, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Call the Semper Fit Center for more information at 254-7597.

Sign up to bowl in Commander's Cup League

The Commander's Cup Bowling League starts up on Monday, Nov. 19. The league meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. for 12 weeks, excluding holidays.

All patrons are eligible to participate. Four people per team, up to eight can be on the roster. Rosters are due on Friday, Nov. 16. For more information, contact Elden Doi at 254-7664

Learn all about breast feeding

Find support and information with this upcoming class from the New Parent Support Program. The class is Nov. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon in building 220, and is open to all active duty service members, family members and DOD civilians. For more information, call 257-8803

Take a swing in the 2012 Kaneohe Klipper Club Championship

Sign up for this last single elimination golf match of the year. Finalists compete in a full 18-hole finale. Sign up by Nov. 28 with matches starting Dec. 2. For more information, call 254-1745 or see the form online at http://www.mccshawaii.com/golf.shtml#champ

Cosmic Bowling at K-Bay Lanes

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

Soccer to 'em: How the losers won

Lisa Smith Molinari
Contributing writer

In the fall, through the magic of associative thought, a whiff of fallen leaves evokes echoes of marching bands and whistles blown. We feel the cold aluminum bleacher seats and the prickle of wool scarves around our necks. Like Pavlov's dog, our mouths water as we bring to mind hot coffee at 8 a.m. soccer games and chilidogs at football halftime.

As soon as our kids show any proficiency whatsoever, we parents strap some equipment on them and put them on a team, so we can experience the sights, sounds and smells of the fall sports season.

To satisfy our selfish interests, we justify our pushy behavior by telling ourselves that kids benefit by learning about teamwork.

But do they?

Today's sports recreation leagues seem replete with controversy. Although such organizations now have exhaustive constitutions, bylaws and procedural manuals promising double blind fairness in team selection, somehow there are always reports of teams being "stacked." The focus on selecting winning teams diminishes the emphasis on the life lessons that team participation can impart.

About seven years ago, we were stationed in Norfolk, Va., and my son was a squishy little 10-year-old who preferred piano and rainbows to athletic pursuits.

Early in the fall of his fifth grade year, he started showing an interest in football. As visions of tailgate parties danced in our heads, we jumped on the opportunity and contacted the local flag football league.

"Sorry ma'am, the teams are full ... now, if your husband would be willing to coach, your son could play this season."

Completely ignorant of the rec league team selection process, my husband agreed.

We received a roster of 15 kids our son and 14 others who transferred from overcrowded teams.

What we didn't know was that the coaches were asked to give up a couple kids each, and of course, they picked their worst players.

Obliviously, we showed up for our first practice raring and ready to assess the boys' talents. The lineup was not what we expected.

None of the boys knew a thing about football. A few were skinny. Several were small. Three had learning disabilities. But they were all excited to play.

We decided to call ourselves the "Sharks" and accepted the rejected purple league jerseys without complaint.

Practices were dicey. The plays looked more like people running from a fire, but we were hopeful that it would all come together on game day.

As team mom, I went a little overboard. I ordered the "Jaws" soundtrack. I bought sweatshirts, T-shirts and little purple towels. I made up cheers.

Game day finally arrived and we were ready. Parents donned their Sharks spirit wear and swung their little purple towels. Players gathered around their coach for a pre-game pep talk.

"Listen boys, I want you all to go out there today and show 'em what you're made of! Let's tell everybody out there, if you swim with the Sharks, you're gonna get bit!!"

Both players and parents alike exploded into simultaneous applause and collective woo-hoos.

A half hour later, we were down by three touchdowns, and our blissful ignorance of the corrupt league team selection process came to an abrupt end.

"Listen up Sharks," my husband barked during half time, "don't let the numbers on that scoreboard get you down! We are the Sharks! Win or lose, we are going to fight and fight hard! Now go out there, boys, and give 'em all you got!!"

At the end of the third quarter, the ref called the game because they were beating us 40 to nothing.

The rest of the season was more of the same, and it was not easy to keep the morale of our little Sharks in the positive. But we persisted.

Instead of emphasizing winning, we became determined to surprise the other team with our undying spirit.

