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MARINE CORPS WELCOMES NEW COMMANDANT

Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. salutes during the passage of command ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., Oct. 17, 2014. Dunford took command from Gen. James F. Amos as the 36th Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Cpl. Lauren L. Whitney | Headquarters Marine Corps



MAG-24 to hold memorial service for CBRN Marine

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 John B. “Jack” Johnson Jr., the chemical, biological, radioactive, nuclear officer in charge at Marine Aircraft Group 24, passed away Oct. 16. A memorial for Johnson, of Lee’s Summit, Mo., will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel. Service members will wear service dress C uniforms, and civilians may wear aloha attire.



JOHNSON

Johnson was born in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 18, 1971. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in August of 1990 and attended Boot Camp aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., July 22, 1991. Johnson completed study at the School of Infantry (West) for Mortarman School

at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., in February 1992, and transferred to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., for duty.

In July 1995, Johnson transferred to the Marine Corps Individual Ready Reserve. In April 1998, he returned to the active component and transferred to 9th Marine Corps District, Recruiting Station, Kansas City, Mo., where he was an extended active duty recruiter and attended the Recruiter’s School aboard MCRD San Diego. In June 2000, Johnson was a police sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

Johnson worked as the battalion career planner for Headquarters and Service Battalion, School of Infantry; Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton; as well as 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines at MCB Hawaii. He had also been assigned as the CBRN defense officer for 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, Headquarters, 3rd Marines, and, since June 2013, for MAG-24.

“Jack was a man that marched to the beat of his own drum,” said Gunnery Sgt. Jeffery Wentz, the MAG-24 CBRN chief. “Whether you understood him or not, you had to love him for it.”

Johnson’s personal decorations include the

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A message from Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr.

Marines, I am truly honored and humbled to serve as your Commandant. I’d like to begin my tenure by thanking General and Mrs. Amos for their four decades of extraordinary service and commitment. They transition to the next phase of their lives with the admiration, appreciation, and affection of all Marines and their families.

The Marine Corps is in great shape. We are recruiting and retaining high-quality Marines who are fit, tough, and smart.

Our Marines are well-led, well-trained, and well-equipped. The infrastructure at our posts and stations - our barracks, family housing and training facilities - has been significantly enhanced over the past decade.

We remain forward-deployed and forward-engaged in the Pacific, South America, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. Just in the last year, we have responded to crises in the Philippines, South Sudan, Libya and Iraq. In Afghanistan, we have remained engaged in

combat operations. We have clearly demonstrated our flexibility, versatility, and adaptability. Marines are relevant and in high demand.

We have answered the call and we have delivered! Throughout the last decade, Marines have enhanced their reputation as the Nation’s premier force in readiness. Today’s Marines, like their predecessors, can be very proud to claim the title “United States Marine.”

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Courtesy photo | Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Marines with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, disembark an MV-22 Osprey on Lance Corporal Torrey L. Gray Field during a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation Exercise, Oct. 10. The Marines set up a security detail around the landing zone to ensure the safety of the aircraft and Marines role-playing as civilians.

3/3 conducts NEO exercise aboard Combat Center

Pfc. Thomas Mudd

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, conducted a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation Exercise on Lance Corporal Torrey L. Gray Field and Del Valle Field, Oct. 10.

The Trinity Marines were provided with air support from Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1, out of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., as part of their Assault Support Tactics Three Exercise during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course.

“In this scenario, we are (simulating that) Twentynine Palms, Calif., is a hostile country where the hostilities are beginning to escalate,” said Capt. Eric Sharpe, MAWTS-1. “At this point, we have American citizens at the embassy or consulate that need to be evacuated prior to full combat operations commencing.”

The exercise started at 6 p.m. and used MV-22 Ospreys and CH53 helicopters to land and extract American civilians represented by Marines. From the air, fixed-wing aircraft, such as F/A-18s, AV-8B Harriers, F-35Bs and EA-6B Prowlers provided security for evacuations and refueling.

“We will be evacuating live personnel, Marine

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conduct training at
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A spooky good time
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Halloween this year?
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NEWS BRIEFS

PMO to promote Red Ribbon Week

The Provost Marshal Office's Crime Prevention coordinator, Jessica Burns, and other Drug Education For Youth volunteers will be stationed in front of the base commissary Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. to promote Red Ribbon Week. The volunteers will be handing out free items such as red ribbon lapel pins, dog tags, rulers, wristbands and pencils to the public.

Red Ribbon Week, which runs from Oct. 27 through 31, raises awareness of drug and alcohol abuse, and encourages communities to advocate for a drug-free lifestyle. The campaign began in 1985 when families across the country wore red ribbons in memory of Drug Enforcement Agency agent Enrique Camarena, who was murdered while investigating a drug ring. It is the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the U.S. This year's campaign motto is "Love Yourself, Be Drug Free." For more information, contact Burns at 257-8312 or jessica.burns@usmc.mil.

Jazz Peace Concert scheduled Saturday

There will be a Jazz Peace Concert Saturday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Byodo-in Temple located in the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park at 47-200 Kahekili Hwy. in Kaneohe. The event is subject to change due to weather conditions. Cost is regular temple admission: \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children.

TAMC to change access policy

Beginning Jan. 15, 2015, Department of the Army security guards manning the Tripler Army Medical Center gate will no longer accept the TAMC hospital badge as a form of ID for access. TAMC staff will be required to show their common access card, Government Military Identification Card, or a Veterans Affairs Personal Identity Verification card to access the TAMC installation.

All contractors working on the installation who do not possess the required IDs will need to obtain the Installation Access Pass. To ease the transition, Department of Emergency Services will establish an IAP section at TAMC for two months prior to the cutoff date to issue contractor IAPs beginning Nov. 15 in room 3B304 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Personnel who have not obtained an IAP by the Jan. 15, 2015 deadline must do so at the Leilehua IPA office located near the Mililani Tech Park. Veterans who do not possess a VA PIV may still access the installation by using their VA-issued ID card or obtaining a day pass from the Visitor Control Center located on the right, just past the TAMC gate, in-bound. Passengers riding the city bus without the proper ID for installation access will be required to disembark the bus at the TAMC gate and embark after the bus completes all stops on the TAMC route. Traffic will stop to allow passengers to safely board the bus at the gate.

The change in policy is a US Army Garrison requirement along with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12. This measure will bring the TAMC campus in line with installation access security mandates. For questions, call the TAMC Provost Marshal's Office at 433-1111/-5914.

