

Hawaii Marine

Inaugural Front Porch held at MCBH

Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Service members and workers with Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii gathered for the Front Porch event, Wednesday at Dewey Square aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The purpose of the Front Porch event was to help raise awareness about Marine & Family Programs while, at the same time, promoting cohesion within the community and holding a fundraiser to help reduce ticket costs for the units' annual Marine Corps birthday balls.

"This event (provided service members) opportunities to volunteer and the good in that goes both ways," said Estella Euclide, a program specialist with Marine & Family Programs. "The organizations end up with volunteers, which helps them and our community, and the Marines or Sailors get volunteer hours while giving back to their community."

Euclide said this experience is something the service members may pass down through their co-workers or families, teaching them it's okay to help and give back. She said the event was also a way to meet new people and form a sense of community.

"This was an opportunity to give family members a chance to network if they didn't already have a venue for that," Euclide said. "They're on an island, and a lot of these families are young, so they need support from each other, not just what we can do for them on base."

The event also provides service members a chance to get out and do



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Marines speak with several Marine & Family Programs representatives during the Front Porch event, Wednesday at Dewey Square aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The purpose of the event was to help raise awareness about Marine & Family Programs while, at the same time, promoting cohesion within the community.

something different, said 1st Sgt. Jody Armentrout, the company first sergeant for Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion.

"I think the greatest thing about this

event is having the Marines come out, communicate and get to know each other," Armentrout said. "Marines may see (each other) out around base and be able to talk, all because of this one

event. This is (also) important because it promotes base and unit cohesion, helping families get to know one another, as well as the key personnel and

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Marksmanship coaches in training fire on newly implemented course of fire

Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines with Combat Marksman-ship Coaches Course 4-15 were the first cycle of coaches in training to fire on the newly revised tables of fire at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The coaches trained in how to aid shooters using the new streamlined shooting scenarios, Tables 2 through 6, replacing Tables 2 through 4d. Coaches practiced using the new tables on Monday at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility.

A table of fire is a shooting scenario, which determines a Marine's ability to engage targets accurately from known and unknown distances during day and night shoots.

According to Marine Administrative Message 132/15, the new tables of fire are scheduled to replace Tables 2 through 4d by Jan. 1, 2016. The streamlined tables serve to "maximize the progression of skill sets within the combat rifle program." The new course of fire will be a requirement for entry

level and annual rifle training.

"Marines are not required to begin shooting the new tables of fire until the next calendar year," said Staff Sgt. Benjamin James Lacasse, staff noncommissioned officer of the marksmanship training unit. "Units can start shooting this right now as long as they have the targets they need. It's annual rifle training, (and) every Marine is responsible (for completing) this every year. The range hosts and provides (Tables 1 through 2), but Tables 3 through 6 are unit run, and every Marine is required to do it every year."

Marines firing on Table 2 conduct static drills and engage stationary and kinetic targets from the 25- and 100-yard lines, respectively. Tables 3 through 4d are more advanced, and require Marines to engage targets at known and unknown distances while executing pivoting, progressive and lateral movements. Night shooting requires Marines to don night vision

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Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Staff Sgt. Steven M. Smith, a team leader with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Headquarters Battalion, wears a bomb suit and prepares to conduct mechanical entry of a car utilizing hook and line during a International Association of Bomb Technicians & Investigators conference aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Wednesday.

EOD ignites good relations

Cpl. Brittney Vella
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

An International Association of Bomb Technicians & Investigators conference was held for the first time at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal building aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Wednesday and Thursday. This event was a chance for military and civilian personnel to come together, test out gear, learn, and build camaraderie.

"This is just a small example of the two communities of civilian bomb technicians and military EOD coming together in a common cause to learn what each other's missions are," said Jake Bohi, the Region One director of IABTI, and a retired gunnery sergeant. "With the missions overseas drawing down, the need for military EOD to have a mission stateside is becoming more predominant. Because of training like this and the ability of both professional groups to work together it is becoming easier. This type of training is absolutely necessary."

Representatives from the FBI, IABTI,

MCB Hawaii Force Protection, Army and Air Force EOD and the Honolulu Police Department trained together during this conference. Various vendors demonstrated their newest technology that could ensure more safety and precision in explosive disposal. Attendees tested various tools to see how and if they would benefit them in everyday training.

"The vendors had the opportunity to present some of the latest and best gear available to military EOD and (their civilian counterpart)," said Master Sgt. Marion E. Eggers, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of EOD, MCB Hawaii. "This allowed for the professional growth and development of all involved. Techs had the opportunity to test the gear and then determine how suitable the products are for the day-to-day training."

The IABTI is a nonprofit organization that supports government employees in the EOD community. Members are eligible for insurances for their families in case of accidental death or injury incurred in the line of duty. Most

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Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Pfc. Alexander Pineda, a Marine with 3rd Radio Battalion, fires an M4 5.56mm carbine rifle during the unknown distance night shoot as part of the Combat Marksmanship Coaches Course at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Monday. The Marines were the first cycle of prospective coaches to fire on the modified tables of fire, Tables 2 through 6 which have replaced Tables 2 through 4d.



'Skinny Dragons' slay 3rd Radio Bn.
Softball isn't so soft after all, **B-1**



FREEZE!
Marines, Sailors freeze for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, **B-3**

Saturday



Sunday



WORDS FROM THE BASE INSPECTOR

Why aren’t more resources dedicated to enforcing the new order on civilian attire?

The command inspector recently received a comment from a service member:

“I think there needs to be more resources dedicated to enforcing the new order on civilian attire,” the service member said. “The majority of violators have nasty attitudes. Marines should not have to spend time dealing with them, it always leads to an altercation.”