We waved our purple towels, blared the "Jaws" theme song, and shouted our original Sharks cheers. No matter the odds against us, the Sharks played every game to win.

Despite it all, we never scored one point.

The following fall, I ran into another Shark's mom at a local grocery store. She told me that, even though that her son got a winning team the next season, he seemed sad, and said to her, "Mom, I wish this team was more like the Sharks."

Her comment reassured me that, despite a winless season, the Sharks were a winning team. In the face of unbeatable odds, they showed drive, dedication, character, and good sportsmanship.

Developing these attributes is far more important than winning a game. Vince Lombardi once said, "People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses or the complex problems of modern society."

So, coaches and league officials, get back to basics. Worry less about who is on what team and focus on teaching kids to be members of a successful team. Parents, accept your children's team assignments without complaint, and resolve to help them learn from the experience.

Besides, whether your child wins or loses, you still get to smell the clumps of fresh mud from their cleats, feel the hoarseness of your voice after a close quarter, and taste the hot pot of chili waiting for you at home. It's all good.

Feeling stuffed? Feel the burn at Semper Fit Turkey Burn-Off Aerobathon

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

As Thanksgiving draws near, families everywhere are anticipating enjoying a large, tasty meal together. Some may even feel as stuffed as the turkey after such an immense feast and want to get rid of those extra calories.

Semper Fit Center is hosting its annual Turkey Burn-Off Aerobathon Nov. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The gym has hosted this event for approximately nine years, giving patrons the opportunity to sweat their way through four straight hours of aerobics classes.

"It's going to be a great day to start a new resolution, to work off your Thanksgiving dinner and just have fun with your friends," said Beckie Page, assistant manager, Semper Fit.

Instead of the normal group exercise coupons, patrons will pay for the classes with a donation of a brand new toy for the Toys for Tots Foundation. Patrons are asked not to wrap the toy.

Various instructors will be teaching step class, Pilates Small Ball, yoga, Cardio Kick, cycling and Gut Cut, followed by an hour of Zumba.

Page said there will be two different classes conducted simultaneously each hour; one low impact and one high impact. For example, step class and pilates are paired together during the first hour. Patrons who are not familiar with step class directions may have a difficult time keeping up, and may want to consider trying pilates instead.

Each time a patron attends a class at the event, they will receive a raffle ticket. They can receive up to four raffle tickets to try for a prize. The event schedule is available at Semper Fit. For details, call 254-7597.

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Participants attend a cycling class at the Semper Fit Center during last year's Turkey Burn-Off Aerobathon.

Environmental Corner

Frying a Turkey?

What to do with used cooking oil

Thanksgiving is a week away, and you're thinking about cooking your family's favorite fried sausage stuffing, fried won tons, or even a deep fried turkey. Yum! Now take a moment to plan what to do with the used cooking oil when you're done. Do not pour it down the drain or toilet bowl. It can clog your sewer pipes, causing a sewage overflow. Instead let the oil cool down in the pot, place it in a clean glass bottle, and reuse it the next time you're frying. If it's dirty and ready to be disposed of, absorb the cooled oil with paper towels or old newspaper and throw it away. If you have a lot of oil, you can absorb it in an oil-eater box and put the box in the trash bin. The City and County of Honolulu will burn it for energy use. Any MCB Hawaii housing residents with large quantities of cooking oil can contact the Base Hazardous Waste Accumulation Site (BHWAS) at 257-9913 to ask if they'll take the oil. Cooking oil from a unit's holiday function on base will be accepted at the BHWAS. Please contact them prior to turn in. Thank you, and "Happy Thanksgiving" to you and your family from the Base Environmental staff!

PMO

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month:

Going on leave? Leaving your residence on-base unoccupied?
Sign up for the House Check Program and an uniformed police officer will check your residence.
Contact Crime Prevention at 257-8312.