Legal Services has new phone number

The Legal Services Support Center located in Bldg. 215, aboard MCBH has updated their phone number. The new number is a central phone line designed to make it easier to contact any of the eight sections of the office. If you need assistance with Trial Services, Administrative Law, Defense, Legal Assistance, Court Reporting/Review, Victim's legal counsel, Tax Center or the Legal Services Chief, call 257-2110. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tyron Francis at 257-7801.

Important Phone Numbers

On-Base Emergencies	911
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Base Information	449-7110
MCB Hawaii Chaplain	257-3552
DEERS	257-2077

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MCCS hosting resource fair for volunteers

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In honor of "Make a Difference Day" this Saturday, personnel aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii are encouraged to attend a resource fair today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mokapu Mall to find out how they can make a difference.

"Make a Difference Day" is an annual event created by USA Weekend magazine more than 20 years ago. Each year, on the fourth Saturday of October, citizens nationwide are encouraged to get involved in their community by volunteering. The fair will feature more than 15 national and local organizations as well as base entities, like the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the base library.

Estella Euclide, the Marine and Family Programs assistant director and volunteer coordinator, came up with the idea of a resource fair for Make a Difference Day after receiving guidance from Headquarters Marine Corps to encourage more volunteerism.

"(Through the resource fair), people can get informed and have a one-on-one dialogue with individual organizations," said Crystal Brookover, an Information and Referral specialist with Marine and Family Programs.

Brookover, who is helping coordinate the fair, encourages service members and spouses to volunteer. She said because several of the organizations are nationwide, service members can continue to volunteer with that organization while stationed elsewhere or after leaving the military. Volunteering, she said, can also be helpful in career advancement, resume building and meeting new people.

"(Through volunteering) I've always come away with new friends and new contacts," she said. "It's an indescribable feeling of accomplishment."

Brookover encourages everyone to volunteer, as there are opportunities for various ages and schedules.

In one instance, service members, civilians and their families together cleaned Kailua Beach Park during International Coastal Clean Up Day, Sept. 20. Brookover remarked that people would be surprised at how excited children were to be part of the cleanup.

She mentioned that she has even seen service members volunteer for an organization and come

back to their units to encourage others to get involved. Some volunteers have even personally benefited from helping others.

J.J. Dentel, the family readiness officer for Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, was averaging 50 hours a week working at an advertising agency, in addition to a part-time job when her husband deployed just months after they were married. Although it was his fifth deployment, it was the first she had experienced during their marriage.

"I thought I was strong enough to survive through the deployment," Dentel said. "But when family members came out to visit, they noticed I no longer enjoyed the same things. I didn't enjoy meeting new people, going to the beach, I didn't even want to leave my house; that's not the type of person that I am."

Encouraged by family to begin volunteering again, Dentel started volunteering at a local church, which yielded positive results.

"I enjoyed helping other people," Dentel said. "I found myself smiling a lot more. I had a greater purpose in life, I could fulfill other people's needs; I began to feel better about myself."

Eventually, Dentel decided that becoming a FRO would enable her to help others avoid the challenges she faced during her husband's deployment. Today, she not only volunteers when time allows, she spreads the word weekly about volunteer opportunities from more than 15 different organizations among Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam units, spouse groups, family and friends. She also helps connect volunteer coordinators with points of contact.

"Oftentimes the only real way to find yourself, your inner strength (and) peace is losing yourself," Dentel said. "The easiest way to let go can be through volunteer work. Oftentimes people find that volunteering fills this vast void. Studies show that people's lives are changed by volunteering. People who volunteer are less likely to feel less isolated, and not only feel pride but satisfaction and physical (well-being). I urge everyone to try to volunteer at least once in their lives and see how they can benefit from helping others."

Personnel unable to attend the resource fair who want information on volunteering may contact Brookover at 257-7786 or their unit's FRO.



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Staff Sgt. Andrew Bigos, motor transport operations chief, and Cpl. Jeremy Cope, radio operator, both from 3rd Marine Regiment, spread fertilizer for some of Mokapu Elementary School's plants during "Make a Difference Day" Nov. 6, 2010.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Department of Environmental Services Storm Water Quality Branch is offering numerous volunteer opportunities for "Make A Difference Day" and during the month of November.

Participants are advised to wear old clothes, covered shoes and a hat, and bring water and sunscreen. All participants must sign a release form to participate. For release forms or more information, visit www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com/storm/hero/adopt.html or call 768-3267 or 768-3285.

Manoa Adopt-A-Stream
Mercy Worldwide is hosting a Manoa Adopt-A-Stream cleanup, Saturday from 7:30 to noon. To volunteer, call 769-6010.

Kahawai Adopt-A-Stream

Weinberg Village is hosting a Kahawai Adopt-A-Stream cleanup, Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Call 259-6658 or 259-6076.

Mililani Adopt-A-Block

Mililani Lions Club is hosting a Mililani Adopt-A-Block cleanup, Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. To volunteer, call Ronald Miyagi at 352-9718.

Kapolei community cleanup

E Ola Ma Kapolei needs volunteers 12 years or older for a Kapolei community cleanup, Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet at Kapolei High School. To volunteer, call E Ola Pono Ma Kapolei at 545-3228, ext. 34.

Mililani Adopt-A-Block

The Mililani Lions Club needs volunteers 12 years or older to remove debris from Lanikuhana Street, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Volunteers will meet at Makaimoimo Street behind Walmart. For more information, contact Ronald Miyagi at 352-9718.

McKinley Adopt-A-Block

Ala Moana Lions Club is hosting a McKinley Adopt-A-Block cleanup around the high school Saturday. To volunteer, contact David Komori at 839-2861.

Kawa Adopt-A-Stream

James B. Castle High School seeks volunteers 12 years or older to remove debris and weeds along the banks of Kawa Stream, Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet at Kawa Stream next to Castle High School. For more information, contact Koren Uyemura at koren.u@gmail.com or 741-6421.

Hahaione Adopt-A-Stream

Malama Maunaulua needs volunteers 12 years or older, to clean up debris along Hahaione Stream, Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers will meet at Hahaione Neighborhood Park (off of Ainapo Street). To volunteer, call Malama Maunaulua at 395-5050.