By “resources,” we may assume this complaint is referring to more uniformed representatives assigned to enforcement at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

The bottom line is there are literally thousands of uniformed personnel and residents responsible for maintaining the standards of appropriate civilian attire. Every Marine, Sailor and civilian on this base is responsible for maintaining our standards.

A proverb states, “It takes a whole village to raise

a child.” Applied to our base community, “It takes a whole community to maintain standards.”

If you see a person who is violating this or any other order, it does not take a lot of time to interact tactfully with that person. Politely informing a person of the regulation, providing a brief reminder that these regulations exist for everyone’s benefit and encouraging the person to abide by the regulations is sufficient.

If someone has a “nasty attitude,” there is no need for an altercation or argument. Keep calm and carry on. Maintain your bearing; continue with your day. The provost marshal, command inspector and duty officers will provide enforcement through minor offense reports and escorting violators from the premises.

On the other side of this conversation, if someone takes the time to remind you that your attire does not comply with the base regulations, there is no reason to be upset with that person or to be unpleasant.

Every member of our base community is responsible for maintaining the standards established in the base regulations.

Please ensure all members of our military community may enjoy MCB Hawaii by complying with the base regulations and behaving responsibly.

If you have a question for the inspector, please contact us at KBAZ_HQBN_INSP@usmc.mil.

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Marine, Sailors and members of the community: Provide a polite reminder and encouragement to comply with the regulations.

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ICE COMMENTS

COMMENT: I have completed all of the requirements necessary from my command and the command in control of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii barracks for the Navy to move out of the barracks; I have a chit signed by my command allowing me to move out, I am a paid E-4, I have a lease, and I have cleaned and vacated my room. I am now paying out of pocket because the bachelor enlisted quarters staff refuse to check me out of my room. There are at least five other service members in the same situation I am in. The barracks will not check us out, even though our rooms are empty and we all have fulfilled the requirements. I understand there is a wait list; however I have been waiting two months for them to check me out of my room to get basic housing allowance started and have seen others check into rooms. Because they stated I needed a lease to be checked out of my room, I went and got one. They are still not checking me out of my room. How long will this go on? I am asking this question because no one from there seems to even want to help us. A better process needs to be set in place, and communication to the Sailors needs to be drastically improved.

RESPONSE: Dear customer, there is not enough information provided for me to address this issue. If you could provide me with additional information, I will investigate your concerns. Please contact me if you have questions or require additional information. Thanks, <name omitted>.

*Note: ICE comments may have been edited for space and anonymity

Interactive Customer Evaluation is:

- A web-based tool for collecting feedback about the services provided by various organizations throughout the Department of Defense.
- Allows customers to submit online comment cards to rate the service providers that they have encountered at military bases and related facilities around the world.
- Allows service providers to collect customer satisfaction data in a standardized format which is stored in the ICE database.
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Visit the ICE site at <http://ice.disa.mil>. For ICE FAQs, visit mcbhawaii.marines.mil, then click Departments, Business Performance, then ICE FAQs.

This week in Corps history: *April 18, 1983: One Marine security guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Cpl. Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on April 26.*

- U.S. Marine Corps History Division

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII EVENTS

FUTURE EVENTS

The Eco-Friendly In The Park event is scheduled for Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Riseley Field. Participating entities include the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department, the Facilities Department, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band and more.

The event’s purpose is to promote protecting the environment and eco-friendly activities such as making crafts from recycled items. For more information, call Michele Chang at 257-9974.

A power outage is scheduled for April 25 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The east side of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay will be affected. All buildings and structures east of the Nuupia Stream, including Mokapu Gate, the 3rd Marine Regiment building, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, 3rd Radio Battalion, Operations and Training Directorate, Marine Corps Community Services and east-side housing.

Facilities Department, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, along with the Resident In Charge of Construction, are in the process of upgrading the main electrical power service to the base. This extremely important work is required in order to adequately support both existing and new facilities on base by installing additional electrical service cables into the base power grid. Additionally, major work will be accomplished across the base to support myriad projects and contracts involving maintenance, repair and surveys.

For more information, call the duty officer at 330-9636.

Archery hunting for feral pigs aboard Marine Corps Training Area Bellows is now open for authorized personnel who meet the requirements on April 25 and 26.

Per Base Order 1711, all applicants must have a valid state of Hawaii hunting license and a base hunting permit to sign up for hunting. State licenses may be obtained online or in person at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 325, Honolulu, HI 96813.

To receive a base hunting permit, applicants must successfully pass a written exam on the base order (open book) and archery shooting proficiency exam administered by Operations and Training Directorate and Range Control. Exam sessions will be held at Ulupau Crater Range Training Facility. This will also be the opportunity to sign up for the April 25 and 26 hunting dates. For more information, call Range Control at 257-3180.

The Hawaiian Culture In the Park event, the last of the “In the Park” series, is scheduled for April 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Riseley Field.

The series was created in honor of the Month of the Military Child. The events are open to all active duty, family members and Department of Defense civilians. For more information about upcoming events, call Marine & Family Programs at 257-0372.

For the April observances of child abuse prevention, sexual assault awareness and alcohol awareness, a Strike Out Abuse event is scheduled April 30 at K-Bay Lanes.

Free, open cosmic bowling will be available from 4 to 8 p.m., as well as tournament-style bowling. All bowling is available on a space-available basis.

There will be bumpers available for keiki 10 and under, a parent/child tournament and a unit tournament (four-person teams).

Additional activities will include arts and crafts, face painting, and information tables. All Marines, Sailors and their family members are welcome.

For more information, call MCCS Behavioral Health at 257-7776.

The 2015 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive runs through April 30. The society helps active-duty Sailors and Marines deal with crises, schedule and pay for emergency travel, and takes care of their family in tough times.