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

Topic of the month

Remember, if you are under the age of 21 years old it is against Marine Corps Order 1700.22E and Hawaii State Law to possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Moreover, if you are 21 years old or older, knowingly selling or providing alcoholic beverages to someone who is under the age of 21 is prohibited. This includes, not checking identification cards. Military personnel violating this Marine Corps Order are subject to disciplinary action under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice and/or other administrative action and civilian personnel that violate this are subject to civilian criminal prosecution and debarment from MCB Hawaii installations. As always be responsible when consuming alcoholic beverages, and if having a get-together on base, be sure to abide and follow the base orders regarding quiet hours: 10 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday and midnight from Friday to Saturday. Regardless of quiet hours, be respectful of your neighbors. A loud noise complaint can occur anytime of the day. If you suspect that underage consumption of alcohol is occurring report it to the Provost Marshal's Office at 257-1018/2123.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER LISTINGS

Celebrate Hawaiian traditions in Waimanalo

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is looking for individuals, families, and teams to participate in the Waimanalo Makahiki. This free traditional Hawaiian festival will take place Saturday, at 8 a.m. at Bellows Field Beach Park in Waimanalo. The Makahiki season is traditionally a time where fishing, farming and war were prohibited and people from different islands came together to celebrate with music, games and a feast. Come learn about Hawaiian culture and participate in four traditional Makahiki games.

Celebrate the season at Makiki District Park

Celebrate Christmas at Makiki District Park with the rest of the community Dec. 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This free event is open to all ages and includes children's games and crafts, entertainment, refreshments and an opportunity to visit with Santa. The park is located in Honolulu at 1527 Keeaumoku Street. For more information, call the park at 522-7084.

Lyon Arboretum teaches green holiday crafts

Learn how to make holiday decorations using plant cuttings from your own home in the upcoming class "Holiday Swags From Your Backyard."

The class will be held Nov. 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is a hands-on class, so dress comfortably and bring clippers or gardening scissors. Those who have plants or yard cuttings are welcome to bring them to the class. The session is one of several available for adults and children at the Lyon Arboretum in Honolulu at 3860 Manoa Road. Participants will pay a fee for supplies and must register in advance. For more information, call 988-0456.

Bicyclists get in gear for Hawaii Kai parade

Cycle On Hawaii will join several other community groups for the Hawaii Kai Lion's Club Christmas Parade held Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. Paraders will take a trip from the nearby skatepark to Koko Marina Shopping Center in Honolulu. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated bikes and cyclists. Helmets required. Register by Nov. 22 by emailing the-green-one@hawaii.rr.com.

Sign up for North Beach mural competition

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 welcome in Young Marines Program

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.

Help out Marine Thrift Store Kaneohe Bay

The thrift store is on the lookout for volunteers to help sort donations and work at the store. The store is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on Sundays, Wednesdays and federal holidays. Call ahead to schedule your volunteer time at 636-9074.

Boot Camp for New Dads volunteers wanted

Coaches are needed for the "Boot Camp for New Dads" sponsored by the Military and Family Support Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Volunteers must be fathers who are comfortable and experienced with infant care.

Coaches must be availabel for classes on Saturday evenings, lift up 45 pounds or more and commit to coaching three to four boot camp sessions per calendar year. For more information, call 474-1999, extension 6102.

Join hikers on the new Ehukai Kaunala Trail

Meet up with other members of the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club for a hike. This relatively new hike involves carpooling from Sunset Elementary School to the top of Pupukea Road, then hiking mostly downhill on bike trails through dryland forest. You'll reach a bunker on the cliffs above Sunset Beach, with a superb panoramic view. For more information, call 226-0429 or email Fred Boll at frboll@yahoo.com.

Here's Looking At You, Sunset on the Beach

Enjoy a free showing of "Cassablanca" and food vendors serving up Moroccan dishes during the latest Sunset on the Beach session scheduled Nov. 30. Live entertainment from deejays and more will also be playing at the Queen's Surf Beach in Waikiki. The fun starts at 4 p.m., with movies shown after sunset. The Sunset on the Beach sessions are held several times each year in Waikiki.

Enjoy music and hikes at Waimea Valley

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.

Toys for Tots needs donations and volunteers

Help ensure every child in need has a toy this holiday season. The 4th Force Reconnaissance Company is looking for Marines for upcoming holiday events, monetary donations and toys. The toy drive especially needs toys for newborns to 2-year-olds, girls ages 8 to 10 and children 11 years old and older. For more information, call 348-4532 or see http://kaneohe-bay-hi.toysfortots.org/.