Manoa Adopt-A-Stream

Malama Manoa needs volunteers 12 years or older, to clean up debris along Manoa Stream, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the bridge along Woodlawn Drive near Longs Drugs. For more information, call George Arizumi at 988-5069.

Kailua Adopt-A-Block

Huakailani School needs volunteers 12 years or older, for a Kailua Adopt-A-Block project and will meet Nov. 8 from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, contact Caitlin Tillotson at 927-8005.

Kalihi Adopt-A-Stream/Block

Kamehameha Schools needs volunteers 12 years or older, for a Kalihi Adopt-A-Stream/Block project Nov. 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers will meet at Ulu Pono parking lot. To volunteer, call Gail Vannatta or Lisa Akana at 843-3475 or 843-3476.

AROUND THE CORPS

‘Gunfighters’ take basics to heart for familiarization training

Cpl. Christopher Johns
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — UH-1Y Huey pilots and crews with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 “Gunfighters,” took to the air for familiarization training aboard Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 16.

Although this training occurs fairly often, it allows pilots and crew members, or those who haven’t flown in a while, a chance to gain valuable time flying the aircraft.

“We focused on the basics,” said Capt. Matt Blose, a HMLA-359 Huey pilot. “If we’re out of the cockpit for a while, we can become a little rusty — kind of like not riding a bike for a while.”

The first portion of the familiarization flight consisted of maneuvers and confined area landings, what Blose called, “the basics.” Crew chiefs and pilots worked together to ensure they were safe from other aircraft, power lines and obstacles on the ground while landing.

Sgt. John Petersen, an HMLA-369 crew chief said the crew chiefs are there to keep the pilots informed on how the aircraft is oriented to obstacles or threats, because the pilots don’t have a 360-degree view of their surroundings.

“We’re there to keep the pilots



Cpl. Christopher Johns | Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

A UH-1Y Huey with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 “Gunfighters,” prepares to land during a familiarization flight aboard Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 16. Pilots and crews practiced basic flight operations like landings and take-offs several times in succession to hone their skills.

informed on how the aircraft reacts to obstacles or threats, because they don’t have a 360-degree view of their surroundings,” saidLater on, pilots relied on crew chiefs and their instruments alone to fly, much like they would in poor weather. No matter the conditions, the “Gunfighters” get teams into hard-to-reach areas, or provide support to other aircraft bringing Marines and supplies where they are needed.

Blose, Petersen, and their peers know how important their missions are to the Marine Corps and to the Marines on the ground

fighting.

“If we aren’t proficient at what we do, we aren’t providing the best product we can to men on the ground; that could kill them,” Petersen said.

Providing the best product possible is something Blose takes great pride in.

“It’s a great feeling to know I can be there to support the guys on the ground,” said Blose. “Working with guys in the back of the aircraft with a lot of experience, having a great team and making sure they get back safe and get to come home at the end of the day is just great.”



Petty Officer 3rd Class Devin Menhardt | Patrol Squadron 4

Seaman Brandon Cardon, an aviation ordnanceman signals to the pilots of Patrol Squadron 4’s P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft that he has armed the aircraft’s countermeasure dispensing system. VP-4 is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe.

VP-4 begins Exercise Noble Justification 2014

Seaman Daniel Schumacher

U.S. Navy

SIGONELLA, Sicily — Patrol Squadron 4 began Exercise Noble Justification 2014, a NATO-coordinated air, land and sea exercise, in the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean on Oct. 13. NEJN14 is a NATO-led, multinational exercise meant to certify NATO Response Force 2015 for potential contingency operations.

“We are very excited to participate in NATO’s Noble Justification,” said Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Davis, the detachment officer in charge, VP-4. “While the participants will have the opportunity to exercise a wide range of tactical military objectives, the real value of Noble Justification is improving our ability to work with our NATO partners in a dynamic environment.”

Securing the maritime environment promotes regional, global economic, energy and food security. By operating forward in partnership with African and European nations, the unit strives to improve interoperability and collectively work toward a more secure maritime environment.

Exercises such as NEJN14 are conducted to encourage an environment of maritime safety and security in the region, and interoperability among participating nations.

VP-4 is providing multiple P-3C Orion aircraft to participate in the anti-submarine warfare scenarios as one aspect that composes NEJN14. By interacting with the NATO nations, VP-4 aims to better establish a coordinated presence in the region, emphasizing the mutual goals of security and stability in both maritime domains.

VP-4 is part of Commander, Task Force 67. CTF 67 provides support to U.S. 6th Fleet, Naval Forces Europe-Africa, NATO, and unified commanders to conduct anti-submarine warfare, maintain domain awareness, enhance regional stability, promote cooperative maritime safety and security, and conduct overseas contingency operations.

U.S. 6th Fleet, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied, joint and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests, and security and stability in Europe and Africa.

AUTHOR SHARES EXPERIENCE WITH MILITARY SPOUSES



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Author Leslie Morgan Steiner reads an excerpt from her book, “Crazy Love,” in the Fairways Ballroom at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, Tuesday. Steiner, a domestic violence survivor, wrote about her experiences with an abusive relationship in her 2010 book. Steiner has been featured on various TV shows and in numerous publications. She spoke to the military spouses about her experiences and signed copies of her book. Marine and Family Programs brought Steiner to speak for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, annually in October.

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii offers RelayHealth online

Press Release

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii is currently offering its enrolled beneficiaries a convenient way to connect with their Medical Home Port Team through NHCH Online, powered by RelayHealth.

RelayHealth is a web-based service in which providers and patients can securely communicate online. Imagine no more waiting on hold for appointments or medication refills, imagine maybe even saving yourself an office visit for your non-urgent needs.

Of course, beneficiaries may still

call the clinic, or come in for a face-to-face visit. This is just an added option for your convenience, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The RelayHealth service is safe, secure and confidential. This is a service purchased by Navy Medicine to communicate with service members and families who are enrolled in NHCH for their care. It is as easy to use as email, but incorporates stronger security measures that ensure your privacy.

To register for NHCH Online (powered by RelayHealth) visit <https://app.relayhealth.com/Registration.aspx> or scan the QR Code.

For assistance in registering, call the toll-free RelayHealth Customer Support Line at 1-866 RELAYME (1-866-735-2963).



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role-players. Those Marines will be notional (passengers)," Sharpe said. "Each Marine represents 20 American civilians."