The society also supports Navy and Marine Corps widows, widowers and the children of Sailors and Marines who have died — as well as wounded Marines and Sailors across the country who are seen in their homes by the society’s

visiting nurses. The drive raises funds for the society and awareness about what the society offers. For details, call Cheryl Milca at 257-1972.

MONDAY

Sign up by April 20 to volunteer with the Single Marine & Sailor Program to clean Fort Hase Beach at 11 a.m. Volunteers will meet at Kahuna’s Recreation Center at 9 a.m. Bring sunscreen, water, sunglasses/hat and gloves. For more information or to sign up, call Karley Peterson at 254-7593.

Sign up by April 20 to volunteer with the Single Marine & Sailor Program at Hospice Hawaii’s Hot Pursuit race, April 25. Meet at Kahuna’s Recreation Center at 6 a.m. The estimated time for volunteers to return to the base after the event is 1 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call the SM&SP coordinator for more information and to RSVP at 254-7593.

Middaugh Street is closed during the weekdays through May 1, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be a complete closure of Middaugh Street between Harris Avenue and Fort Hase Beach for new sewer construction work. Motorists should find alternate routes around the closed section. Both lanes will be re-opened after 3 p.m. daily. Call Philip Lum at 257-6900 with questions.

The base theater’s air conditioning system will be inoperable today through May 17 due to upgrades. During this period, regular show times will continue and all movies will be free of charge. For current movie listings, visit www.mccshawaii.com/theater. For more information, call Marine Corps Community Services Business Operations at 254-7638.

TUESDAY

Sign-up by Tuesday to volunteer with the Single Marine & Sailor Program at the Hawaiian Humane Society, April 26. Assist with dog-running and other duties. Transportation will be provided. Call the SM&SP coordinator for more information and to RSVP at 254-7593.

The next Resume Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in classroom B of building 220. The workshop provides information on creating or developing a proper resume to aid in marketing a job seeker for an interview.

Registration is required. Service members and spouses may call or go to www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops to register.

For those who can’t make this workshop, the next workshop is scheduled for May 12. For more information, call Family Member Employment Assistance Program & Relocation Services at 257-8354.

WEDNESDAY

Open Mic Night is scheduled for Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the base library. This event is an opportunity for local writers and musicians to share their work.

The event is open to all active duty, retirees, family members, and Department of Defense civilians over age 14. Sign up in advance at the library. For more information, call the base library at 254-7420.

THURSDAY

The next Teen Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the base library. The council is for eligible teens in the community who are interested in contributing their ideas and opinions regarding the base library.

This program is open to all teens (13 and up). For more information, call the base library at 254-7624.

The next Federal Employment Workshop is scheduled for Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. in classroom B of building 220. The workshop provides information on the federal employment application process.

Registration is required. Service members and spouses call or go to www.mccshawaii.com/trpworkshops to register. For more information about the workshop, call the Family Member Employment Assistance Program & Relocation Services at 257-8354.

AROUND THE CORPS

Your weekly guide to what’s happening around the Corps
East Coast



Lance Cpl. David Hersey

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marines with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment conducted amphibious assault and movement to contact training at Onslow Beach aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., April 9. The Marines used 10 amphibious assault vehicles, operated by Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, to board the USS Wasp where they stayed overnight. The next morning, the Marines deployed from the ship to land on the beach before moving to the firing range where they would conduct the movement to contact portion of the training.

See https://www.dvidshub.net/news/159837/marines-train-amphibious-assault#.VSxPyZTF_dI for full story

Overseas



1st Lt. Sarah Burns

MIHAIL KO-GALNICEANU, Romania — More than 1,500 local school children from Constanta, Romania, experienced hands-on education about the military at a combined-forces static display aboard Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, April 6 through 9.

See https://www.dvidshub.net/news/159730/education-lifetime-school-day-mk#.VSw4spTF_dI for full story

West Coast



Sgt. Melissa Wenger

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif. — Lt. Col. Jason Holden, commanding officer of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163 and a Woodbridge, Va. native, relinquished command of his squadron, Thursday.

See https://www.dvidshub.net/news/159697/vmm-163-co-goes-out-with-large-scale-training-op#.VSw3USTF_dI for full story

FAREWELL STUTLER, ALOHA LOZANO



LEFT: Sgt. Maj. Scott W. Stutler (left) receives a Meritorious Service Medal from Lt. Col. Brian P. Coyne (center), the commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, during his relief and appointment ceremony at Dewey Square, April 10.

RIGHT: Stutler and his wife, Kristina, walk arm in arm after being awarded for their service to Corps. Stutler was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and his wife received a certificate of appreciation.

BELOW: Stutler (left) and Sgt. Maj. Javier Lozano stand in the position of attention as the Marines of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, execute the pass in review portion of their relief and appointment ceremony. The ceremony welcomed Lozano as the new incoming sergeant major of 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, and bid farewell to Stutler.



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ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

‘A Sustainable Future Begins with You’

Like celebrating our birthdays, every year the nation celebrates Earth Day on April 22.

Across the nation, millions of Americans participate in tree plantings and community clean-ups to promote awareness and

action to improve and enhance our environment.

This year’s Navy Earth Day theme is “A Sustainable Future Begins with You,” highlighting the important responsibility and contribution every Marine and family member has in ensuring that we protect the land and resources entrusted to us.

Earth Day represents more than a one-day event; it exemplifies the Marine Corps’ commitment to protect and preserve the environmental resources entrusted to our care.

Visit Marine Corps Base Hawaii’s website at www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil, search “Environmental,” and discover the natural and cultural resources the base has to offer residents and personnel. Marine Corps Base Hawaii is celebrating Earth Day

with “Eco-Friendly in the Park,” scheduled for Tuesday, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Riseley Field.