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Visitors to the Aloha Tower Marketplace can experience a sunset view looking toward the Honolulu Harbor. The marketplace is located at the end of the Pali Highway in downtown Honolulu.

The first thing greeting tourists when debarking from a cruise liner in Honolulu Harbor is the Aloha Tower. Construction was completed in 1926 for approximately $200,000. The tower served as the Honolulu Harbor Master's control center, from which ships were monitored as they embarked and debarked from the piers adjacent to the tower. Today, the tower is a historical landmark where tourists can gain a bird's-eye view of Honolulu and Diamond Head Crater.

New makeovers coming to Aloha Tower Marketplace

Story and photos by
Cpl. James A. Sauter
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

At the end of the Pali Highway in downtown Honolulu, many patrons at the Aloha Tower Marketplace are relaxed and full of laughs and smiles.

Throughout the week, thousands of people, from locals to tourists, come to the marketplace to experience the restaurants, shops and entertainment at one of Oahu's most famous attractions.

Construction of the Aloha Tower was completed in 1926 for approximately $200,000. The tower functioned as the Honolulu Harbor Master's control center, from which ships were monitored as they embarked and debarked from the piers adjacent to the tower.

Today, the tower is a historical landmark where tourists gain a bird's-eye view of Honolulu and Diamond Head Crater. The tower's warehouse was converted into the present marketplace, which houses restaurants and shops such as Gordon Biersch Brewery, Hooters, Chai's Island Bistro and Island Vintage Coffee Company. The marketplace also has ample open space to host charities and outdoor entertainment events.

"I absolutely love coming to the Aloha Tower to dance," said Beverly Braun, a performer with the Oahu Line Dancers, a dance group that once performed at the marketplace weekly. "It has a nice relaxing atmosphere and places to eat with friends. My favorite part was being able to meet all kinds of new people after the performances."

In past years, the marketplace has been hit with hard financial trouble, as the complex was unable to gross sufficient revenue. Currently, the marketplace is under new management and new venues are expressing interest in renting the real estate. In addition, there are discussions of converting the space into apartments or dormitories for college students on Oahu.

However, due to heavy construction from current renovations, the marketplace has fewer visitors and fewer performances by entertainment groups.

"I'm definitely looking forward to performing there again because there will be so many more people, whether it's new shops or dormitories," Braun said, who's talking with the new management so her group can return to Aloha Tower and perform.

As of now, the new management hasn't released a completion date. With exciting new changes underway, people are expressing their interest in a revitalized marketplace.

"I'm excited for the marketplace's reopening," said Cindy Ujimori, the director of volunteer and corporate relations for Special Olympics Hawaii, who hosted charity events at Aloha Tower in the past. "It has always been a friendly location to hang out with people and I'm hoping to see that liveliness again."

Visitors enjoy a relaxing evening over beverages and hot wings at Hooters, one of the marketplace's most popular restaurants, Tuesday.

ABOVE: Visitors can shop for ice cream at Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream Parlor after a long day in the tropical Hawaiian weather.
LEFT: A few customers browse through the variety of colorful Hawaiian shirts available for purchase at the marketplace.

Pass In Review

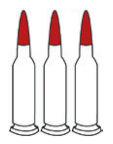
Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

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.

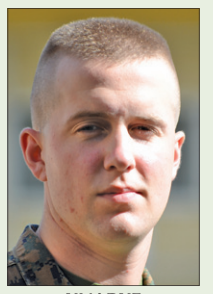
3/4 — On Target
Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.



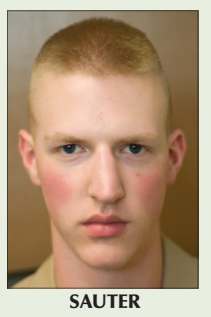
4/4 — Confirmed Kill
Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.

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


KNAPKE

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke enjoys playing video games that are unique and unlike any others. His favorite kind of game always has him guessing what's going to happen next. Knapke likes graphics to evolve over time to make the game more enjoyable and realistic.


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.

Halo 4 kills, thrills better than ever

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
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Everything good and thrilling about Halo can be experienced while playing the new "Halo 4."