The NEO exercise simulated the evacuation of U.S. personnel from an embassy in a foreign country. Combat Center Marines took part in the exercise by representing both American personnel and natives of the "country." These role players portrayed both non-hostile and hostile civilians who applied pressure to the security of the landing zone.

"Today we are basically testing the security of the actual Marines that will be covered down on the (helicopter)," said Lance Cpl. Brandon Ashdown,

Tactical Training Exercise Control Group. "We are seeing what they do when they have people harassing them like they would in country."

The role-players and the nature of the operation gave the Marines an opportunity to rehearse noncombatant situations.

"It is important because not everything the United States military will find themselves doing will be full-fledged combat operations," Sharpe said. "We need to be prepared for a large spectrum of operations we may be expected to perform."

The four-hour exercise gave the Marines a chance to apply the tactics they may need when asked to conduct a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation in any part of the world.

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Navy and Marine Commendation Medal with three gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star, and Good Conduct Medal with two bronze stars. His service awards consist of the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Nato Medal – ISAF Afghanistan.

He is survived by his mother Ardyce Brown, sons Matthew and Jase, daughter Tiana, and the mother of his children, Tina Johnson.

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Despite these accomplishments, much work remains to be done. As Marines, we maintain the highest standards and we constantly seek to improve. We will continue to attack by:

- Maintaining a first-rate, well-trained total force of Marines in a high state of readiness
- Prioritizing the support of those Marines in harm's way
- Developing and fielding Marine Air-Ground Task Force capabilities that will ensure the Marine Corps remains an innovative, relevant, naval, expeditionary force-in-readiness
- Building upon our success in leader development, professional military education, wounded warrior care and family readiness

Our Corps is informed by your input. I will continue to engage with Marines of all grades to solicit feedback. Your ideas will help us improve our warfighting and crisis response capabilities and provide the foundation for detailed Commandant's Planning Guidance in the new year.

Know that I'm extraordinarily proud to stand in your ranks. Thanks for who you are and what you do. Continue to march ...

Sports & Lifestyle

On-base, community Halloween events

HPU hosting Halloween FunFest 2014

The annual Hawaii Pacific University Halloween FunFest is scheduled today from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at 1188 Fort Street Mall in Honolulu. The free event will have more than 20 carnival booths run by HPU student organizations with games and prizes, music, trick-or-treating and costume contests for all ages. After FunFest: stay for the movie "Hocus Pocus," at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.hpu.edu/funfest>.

Kahuna's hosting Halloween party

Kahuna's Sports Bar and Grill is scheduled to host a Halloween party, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. There will be karaoke from 9 p.m., dancing and a staff costume contest. The event is open to E-5 and below. For more information, call Jim Hamachek, 254-7660.

K-Bay Lanes hosting costume contest

K-Bay Lanes is hosting a Keiki Halloween special, Oct. 31 from 5 to 6 p.m. The children of eligible base patrons, ages 10 and younger wearing a costume, may bowl one free game. There will also be costume contest judging at 6 p.m. For more information, call Elden Doi at 254-7664.

Base chapel hosting fall event

The staff at the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel is hosting a Fall Fellowship, Oct. 31 from 4 to 8 p.m. Families can stop by the chapel at any time to enjoy the fun and fellowship. There will be activities as well as free candy, hot dogs and drinks.

Bellows AFS presents BooFest

The Haunted Village awakens at the 15th annual Bellows BooFest, Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. at Turtle Cove, building 220. Activities include a costume contest, "Trunk or Treat" and two outdoor movie screenings of "ParaNorman" and "Hotel Transylvania." It is recommended attendees come in costume, bring a bag for trick-or-treating and a flashlight. Blankets, chairs and coolers are also welcome for the movies. The event is open to active duty, retirees, reservists, National Guard, current/retired Department of Defense employees with an authorized identification card and their families. For questions, call 259-4112 or email Kimberly "Hana" Konohia at kimberly.konohia@us.af.mil.

Iroquois Point Preschool to host carnival

The Iroquois Point Preschool will be hosting a Halloween carnival Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Waterfront at Puuloa Beach Park (on the corner of Iroquois Avenue and Edgewater Drive). There will be bounce houses, games, crafts, face painting, balloon art, live music and food. For more information, call 499-1279.

Windward Mall to host Pumpkin Carving Festival, Family Day

Windward Mall in Kaneohe will host a Pumpkin Carving Festival and Family Day, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at

its center court. This family event will include children's games, activities and entertainment. The pumpkin carving contest costs \$35 and includes pumpkin, carving kit, gloves and stencils. For more information or reservations, call 945-1005 or visit www.pumpkin carving-festival.org.

Hawaii Nature Center hosting Spooky Spiders

Hawaii Nature Center staff is hosting Spooky Spiders at 2131 Makiki Heights Dr., Honolulu. The event is Sunday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Search for spiders and their webs in the forest and glade, and learn about their homes and habits. After learning about real spiders, make a spider mask for Halloween. This program is for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Reservations are required. Cost: \$10 for non-members. For more information or reservations, call 955-0100, ext. 118.

Pearl City Foundation to host Halloween Bash

The Pearl City Foundation's Halloween Bash is Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Momilani Community Center at 715 Hoomoana St. For more information, call 456-2073.

Hallowbaloo Music and Arts Festival

The Hallowbaloo Music and Arts Festival is free and scheduled for Saturday from 5:30 to 10 p.m. in the Chinatown Arts District. The event will have various performance artists and musical guests. Attendees are invited to come in costume. For more information, visit www.hallowbaloo.com.

Dr. Carnage's House of Horrors

Windward Mall is hosting Dr. Carnage's House of Horrors today and Saturday, Oct. 29 through 31 from 7 p.m. to closing (varies) in the parking structure of the mall. Recommended for ages 13 and older. Cost is \$15.

Calvary Chapel Windward to host Harvest Festival 2014

Calvary Chapel Windward is hosting a Harvest Festival Oct. 31 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Aikahi Shopping Center near Safeway. Family-friendly costumes only. There will be games, face painting and more. Call 254-5546 for more information.

Waimanalo Country Farms to host Fall Harvest 2014

Waimanalo Country Farms, located on 41-225 Lupe Street in Waimanalo, is hosting Fall Harvest 2014, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take a hay ride, see farm animals, play games, eat, and get pumpkins. Free admission and parking.

Small fees for games and activities. Pumpkins and food for sale. For more information, call 306-4381.