This Marine Corps Community Services event will be filled with fun activities for children and adults alike.

Some of the activities offered will be making musical instruments using recycled items, browsing informational displays on sustaining, protecting and conserving the base’s natural and cultural resources.



Get up to speed on PMO’s policies for towing

Christine Cabalo

Hawaii Marine

When abandoned vehicles are spotted at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, ask the Provost Marshal’s Office to know when it’s time to tow.

Base residents and personnel can report cars, boats, trucks, trailers, motorcycles and any vehicles that are potentially abandoned to PMO. Lance Cpl. Tanner Smith, an impound clerk with PMO, said his office has a specific process to ensure vehicles are genuinely abandoned before being towed.

“The first time we get a complaint, we’ll issue a ticket and secure it on the window of the car,” he said. “We’ll wait, and if the ticket is still there, we’ll issue another one. We’ll issue a total of three tickets before marking a vehicle as abandoned with an orange sticker. After putting on the sticker and waiting three days, the vehicle is towed.”

Smith said most tickets are issued for illegal parking or having expired decals for safety inspection, motor vehicle registration or base access. Smith said if the vehicle appears inoperable or is already disassembled, PMO may tow immediately. After impounding, Smith said his office attempts to contact the owner.

“We open up the vehicle, then inventory every item inside when the vehicle is in the impound lot,” Smith said. “Once we start a case folder, we’ll gather contact information, then send a letter in the mail and contact the owner by phone. We inform them that after 45 days, if the vehicle is not claimed, it will be released to the government. (Owners) also have the option of consenting to release the vehicle to the government.”

Smith said owners must sign a release form to reclaim their vehicle. The vehicle is not allowed back on the base until it meets all necessary safety and registration requirements. Although there are no fees for towing to the base’s impound lot, Smith said owners must pay for towing inoperable items out of the lot.

A total of 34 vehicles were towed to the base’s impound lot in March, according to PMO’s records. Anything unclaimed in the 45-day period or released to the government will be sold for auction. During the previous quarter, PMO staff sent 15 abandoned vehicles for auction, said Lance Cpl. Sarah King, impound administrator with PMO.

To avoid impounding, King said service members can access the base’s deployment lot for storage.

“We can hold it for as long as the person is deployed,” King said. “If they come back and don’t claim it within a 45-day period of their



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

The Provost Marshal’s Office places an orange sticker on potentially abandoned vehicles. Military police will issue three tickets before placing an orange sticker on a vehicle to alert an owner.

return, we impound it. Spouses can also use the lot.”

Those in 3rd Marine Regiment have their own deployment lot for vehicle storage before deployment. There is no cost to using either lot.

King said service members and spouses can visit the PMO office to fill out a packet to access the deployment lot. Drivers and riders are recommended to bring in their deployment orders, vehicle information, driver’s license and military identification card. During the process, drivers can also log in equipment and other electronics in their vehicles.

Both King and Smith recommend covering vehicles with a tarp when storing at the deployment lot to protect against grass growth and weather exposure.

Although abandoned vehicles are auctioned off, King said it’s only after a process of thoroughly checking for abandonment. She said as long as a vehicle’s information is up to date and stored legally, drivers and riders can avoid their vehicles getting impounded.

“If military police have no reason to look at a vehicle, there’s no reason for it to get towed,” King said. “If it’s illegally parked or just has some expired information, then getting a vehicle out (of the impound lot) is pretty simple.”

For more information about impounding policies or to report a potentially abandoned vehicle, call the PMO desk sergeant at 257-7114. To reach the emergency impound hotline, call 620-1587. The vehicle impound office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 1095 on the second floor, room 206.



Photos by Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

ABOVE: Catherine Robesch, plays with bubbles at Art In the Park at Riseley Field aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Tuesday. **BELOW:** Sophia Monbouquette painted more than expected. The “In the Park” series honors the Month of the Military Child with an event each Tuesday throughout April. The last two events scheduled are “Eco-Friendly In the Park” on April 21 and “Hawaiian Culture In the Park” April 28, both at Riseley Field.

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ART
‘IN THE Park’



Marines, Soldiers train in postal service together

Kristen Wong

Hawaii Marine

The Marine Corps Base Hawaii post office was abuzz with activity this week as Marines offered the use of their facility for the first time to an InterService Postal Training Activity, Soldier Support Institute class while simultaneously undergoing its annual inspection.

On Wednesday and Thursday, 17 Soldiers from Schofield Barracks, two MCB Hawaii Marines and one MCB Okinawa Marine attended a portion of their F4 postal supervisor course at the MCB Hawaii post office.

A mobile training team from the IPTA, SSI, based out of Fort Jackson, S.C., arrived in Hawaii to teach two F5 postal operations courses, each four weeks long, and one F4 postal supervisor course that was two weeks long.

The Army’s 259th Human Resources Company, based out of Schofield Barracks, made the initial request for the instructors to provide the training in Hawaii.

Michael Gasque, the deputy director of IPTA, SSI said when the Army initially requested the training, the staff realized that because the other military services in Hawaii are in close proximity, the Marines could also attend the training.

Gasque said it is beneficial for the Soldiers to train at MCB Hawaii, so they can train in a “live facility,” and wouldn’t have been able to do so without the Marines’ help.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joseph Banks, the installation postal officer for the MCB Hawaii post office, explained the Marine Corps is the only branch that still has military occupational specialties in postal service. Additionally, Marines staff Marine Corps installation post offices throughout the continental U.S., overseas and on deployments. The Army provides postal training for its Soldiers as a secondary duty, for use only during deployments or overseas.