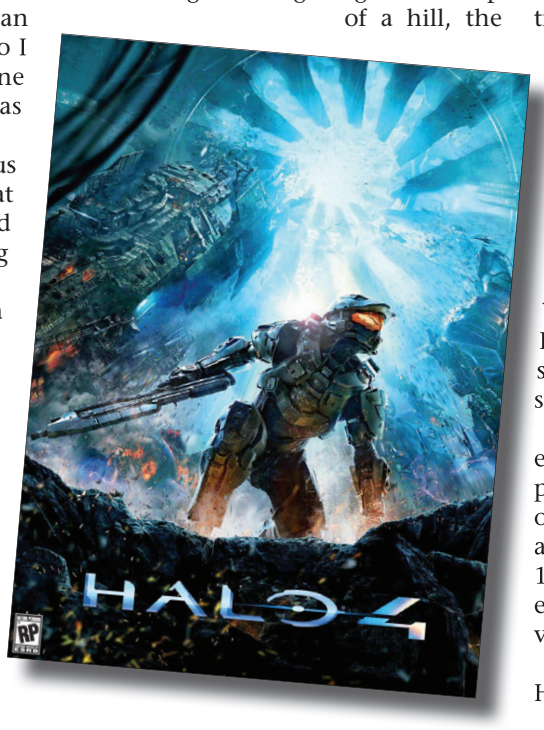
The game's sales reached more than $220 million the day of its release, so I would be remiss if I said it wasn't one of the best games I ever played. I was not let down.

Like many of the previous installments, "Halo 4" has a great story and plot, and its improved graphics make for the ultimate gaming experience.

The game begins with Cortana awaking Master Chief from hyper sleep. Once unthawed, Master Chief doesn't skip a beat and kills the enemy. The first battle takes place in outer space on a destroyed human ship.

Right from the beginning of the first battle, I was impressed with the quality of the graphics, which have vastly improved from the previous "Halo" games. I like to see improvements to the graphics when a new game comes out and "Halo 4" is no exception. The detail in each map and setting greatly improved from Halo Reach, evolving the whole gaming experience.

The planet on which Master Chief crash-lands is Requiem. After leaving the wreckage and fighting to the top of a hill, the player has a good view of the planet on which most of the coming missions will take place.



I was not disappointed because a new enemy was waiting for me. The Promethean humans from ancient times tried to escape but found themselves in a war against the Forerunners.

The destructive Forerunners beat the Prometheans, turning them into mechanized creatures.

I was impressed the first time I used a weapon made by the Prometheans. The game developers improved the weaponry from previous Halo installments and also added weapons. When reloading or shooting the Promethean weapons, I felt like I was shooting transformer-style weapons, something unfamiliar to the game.

The multiplayer option in Halo 4 is exceptional. It features matchmaking, playlists, customization, and social options with which I'm used to playing and expect from the series. There are 10 multiplayer maps that kept me entertained with different weapons, vehicles and objectives.

Cortana plays a huge part in Halo 4. She has a condition called rampancy that greatly damages her artificial intelligence. Rampancy begins following a United Nations Space Command artificial intelligence program, which has been active for more than seven years. It's an effect Cortana says "will have her thinking herself to death."

Cortana's issues with rampancy put Master Chief in quite a predicament. But, it doesn't faze the indestructible soldier and he promises Cortana he will save her from rampancy. The plot and story line for Halo 4 bring out the more personal side of Master Chief, and add an interesting twist to the game.

Although "Halo 4" was just released, I can't help to think about the series' future. The talk of an "Xbox 720" and possibly more Halo installments is extremely exciting. If improvements are made to each new "Halo" game like they were to this latest release, then I see a bright future ahead for all gammers.