Haunted Plantation at Hawaii's Plantation Village

Haunted Plantation returns to Hawaii's Plantation Village in Waipahu, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30 and 31 from 7 to 11 p.m. For ticket information, visit hawaiihauntedplantation.com.

Aloun Farms hosting Pumpkin Festival

Aloun Farms is hosting a Pumpkin Festival, Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 91-1440 Farrington Hwy., in Kapolei.

Take a free tractor-pulled hay ride; pick corn, sunflowers, kabocha, green beans and pumpkins; and enjoy live entertainment. Cost is \$3 admission (kids 2 and under free). Admission price includes parking and tractor rides. For more information, call 677-9516.

"Out of this World" Trick-or-Treat Halloween Event

The free "Out of This World" Trick-or-Treat Halloween event is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Salt Lake Shopping Center in Honolulu. There will be games, prize giveaways, special activities including make-and-take crafts, center-wide trick-or-treating and a costume contest for ages 12 and younger. For more information, call 735-8822.

Storytime at Ala Moana

There will be a free Halloween storytime event and various activities Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ala Moana Shopping Center's Barnes & Noble in Honolulu. For more information, call 949-7307.

Hawaiian Railway Society hosting 'Spookapalooza'

Today and Saturday, 20-minute ghost story train rides will be departing at 7, 7:45, 8:30 and 9:15 p.m. from Hawaiian Railway Society in Ewa Beach. Cost is \$5, cash only. For more information or reservations, call 681-5461.

Halloween event at Art Explorium

There will be a Halloween Music Jams and Imagination Exploration, Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Art Explorium, 1142 Koko Head Ave. in Kaimuki.

This class is for children ages 2 to 5 years old. Join local singer/songwriter Mia Adams for fun and frolic with her guitar, encouraging and guiding exploration of music and rhythm, instruments and singing, motor skills and dance, rhyming and more.

Cost is \$15 per child. For more information, call 312-4316. To register <http://artexplorium.wufoo.com/forms/art-explorium-workshop-registration-form/>.

Halloween stories at Ala Moana

Get in the mood for Halloween with a free storytime event by Kazuno Kohara, Tuesday, at 11 a.m. at Barnes & Noble in Ala Moana Shopping Center. For more information, call 949-7307.

Hawaii Children's Discovery Center to host event

There will be a Halloween event, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hawaii Children's Discovery Center, 111 Ohe St. in Honolulu. Come dressed in a costume for a special treat. General admission is \$10. Military admission is \$8. Children under 1 are free. For more information, call 524-5437.

Ala Moana offering mall trick-or-treating

Participating stores at Ala Moana Shopping Center are offering mall trick-or-treating, Oct. 31 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. while supplies last. For more information, call 955-9517.

Trick-or-treating at Pearlridge

Pearlridge Shopping Center is hosting free trick-or-treating in its Uptown and Downtown locations, Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Trick-or-treating at participating stores is available for children under 12 dressed in costume. For more information, call 488-0981.

Hawaii Kai Towne Center hosting Spook-tacular event

There will be a Spooktacular pirate-themed event Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hawaii Kai Towne Center. The event includes pumpkin crafts, costume contest, trick-or-treating and more. Visit hawaiikaitownecenter.com.

Town Center of Mililani to host Spooktacular

Town Center of Mililani's Halloween Spooktacular includes a costume contest for teens, keiki and pets, pumpkin decorating and more. The event is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 95-1249 Meheula Parkway. For more information, call 625-0108.

St. Louis School hosting Bertram Hall-O-Ween Fright Night

St. Louis School on Waialae Avenue is scheduled to host the Bertram Hall-O-Ween Fright Night, Oct. 31. There will be trick-or-treating from 5 to 7 p.m. and a haunted house from 5 to 10 p.m.

Safe trick-or-treating at Windward Mall

Windward Mall is offering free, safe trick-or-treating, Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participating merchants will give out goodies to children in costume. For more information, call 235-1143.



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REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 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. 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 there’s 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.



Better Know A Critic
Pfc. Harley Thomas enjoys films that are meaningful and display the human condition. He enjoys movies that leave you wanting more after it's over. Some of his favorites include “Leaves of Grass,” “Detachment,” “Dead Poets Society” and “Goodfellas.”

THIS WEEK’S RATING:
3/4

(On Target)

‘As Above, So Below’ scary on all sides

Pfc. Harley Thomas
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

You know the premise of any horror film – the tense atmosphere that puts you on the edge of your seat, anxiously awaiting the next all-too predictable jump-scare. Personally, when I see that another “found footage” film, or a film viewed through the lens of an amateur videographer, has been released, my first thought is, “Oh great, another one.” Horror has got to be the genre I criticize the most. If you’ve seen one, you’ve seen them all, right? Well, not quite (at least, not with this one). “As Above, So Below” offers the unnerving perspective of a found footage film like “The Blair Witch Project” with the action of an Indiana Jones film. While there may not be any rolling boulders or cracking whips, “As Above, So Below” dives deep into your nightmares and doesn’t let up until the credits roll.