The F4 postal supervisor course is open to service members with the rank of E-5 or higher. Army Staff Sgt. Alex Casaretto, a postal instructor at IPTA, SSI, said the course teaches the responsibilities of the military postal service, the duties of the custodian of postal effects, how to use the automated mili-



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Army Sgt. Raul Colon (center), human resources sergeant and team leader with 259th Human Resources Company, chats with Army Staff Sgt. Alex Casaretto, postal instructor, InterService Postal Training Activity, Soldier Support Institute, while observing Lance Cpl. Christian Anderson, postal clerk, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, during the postal supervisor course at the MCB Hawaii post office, Wednesday.

tary postal system and how to inspect a post office.

Much of the training is conducted at Schofield Barracks, and students learn through slide presentations as well as hands-on activities. During the postal supervisor course, the students also visited the post office at the Honolulu International Airport to observe civilian postal operations.

While at MCB Hawaii, the students were divided into five groups to learn about different aspects of postal service, including finance, accountable mail, and receiving and dispatching mail. Students also observed the Marines as they helped customers at the front counter.

“Observing in this post office, a live post office, you can’t get any more real than that,” said Gunnery Sgt. Julia Mc-Minn, postal lead instructor, IPTA, SSI. “It’s definitely beneficial for them, and I know by the looks on their faces they are loving it because they get to take real notes with real answers maybe (they’ll

learn) a little bit outside of the manuals because the manuals don’t cover everything so they get to leave here with a little bit more confidence than if they were to go to the mock post office that we set up at Fort Jackson.”

Master Sgt. Mohammed Eyiowuawi, the postal finance officer for Marine Corps Installations Pacific, was visiting MCB Hawaii at the same time for the base post office’s annual inspection. Additionally, he shared knowledge with the Marines and Soldiers in the course about finance in postal operations.

“(The course) enhances the mail process, customer service and functionality of equipment,” said Eyiowuawi, who hails from Stafford, Va.

Staff Sgt. Shawn Coleman, the operations chief at the base post office was one of the three Marines attending the course. The native of Bethpage, N.Y., said the course would be beneficial for Marines who were planning to make the Corps a career, and continue in the

postal field.

“It afforded me the opportunity to enhance my career progression,” Coleman said.

Army Sgt. Joshua McHam, a human resources sergeant with 259 HRC, took the F5 postal operations course prior to the current course.

“It’s a lot of information in a short period of time,” said the native of Fort Worth, Texas. “The instructors are great though, they make sure and get you all (the) information that you need.”

McHam made sure to take notes so he could refer back to them later. Through the class, he said he was able to learn how Marines operate in postal service, which differs from the Army.

In addition to the Marine and Army standard, the students in the class learned the Department of Defense standard of postal operations, according to Staff Sgt. Mario Lute, the postal supply chief for Consolidated Postal Systems at MCB Okinawa. Lute, of Lake Charles, La., came from Okinawa to attend the postal supervisor course and occasionally provide assistance for Eyiowuawi.

Lute said though it was challenging to keep an open mind to the DoD standard for postal operations, which differs from the Corps, there were some aspects of DoD standards he found useful to take back to his unit.

“It was great to see things from a DoD perspective, to see how other branches operate,” Lute said.

Gasque added this was a “good way to get a large number of their personnel trained at a relatively low cost.” For example, the institute could pay to send two instructors to Hawaii to train 60 service members, instead of commands paying for 60 service members to travel to South Carolina for training. In addition, he said having the instructors come out to the installations reduces the need for service members to leave their families for extended periods of time training.

“It’s allowing all the military personnel more time at home,” Gasque said. “They’re training during the day but going home at night.”

The institute’s mobile training teams annually train an average of 180 personnel at six sites.



Cpl. Brittney Vella | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

A car window shatters while conducting a remote mechanical entry, utilizing the hook and line techniques aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Wednesday. While it has many applications, in this particular case it was used on what would be considered a possible vehicle-borne IED.

EOD, from A-1

importantly, the organization brings together a unique and small society. Their goal was to foster camaraderie and intellectual development between the military EOD staff and their civilian counterparts. “The quality of the event was very successful,” Eggers said. “We will take quality over quantity every time. The relationships that these professionals build are paramount to the long-term success in counter-improvised explosive device operations and investigations with all matters involving explosive hazards and situations.”

The event finished up Thursday afternoon. The organization also has an international conference scheduled for later this year in Hershey, Pa., where representatives from about 65 different countries attend, alongside vendors, other bomb technicians. “We have different responsibilities and different experiences,” said Eggers, the director of the Hawaii chapter of IABTI. “When we share these experiences everyone wins. At the end of the day, when everyone learns from each other, no matter if it is mistakes or successes, we all walk away a little wiser.”

PORCH, from A-1

leadership within the command.” Armentrout said a basewide event such as this provides a sense of community and that’s what the base is all about. He said MCB Hawaii isn’t just a military base, but a military community whose inhabitants enjoy helping one another. “Today I could see how this event affected (base) morale in a positive way,” Euclide said. “Service members could see they were able to do something, not just for themselves, but for their unit. They might’ve been off work early, but they were still working, doing things for

their command, and you could see they really took pride in that.” Coming into this, expectations were high, Armentrout said. He said he wanted the Marines to come out, be involved and have a good turnout — to which he was not disappointed. “I’ve seen a lot of Marines out here having a good time with their families and that’s what’s important,” Armentrout said. “It’s things like this that will make us, as a Marine Corps, tighter and I absolutely hope this continues in the future. To have an event that involves community relations and volunteerism, as well as having all our military life programs

COACHES, from A-1

goggles and a target pointer, which is an infrared light attached to the barrel of their rifle. According to Cpl. Michael Jepsen, a Marine with Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and a combat marksmanship trainer candidate, the redesigned tables of fire are more linear due to the absence of pivoting maneuvers that were standard for the old table of fire. “The old Tables 3 and 4 had the 90- and 180-degree pivots, which, when you’re on the line close to (other shooters, can get chaotic),” Jepsen said, a Mar-

ion, Ill., native. (We had) Marines doing the pivots and flagging people (with their rifles), and that’s a big thing I saw when I was coaching Tables 3 and 4, so the pivots being taken out was a good idea.” Jepsen said the new course of fire is a positive change for Marines because it is now mandatory. “It being required now (is good for) Marines who are not (infantryman), because every Marine is a rifleman, whether you’re a cook or (in) Combat Camera,” Jepsen said. “If you take contact, you’re going to shoot. It gives the Marines the training they need if they’re ever put in that situation.”