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Applause please, 50 years of James Bond comes full circle

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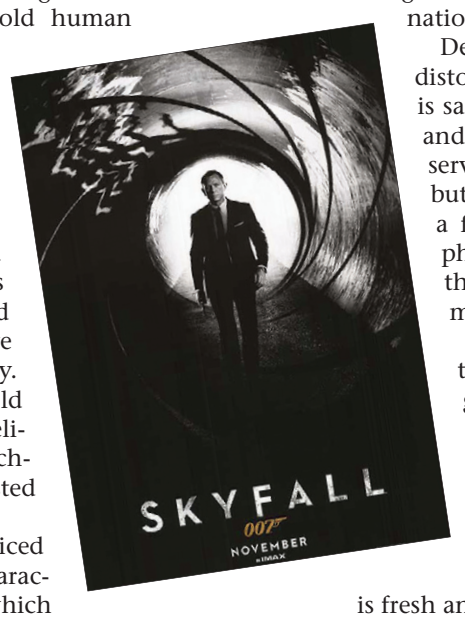
Staying true to what I said in my last review, I saw James Bond in "Skyfall" this weekend. It's been four years since the disappointing "Quantum of Solace" stirred doubts that the momentum from the franchise reboot (2006's "Casino Royale") would be wasted. At that point, thoughts of a third film starring Daniel Craig as "007" were placed on the backburner by studio executive when MGM Studios went through financial troubles in 2010.

Hope shone through when the studio finally announced the title "Skyfall," to be directed by Sam Mendes ("American Beauty" and "Jarhead") and featuring recurring cast members Judi Dench as M and Craig as Bond.

I was excited yet reserved when I heard the news, and a little sketchy about the title because I wasn't sure if it was an appropriate title for a Bond film. Ever since the beginning of the Pierce Brosnan-era with "Goldeneye," MGM has been scripting films based on author Ian Fleming's smaller literary works as opposed to a direct novel. But I should be grateful because the filmmakers were determined to deliver the best Bond ever seen on the big screen in "Skyfall."

This film's story is absolutely wonderful and the action is more than worth it to pay $20 to see it in the IMAX theatre, but it's the themes, not the action, which makes it so great. After all, this movie ties together the story of how Bond becomes "007" while setting it in the modern age.

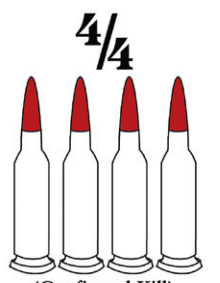
The main theme driving the whole film is the manner in which age-old human intelligence fits into the 21st century and digital age. The battle between old and new ways of operating is evident. The theme arises several times, such as the old, battle hardened Bond meeting Q, MI6's young, inexperienced quartermaster, to receive the latest in spy gadgetry. The debate between old and new wrestles with reliance on advances in technology and the time-tested warrior spirit.



Another theme I noticed was the high level of character conflict in the film, which forms a triangle between Bond, M and villain Raoul Silva (Javier Bardem). Their relationship is similar to Greek heroic myth in which each character offers a mirrored image of the other. In an analogical story, Silva explains to Bond their similarities, figuratively and literally, as brothers from the golden age of espionage. A time when spies battled each other in games of cat and mouse during an epic clash of nation-states.

Despite their similarities, Silva is a twisted and distorted reflection of Bond. The contrasting hero is sane, logical and firmly believes in God, king and country as the ethical basis for honorable service. Silva once believed in the same ideas but fell from grace when endless torture and a failed suicide left him grotesquely scarred, physically and mentally. The result is probably the most diabolical Bond villain yet — genius, maniacal and psychotic.

Call me crazy, but I may see "Skyfall" in the IMAX theatre again because it was that good. If you're an avid Bond fan, you'll notice the small details tying this film to the others. These films are great because they're non-linear, so every new story is fresh and keeps Bond and the viewer going. I'm toasting to 50 years of Bond by ordering a martini shaken, not stirred, in celebration of "Skyfall."



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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.*

"Pitch Perfect" PG-13	Today | 7:15 p.m.
"Dredd" R	Today | 9:45 p.m.
"Frankenweenie" PG	Saturday | 7:15 p.m.
"Taken 2" PG-13	Saturday | 9:45 p.m.
"Hotel Transylvania" PG	Sunday | 2 p.m.
"End of Watch" R	Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
"Hotel Transylvania" PG	Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Tales, turkey and thanksgiving

Photos by Kristen Wong

ABOVE: Skyler Butler, 3, works on a turkey craft at the base library, Thursday. **BELOW:** Sophie Weber, 3, makes a turkey noise with her newly-made turkey craft. Marine Corps Base Hawaii children came to the library to hear Thanksgiving-themed stories and make Thanksgiving crafts.