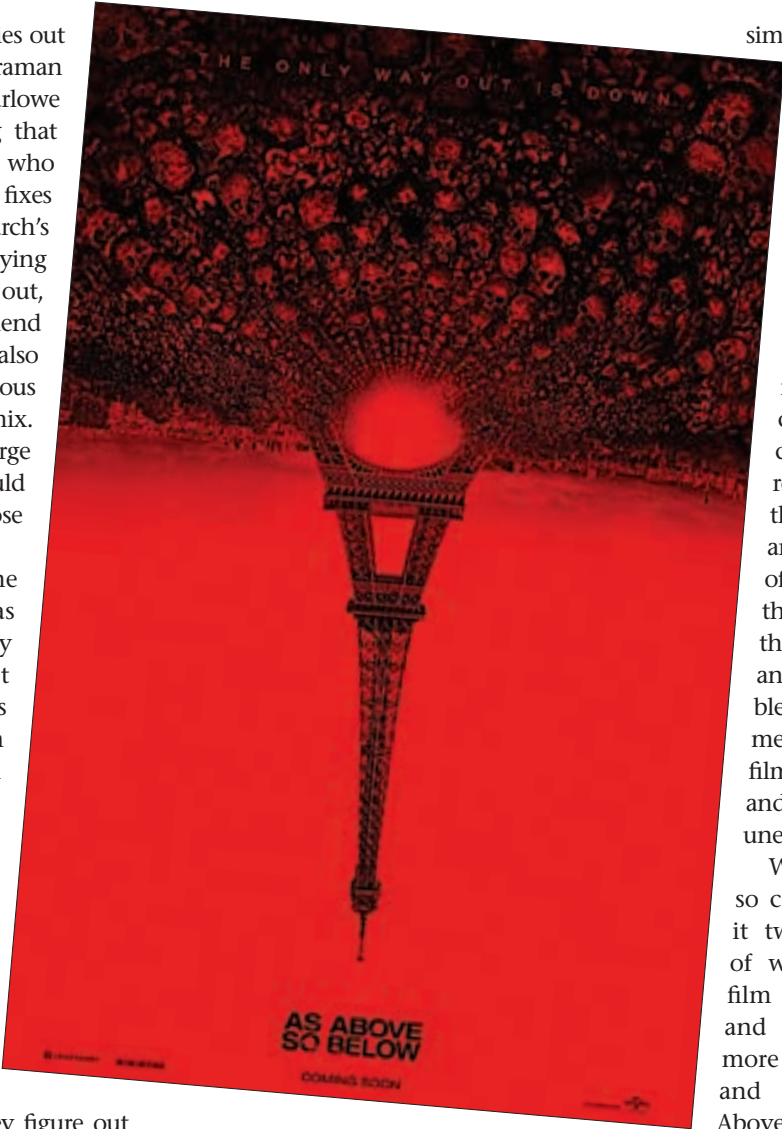
Scarlett Marlowe (Perdita Weeks), is a young scholar continuing her dead father’s work in searching for the legendary Philosopher’s Stone. Now to say she is intelligent would be quite the understatement (imagine a younger version of the Tomb Raider heroine, Lara Croft). She has two doctorates, can speak four languages – along with two dead ones – and has a black belt in krav maga, a self-defense system developed for the Israeli military.

The film kicks off in Iran where Marlowe discovers the Rose Key inside a cave that is about to be demolished by the Iranian government. After barely making

it out of the cave alive, she flies out to Paris. Along with her cameraman Benjy (Edwin Hodge), Marlowe breaks into a church saying that she’s “looking for someone who breaks into places and fixes things.” At the top of the church’s clock tower they find a man trying to repair the bells. As we find out, this man is Marlowe’s old friend George (Ben Feldman), who also happens to bring some serious unresolved issues into the mix. Upon fixing the clock, George tells Marlowe that he would only help her translate the Rose Key, “but that’s it.”

The Rose Key leads the trio to the tomb of Nicolas Flamel, a 14th-century scrivener and manuscript seller, who died in 1418. It’s fabled that he was also an alchemist and succeeded in creating his magnum opus, the Philosopher’s Stone. The Philosopher’s Stone is a legendary substance said to turn any base metal into gold, as well as provide everlasting life and it also has rejuvenating qualities. The trio comes to find that Flamel hid the stone halfway between Earth and Hell. They figure out the only place deep enough would be the catacombs beneath Paris. The group would come to realize there are some places you shouldn’t wander.

One of the most interesting – and



obviously important – aspects of the film is alchemy. The entire plot of the film insists on its existence. The title, “As Above, So Below,” is the shortened mantra of alchemy and hermeticism. To put it in

simpler words: “As it is above, so it is below, as it is within, so it is without.”

When I first saw this film, I thought about the Italian poet Dante Alighieri’s “Inferno”, a text that this film borrows heavily from.

Dante’s poetic visualizations of death and torment come to life as the crew must face their inner demons. As if facing the horrors of hell weren’t enough, the film’s soundtrack and ambience add to the sense of complete distress. From the moment the group enters the catacombs, the music rises and falls with the group’s troubles and endeavors, and for me, this is what a good horror film is all about. It draws you in and anchors a serious sense of uneasiness within you.

While watching this, I got so caught up in it, I watched it twice to understand more of what was going on. This film plays into our weaknesses and fears, but was ultimately more intriguing than terrifying, and that’s why I give “As Above, So Below” an “On Target.” I recommend it to anyone who either enjoys horror films or to those who think the horror genre is dead. Who knows, it might’ve just been revived.

Prices: All shows are \$4.25 for adults and \$3.25 for children. All 3-D shows are \$8 for adults and \$6 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.

“The Boxtrolls”(3-D) PG	Today 6:30 p.m.
“The Equalizer” R	Today 9:15 p.m.
“The Maze Runner” PG	Saturday 6:30 p.m.
“A Walk Among the Tombstones” R	Saturday 9:15 p.m.
“The Boxtrolls”(3-D) PG	Sunday 2 p.m.
“The Maze Runner” PG	Sunday 6:30 p.m.
“The Equalizer” R	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Senior enlisted host SSGT seminar



Gunnery Sgt. Curtis Bradley, the equal opportunity advisor for Marine Corps Base Hawaii, explains the importance of equality in the Marine Corps to staff sergeant selects Oct. 16 in the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel.

Pfc. Harley Thomas

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines awaiting promotion to the rank of staff sergeant attended a three-day staff sergeant seminar at the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel Oct. 15 though 17. Command and base representatives, assets and staff, both civilian and military, spoke to the Marines in order to assist them in their transition into the staff noncommissioned officer ranks.

The seminar is meant to help provide Marines with the mindset necessary for leading junior enlisted personnel.

1st Sgt. William Pinkerton, the first sergeant for Headquarters Battalion, Service Company, said the seminar is like an indoctrination to familiarize Marines with the responsibilities and expectations of an SNCO.

“It’s a big promotion, so we cover everythingfromadministrativefunctions to staff NCO and officer relationships,” Pinkerton said. “It’s basically just to help them with the transition to their increased responsibility as a staff NCO. For example, a staff sergeant should be expected to lead a platoon, which is a big jump as sergeants are typically expected to lead squads.”

Pinkerton said because they are held accountable for more, there is a lot of value in a program that assists the future staff sergeants.

“(The course) is new and nothing has been formalized,” Pinkerton said. “This is not, in any way, meant to replace the career course, but the promotion to staff sergeant is such a big jump that we figured we could provide some additional professional military education to assist them in the transition.”

Attending the seminar was Staff Sgt. select Ben Larivee, an avionics technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24. Larivee said that the seminar was a very effective way to quickly refocus.