Lance Cpl. Adam O. Korolev | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines training to be marksmanship coaches maneuver in a combat glide to the five-yard line during the marksmanship coaches course at Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Tuesday. The Marines are the first cycle of coaches in training to fire on the modified tables of fire, Tables 2 through 6, which have replaced Tables 3 through 4.

and the Marines they directly impact in one area is a great thing. I think everyone is doing an outstanding job and we are very privileged to have these resources available to us. It’s tremendous and I don’t think we could ask for anything more, now we just need to use them effectively and get involved in the community.” Col. Eric W. Schaefer, the commanding officer for MCB Hawaii, said whether it’s inside or outside the base, the service members and surrounding community are all one family. “I hope somewhere in the future there is never a thought of ‘us’ or ‘them,’ because it’s not just about the Marine

Corps or Kaneohe or Kailua,” Schaefer said. “It’s about all of us.” Schaefer said it’s important to remember Marines are still citizens of this nation, just as members of the community are also citizens of this nation. “We are all in this together,” Schaefer said. “The mere fact that we have hundreds of people and dozens of volunteer organizations all together means we’ve met success. This has far exceeded any expectations I had and I am so proud of everyone who put in work to make this happen. It warms my heart when people get to come like this as one community, one ohana.”

Sports & Lifestyle



Photos by Cpl. Khalil Ross | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

A player for Patrol Squadron 4 winds up and swings as the ball approaches during an intramural softball game held at Riseley Field, Tuesday. The “Skinny Dragons” won the game against 3rd Radio Battalion, with a final score of 13-7.

‘Skinny Dragons’ slay 3rd Radio Bn.

Cpl. Khalil Ross
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Patrol Squadron 4’s “Skinny Dragons” beat 3rd Radio Battalion, 13-7, in an intramural softball game Tuesday night at Riseley Field.

The game started off with 3rd Radio Bn. scoring five runs in the first inning.

Aaron Coulson, the pitcher for the “Skinny Dragons” said that wouldn’t stop them.

“Nobody got down on (themselves) or each other,” Coulson said. “We came together as a team (and won).”

Coulson said either his team connected hits and scored runs or the other team did. He said every game is a gamble.

However, the intramural softball league is more than just competition and rivalries.

“(These games allow me to) get to know (the) guys I work with on a personal level,” Coulson said. “They get to see another side of me and how I lead outside of work.”

Coulson said VP-4 is a tight squadron and prides itself on working together like an extended family. He said they treat each other with respect and hold one another accountable.

The intramural softball league also helps Marines and Sailors meet other people from different units.

“The more you play these other teams, the better you know them,” said Adam Benrud, the left fielder for 3rd Radio Bn. “You might bump into them off base or in day-to-day work. It helps to know them.”

Coulson agreed that bonds are made through the sport and those bonds are still strong off the field.

“If I need anything from (a team we’ve played) I’ll have contacts in the



Rex Lindstrom, the pitcher for 3rd Radio Bn., sights in and releases his pitch to VP-4’s batter Tuesday night at Riseley Field. The VP-4 team ended up winning the game in spite of 3rd Radio Bn. getting five runs in the first inning.

unit,” he said. “These games connect the different units together.”

Benrud said players always enjoy and do better with an audience. The more people who play or even watch, the better the games will be, he said.

“You have friends, co-workers, brothers and sisters out here playing,” he said. “The more Marines we get to come watch and heckle in a friendly and professional manner, the better morale and camaraderie will be.”

Coulson invites anyone who wants to play to come out and join the team.

“If your unit doesn’t have a team, you can join another,” he said. “It’s America’s pastime; it’s what we do.”



ABOVE: Aaron Coulson, the pitcher for VP-4’s “Skinny Dragons,” wears a face mask while pitching to 3rd Radio Bn. The pitchers are vulnerable from the batter hitting the ball right back at them.

LEFT: Adam Benrud, 3rd Radio Bn.’s left fielder, hits the ball between second and third base and takes off toward first base at Riseley Field.

PASS *IN* REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

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
Kristen Wong admits she sometimes has to be dragged to movies that she later finds to be outstanding. She loves movies that make her care about the characters and sympathize with their plight. She enjoys action, fantasy, comedy and dabbles in horror.

THIS WEEK'S RATING:

Hang on for one ‘Furious’ ride

Kristen Wong
Hawaii Marine

You know a movie's exciting when you have to resist punching the man in the theater seat in front of you. “Furious 7,” which came out in theaters April 3, gave me what I was expecting: fast cars, pretty women and some jaw-dropping excitement. The seventh movie in the “Fast and the Furious” series focuses on Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham) as he seeks revenge against those who’ve hurt his brother, Owen (the antagonist of “Fast and Furious 6”), who lies in a coma. Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel), is unsuccessfully helping Letty Ortiz (Michelle Rodriguez) regain lost memories and Brian O’Conner (Paul Walker) is awkwardly adjusting to a new domestic life with Dom’s sister, Mia, (Jordana Brewster) and their young son. Everything changes when Shaw blows up their home. What follows is a series of car chases, brutal fist fights and explosions. There are even little bits of humor interspersed throughout the package that manage to lighten the mood. Too often I cringed uncomfortably in my seat as each main character narrowly escaped imminent danger. You know those times, right? If I keep screaming and waving my hands ridiculously at the screen like some crazed sports fan during the Super Bowl that will somehow make a difference. Despite Walker's untimely 2013 death in a car accident before the movie’s completion,