“The staff sergeant seminar provides a

new perspective on the same knowledge we’ve known for years, with a goal of having us look at the Marine Corps from a staff NCO point of view,” Larivee said. “The career course will have a more lasting effect, but to have the seminar immediately upon selection was a clever initiative by Marine Corps Base Hawaii as a means to welcome the selectees to the staff NCO ranks while giving general guidelines as to what will be expected of us. I can’t speak for the other selectees, but I’d imagine it had a positive effect on all of us.”

One of the speakers at the seminar was Gunnery Sgt. Curtis Bradley, the equal opportunity advisor for MCB Hawaii. He said the course is important as a way to heighten the Marines’ awareness and preparedness for leading junior Marines.

“This is the first base I’ve been to that they’ve actually held out a week for training the newly-promoted staff sergeants or staff sergeant selects,” said Bradley. “The staff sergeant seminar is not an official course like the staff sergeant academy or the career course, but I think it’s important that the base does this as people change rank from being a noncommissioned officer to a staff NCO.”

Bradley said that the biggest thing Marines need to take out of the staff sergeant course is that they need to recognize the role they are now playing.

“As a staff NCO it’s important for us to realize we’re here to take care of others; to start looking at leading from the big picture versus the right now and be reminded that it’s about the institution, not the individual.”

Bradley said he believes the course is very important and should not only be given as a staff sergeant seminar, but it should be given at all ranks.

“It’s valuable training,” said Bradley. “If it’s given to you while you’re younger and you’re entering the Marine Corps, you’re less likely to have issues as you grow within the Marine Corps.”

Pfc. Harley Thomas | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Play to fight breast cancer

Jackie M. Young
Hawaii Marine

For Master Sgt. Kevin Cochran, 40, airfield operations chief, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, breast cancer is personal.

“My mom had breast cancer, and although she didn’t pass away directly because of that, there were complications,” he revealed. “I believe if she had known how to do self-exams properly and had done regular check-ups, then the cancer might’ve been caught sooner.”

Cochran’s mother, 57, passed away in March in Dayton, Ohio. He also has cousins who have had breast cancer. “The statistics say one in eight women could get breast cancer in her life. That could be someone’s sister or mother or cousin or aunt.”

About one in 1,000 men may also get breast cancer in his life. “The disease also affects the

service member,” noted Cochran, whose mom had lived with him while he was stationed in South Carolina. “You’re worried about your family member, while still trying to accomplish the military’s mission. If the family member’s with you, and you’re moving due to your military service, then it just puts extra stress on everyone involved.”

So when his volunteer group of nearly a dozen Marines and sailors was casting around for another charitable event to sponsor - after gathering 120 canned goods for the homeless during a flag football tournament in August to call attention to domestic violence - Cochran decided it was time to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a basketball tournament, just as October ends.

Cochran wants the whole K-Bay community to become more aware of the disease and its effects, and to become more informed about getting regular check-ups and mammograms. He’ll be speaking to the players and audience during breaks in the tournament about breast cancer and handing out informational brochures from the American Cancer Society.



Assisting Cochran with organizing the event are MCAS K-Bay Marines Lance Cpl. Brandon Stallworth, 21, airfield operations clerk, and Cpl. Ashley Martinez. Martinez, 23, is an S-3/C-20 operations clerk, whose 36-year-old aunt also had an operation for breast cancer.

“Luckily, they caught the cancer in time, so her prognosis is good,” explained Martinez of her aunt.

With the encouragement of the unit’s secretary, Alice Arakawa, and former chaplain Navy Lt. Robert Crabbe and current chaplain Navy Lt. Colby Torres, Cochran is also trying to raise awareness of the problem of homelessness, which is why canned goods are being asked for in order to participate in the tournament.

Based on at least 80 players showing up for the domestic violence event in August (not counting dependents), Cochran expects a full turnout for the basketball tournament, “the Marines’ No. 1 game.” Email blasts have been sent out to all Navy and Marine units.

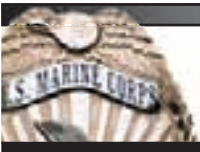
When asked whether the men will be embarrassed to wear pink while playing basketball, Stallworth just chuckled.

“Nah, those guys are just looking for an excuse to wear pink!”

- **About one in eight U.S. women (about 12 percent) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.**
- **A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about one in 1,000.**
- **Besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. Just under 30 percent of all cases in women is breast cancer.**
- **For women in the U.S., breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer.**
- **The most significant risk factors for breast cancer are gender (being a woman) and age (growing older).**
- **A woman's risk of breast cancer increases if they have a family history of breast cancer. About 15 percent of women who get breast cancer have a family member diagnosed with it.**
- **About five to ten percent of breast cancer cases can be linked to gene mutations (abnormal changes) inherited from one's mother or father.**
- **About 85 percent of breast cancer cases occur in women with no family history of breast cancer. These occur due to genetic mutations that happen as a result of the aging process and life in general, rather than inherited mutations.**

Sources: www.cancer.gov, www.breastcancer.org/symptoms/understand_bc/statistics

**Breast Cancer Awareness
Basketball Tournament**
Nov. 2
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Semper Fit Center Basketball Court
Marine Corps Base Hawaii
5-on-5 play, eight teams
Registration: three canned goods per player
Contact: brandon.stallworth@usmc.mil



PMO Corner

PMO corner is a recurring series provided by the Provost Marshal's Office, providing crime prevention and safety information to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Be safe this Halloween

Halloween trick-or-treating hours for Marine Corps Base Hawaii are from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

The Provost Marshal's Office and McGruff the Crime Dog encourage residents of MCB Hawaii to utilize the following Halloween safety tips:

- a. Ensure your children are wearing light colored costumes or some type of reflective gear.
- b. Trick-or-treat in groups. Make sure younger children are escorted by a parent or older child (children above the age of 10).
- c. Do not walk in the streets. Stop, look and listen at every street corner.
- d. Do not stop at dark houses.
- e. Do not go inside a stranger's house, no matter what.
- f. Check out all treats at home in a well-lit area.
- g. Show respect for other people and their property.
- h. Residents should ensure that their personal items such as bicycles and toys are secured during these hours.
- i. If you are not going to be home during these hours, ensure that your house is properly secured.
- j. Secure pets inside quarters during these hours.
- k. Drivers should be aware and look out for trick-or-treaters (try to avoid any unnecessary driving during these hours).