“Furious 7” as a whole seems fairly seamless. I read in an article that his brothers, Caleb and Cody, were recruited to help finish the movie. I actually spent part of the movie staring intently at Brian to see if I could tell which scenes were filmed with Paul, and which were filmed with Caleb and Cody, but I could not. Each actor handed in a stellar performance. I cared about each of the characters and rooted for them on their mission. I cheered for their victories, and mourned their losses. When you can cry with the characters you just became acquainted with (because, yes, I missed the other six — please don’t hurt me), that speaks to the actors’ talent. The reason why I gave “Furious 7” a three, however, was plausibility. Of course Hollywood is going to embellish reality, but sometimes movie makers exaggerate just

a little too much. To a certain extent I know the protagonists in the film are still human and, although they are clever and pull crazy stunts, they have limits. I can’t really give examples without spoiling the movie, but let’s put it this way: If I watch a stunt and my first thought is not awe or amazement, but skepticism, there’s a problem. Overall, I give the movie credit. Sequels are not always successful, and by the time you’re at number seven, it wouldn’t be a surprise if audiences merely comment, “Another one?” For a seventh installment, “Furious 7” held its own. It made me laugh, cry, hold the edge of my seat and is worth at least one view.



“The Divergent Series: Insurgent” PG-13 Today | 6:30 p.m.
“Kingsman: The Secret Service” R Today | 9:15 p.m.
“The Divergent Series: Insurgent” PG-13 Saturday | 6:30 p.m.
“Get Hard” R Saturday | 9:15 p.m.
“Cinderella” PG Sunday | 2 p.m.
“The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” PG Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
“The Divergent Series: Insurgent” **Final Showing** PG-13 Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Prices: Movies are free through May 17 while the theater's air conditioning system is replaced. Normally, all shows are \$5 for adults, \$3.25 for children. All 3-D shows are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Patrons who are 12 years old and older are ticketed at the adult price. Patrons who are 6 to 11 years old are ticketed at the child price. Children 5 and younger have free admission. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military ID card when purchasing tickets.

Created by: GySgt Charles Wolf

(USMC, retired)

"Operation Commissary is a GO!!!!..Steady...., UP...Steady...., Good...! NOW,...You there,..."Cargo Transporter"...., proceed to the pantry!!"

Logistics Marines

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

	5	8			9			3
				2		7		
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8					3			
	4	7				8		2
				7	1			4
	3						6	
5				6			8	
7			4					9

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	1	2	5	3	4	9	8	7
3	8	7	2	6	9	4	5	1
5	6	5	1	8	7	4	3	9
4	9	4	5	1	5	9	6	2
2	3	2	8	9	6	5	7	1
6	7	6	2	4	3	1	7	8
8	7	8	1	6	5	4	9	2
4	6	9	3	2	8	7	5	1
2	5	8	7	1	9	6	4	3

ANSWER:

Marines, Sailors freeze, raise awareness

Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines and Sailors gathered with staff from the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program to participate in a freeze mob event Tuesday at Mokapu Mall aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

When given the signal, service members froze for three minutes and held up signs with messages about sexual assault awareness and prevention, providing information ranging from statistics to some contributing factors of sexual assault. The purpose of the event was to grab the attention of bystanders and get them to notice the signs, raising awareness for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed in April.

“We partnered up with the Marines and Sailors to hold a creative event for the Sexual Assault Awareness Month and we tried to do something different,” said Maricar Davis, the sexual assault response coordinator for Navy Region Hawaii. “Normally, we go out and (raise) awareness through training or briefs, but we wanted to find a different way to capture and draw attention to the issue.”

Capt. Penny MacCormack, a supply officer with 3rd Radio Battalion, said it’s important to try things that may be outside of the box in order to catch the attention of service members.

“Marines receive briefs every year for their annual training, but a lot of Marines tend to tune out because they’ve heard the same things over and over again,” MacCormack said. “This brings (service members) the information in



Lance Cpl. Harley Thomas | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines and Sailors stand frozen in various positions during a freeze mob event Tuesday at Mokapu Mall aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii. When given the signal, service members froze for three minutes and held up signs containing sexual assault awareness and prevention messages, providing information ranging from statistics to some contributing factors of sexual assault.

a different way that would bring their attention to what’s going on around them. It’s important we do that because the Marine Corps, as a whole, is trying to reduce the amount of sexual assaults. (Marines should) feel like they’re safe knowing they’re around family, because (that’s what we are) — a brotherhood.”

MacCormack said the signs repre-

sented some key triggers and served as a reminder that sexual assault could happen to anybody.

“We want people to (know) sexual assault does happen and there are ways they may help prevent it,” MacCormack said. “The average (service member) may think sexual assault can’t happen to them, to their friends or to

the people in their unit, so it’s important (they know) it can happen to anyone. With the more information they get, the better they can combat sexual assault and prevent it from happening to them or the others around them.”

Preventing sexual assault is a community effort and it’s important to know there are others willing to help, Davis said.

“(I hope people) saw the event or the number of volunteers there and I hope they think, ‘Wow, this is something that’s receiving a lot of support and attention from (my) peers,’” Davis said. “Hopefully we got the message out that, if you are a victim of sexual assault, you are not alone. It’s important that every Marine or Sailor knows what sexual assault is, how to identify it and knows what to do to prevent it. I think that’s the only way we’re really going to bring the number of sexual assaults down.”