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located at the Provost Marshal's Office in the Physical Security section of building 1095. If you are attempting to claim property, please provide available proof of ownership. A person claiming ownership of any item(s) will be required to provide a detailed description of the article prior to release. Call Sgt. Steven Mitre at 257-8557 for more information.

PMO contacts

To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls, contact the desk sergeant: 257-1018/2123 (building 1096)	477-8734/8735 (building 601 for Camp H.M. Smith)
Check in/out, fingerprinting or weapon registration: 257-6994 (building 1095)	Traffic regulations, citations or traffic court, contact the Traffic Court bailiff: 257-6991/6992 (building 1095)
Pet registration, fishing regulations or lost/found animals, contact the PMO game warden: 257-1821 (building 3099)	For all other numbers not listed, contact base information: 449-7110
Vehicle decals, base passes and vehicle registration: 257-2047/0183 (building 1637/1095 for MCB Hawaii)	For more information, visit the PMO website: http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/ProvostMarshalsOffice.aspx In an emergency, call 911.

SPORTS AND BASE BRIEFS

Register for Turkey Trot 10k

Online registration for the Turkey Trot 10k race closes Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. The last race of the year in the Commanding Officer's Fitness Series is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 7 a.m. The race is open to the public and will start and finish at Dewey Square.

There will also be a one-mile family fun run taking place after the 10k. No registration is required for the family fun run. To register, visit www.mccshawaii.com.

Volunteers needed for glow run

The 10th Annual Patriotic Glow Run is scheduled Nov. 15 in Kalaeloa. Volunteers are needed to help with this 3.1-mile run. For more information on the run, visit www.usvetsinc.org/barberspoint. For more information about volunteering, contact Luisanna Carrera at 672-2984 (office) or 271-7022 (cell).

DLPT scheduled in November

The Defense Language Proficiency Test is Nov. 4 at 9 a.m. in classroom A of building 220. Marines qualified to receive foreign language proficiency pay are required to take the test annually.

The Lower Range Constructed Response DLPT5 in Dari is currently available. Six hours of testing is required and personnel must register in advance. The test is open to all active duty personnel. For more information, call Maria Fullenwider at 257-2158.

L.I.N.K.S. for Couples scheduled in November

Come in for a Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills session with your significant other during L.I.N.K.S. for Couples, Nov. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the conference room of building 244. Marines will be certified in L.I.N.K.S. for Marines, while spouses will be certified in L.I.N.K.S. for Spouses. Open to all active-duty Marines, sailors and spouses. Reservations are required. For more information, call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 257-2657.

Baby Boot Camp is scheduled in November

The next Baby Boot Camp is scheduled Nov. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 63 of building 216. This class prepares expectant parents for labor and delivery, newborn care, postpartum changes and breastfeeding basics. The class is open to all active-duty service members and eligible dependents. Reservations are required. For more information, call the New Parent Support Program at 257-8803.

EFMP, FOCUS hosting deployment workshop

The next Managing Deployments Workshop is scheduled for Nov. 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. in classroom

B of building 220. Hosted by the Exceptional Family Member Program and presented by Families OverComing Under Stress, this workshop will cover the life cycle of deployment emotions and how to manage the experience with tips, tools and resources for families.

The workshop allows participants to network with EFMP families and those with a deployed (or about to be deployed) service member.

Participants do not have to be part of the EFMP. For more information about the workshop, call EFMP at 257-0290.

Education Track is scheduled in November

Education Track is scheduled Nov. 6 and 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in classroom B of building 220. This two-day seminar prepares Marines and their spouses to be successful college students. Education Track is open to all active-duty service members and their spouses.

Those interested may visit www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops to a reserve a seat. For more information, call the Transition Readiness Program at 257-7796/-7790.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

26th Annual Talk Story Festival in November

The Department of Parks and Recreation will host the 26th Annual Talk Story Festival Nov. 7 and 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at McCoy Pavilion in Ala Moana Regional Park.

The Talk Story Festival is Hawaii’s oldest and largest storytelling celebration. Nine storytellers each night will share the stage for 20 minutes each, accompanied by sign language interpreters. Gates open at 5 p.m. This event regularly draws large crowds, so come early. For more information, contact Jeff Gere at 768-3032 or jgere@honolulu.gov.

Nominations open for Military Child of the Year

Operation Homefront, a national nonprofit dedicated to providing emergency financial and other assistance to military families, has announced that nominations for the 2015 Military Child of the Year Awards are being accepted online at MilitaryChildOfTheYear.org through Dec. 12.

This award is presented to an outstanding child from each branch of service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. This year, we’ll also have a category for children of National Guardsmen. The recipients receive a \$10,000 award, a laptop, and are flown with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for a special awards gala on April 16.

The Military Child of the Year Award recognizes children who stand out among their peers. Ideal candidates for the award demonstrate resilience, strength of character, and thrive in the face of the challenges of military life.

Anyone can nominate a child. Family members, teachers, coaches, counselors, clergy, neighbors and friends are encouraged to nominate outstanding military children. For more information, visit MilitaryChildofTheYear.org.

Kailua Public Library hosts Bento Rakugo

The Kailua Public Library is hosting Bento Rakugo for one hour of traditional Japanese storytelling spoken in English, Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Audiences 5 years and older are welcome. Learn about this tradition and its 300-year-old history. For more information, call 266-9911.

Hike with your pet

The Hawaiian Humane Society hosts a monthly free hikes for pets and their owners. The next hike is this Saturday, the 25th, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Waimano Ridge Trail in Pearl City. Bring enough water for yourself and your animal for the two-hour hike. For more information, call 356-2222 or visit www.hawaiianhumane.org/dog_hiking.

Annual Kids Fest scheduled Sunday

Kids Fest is a free community health event for children and families that promotes healthy, active lifestyles, exercise, nutrition and injury prevention Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The event will feature interactive health and wellness activities, fun games, entertainment and snacks. Admission to the event is free to Hawaii residents and military families with valid identification. For more information, call 522-3469.

Pacific Aviation Museum remembers pilots

Observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War as Misty pilots gather for a panel discussion and book signing, Thursday at 3 p.m. in Hangar 37. Several guest speakers, including Air Force Gen. Lori Robinson, the commanding general of Pacific Air Forces, will be featured. The museum will also dedicate its North American F-100F Super Sabre to retired Col. George “Bud” Day, a Vietnam prisoner of war and a Medal of Honor recipient. The event is free to museum members and those who pay overall museum admission. For more information, call 441-1007.