LaTasha Banks, the installation SARC for MCB Hawaii, said she hopes to bring awareness to sexual assault, as well as the prevention and response program. She said she wants people to know where to go for help and that programs exist to assist anyone in need.

“We want to thank all the Marines and Sailors who came out,” Banks said. “Without them, this event would not have been the success it was. If you are a victim, it’s not your fault and there are resources available to assist you — we are here to assist you. (I hope) we can all work together in a collaborative effort to eradicate (sexual assault).”

MCB Hawaii guarded by finest, furriest

Cpl. Brittney Vella
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Military working dogs, although cute, are a force to be reckoned with. The canines stationed aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii are well trained to keep those who serve and live here safe.

The dogs work in the Provost Marshal’s Office’s K-9 unit, with the purpose to detect illegal substances such as narcotics and explosives. Also, the dogs act as a deterrent for criminal activity and as an effective tool for antiterrorism. Military police dog handlers and their dogs conduct vehicle and walking patrols, as well as random sweeps, said Sgt. Daniel Pierce, chief trainer with the unit.

“The Marine Corps has a no-drug tolerance and we are here to help keep that in line,” Pierce said. “The dogs are (intimidating) and are extremely effective.”

The handlers and their dogs not only patrol in vehicles but also on foot. Whether they’re walking through the neighborhoods on base or just having a presence at the gates, their goal is to ensure the base and everyone on it is safe.

“It’s good we get a good public perception,” Pierce said. “We want those who reside on MCB Hawaii to know we are being proactive.”

The unit is comprised of 13 working dogs that train on a daily basis to ensure they’re ready for the unexpected. Dog handler school takes place at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Pierce said. Marines complete the basic handler course, which is three and a half months where they learn basic skills, including patrol, bite work, scouts, and building-searches and detection.

“Training is very important to make sure the dogs maintain a high level of accuracy with minimal mistakes,” Pierce said.

The Marines and civilians with the K-9 unit said they’re approachable but be cautious when they have the dogs as they’re trained to keep anyone from harming their handler and are not pets.

PMO strives to keep MCB Hawaii safe, to report any suspicious activity utilizes <https://usmceagleeyes.org> or call 257-6976.



Jay Parco | Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Military working dog Mido jumps up and bites Civilian Military Police Officer Travis Cleaveland, playing the decoy officer, during bite training at the Provost Marshal’s Office field, Wednesday.

COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

Bellows AFS offering free movies

Bellows Air Force Station is offering free movies and popcorn, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 4 p.m. at Turtle Cove. Schedule is subject to change; contact Turtle Cove for details at 259-4136. The schedule is:

Monday: “Interstellar”
Wednesday: “The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies”

Volunteer officers needed for ceremonies

Active and reserve officers from all of the uniformed services (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Association Corps) are being sought to volunteer as medal presenters for the 2015 Hawaii Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Awards ceremonies through May 20. The ceremonies are usually held on school grounds, or in community centers in the evening hours after school. If interested, contact Arthur Tulak at

Hawaii@mofwus.org or call 477-8195 during business hours.

NPS hosting Junior Ranger Program

On Saturday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., join the National Park Service ParkEd Team at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center for several Junior Ranger Program events. The team will host a scavenger hunt, USS Arizona documentary, boat ride to the memorial and pinning ceremony.

Tickets for this program will only be available at the visitor center ticket and information desk (Request the 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. program). All participants must be present to receive their tickets. Admission is on a first come, first serve basis. No purses, handbags, camera bags, backpacks or other items that offer concealment are allowed.

Then, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., on the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center lawn, families are invited to a showing of the movie “Pixar Planes 2: Fire and Rescue.” Park Service Rangers will hand out goodies to junior rangers. The movie

will begin shortly after sunset. The no-bag policy will be in effect. Visitors are welcome to bring dinner and blankets in clear/transparent bags. Beach chairs are welcome. Umbrellas and alcohol are not allowed.

Waikiki Aquarium hosts expo

The eighth annual Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Waikiki Aquarium. The free expo will have interactive booths, arts and crafts and more. Free parking and shuttles will be available at Waikiki Elementary School beginning at 8:45 a.m. For details, call 768-3248 or visit www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com.

UH to host Earth Day Festival

The University of Hawaii at Manoa will host the Earth Day Festival and concert Wednesday at the Campus Center Courtyard and Legacy Pathway. The festival will feature several vegetarian food options, dozens of community organizations and vendors

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. From 10:30 a.m. to noon there will be a free screening of the documentary “Cowspiracy.” Several workshops are scheduled including smoothie making and environmental philosophy. An “Earth Dance” is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. and a vinyasa yoga class is scheduled from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the Legacy Path lawn. The day ends with an evening concert from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Campus Center Courtyard. The entire event is free of charge and open to the public.

Animal KINGdom event scheduled in Kaneohe

Animal lovers, pets and families are invited to the “Animal KINGdom: Be Kind to Animals” event, hosted by King Intermediate School in collaboration with the Hawaiian Humane Society. Join in April 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at King Intermediate School in Kaneohe. No entry fee. Includes dog and kid agility courses, veterinarian and dog trainer booths and more. Call 356-2206 or email education@hawaiianhumane.org.

Base tax center open

The base tax center is open until Monday in building 455, located on Lawrence Road across from the Base Housing Office and next to the Veterinary Treatment Facility. The tax center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (The tax center will remain open during meal times).

The mission of the tax center is to offer free federal and state tax filing services for active duty, reservists, retirees and dependents. All tax preparers are certified by the IRS.

Please bring your military identification card, Social Security card (including your dependents’ card), W-2 and other tax documents, birth certificate (for dependents) and a copy of the tax returns from the previous year (if an itemized deduction was taken).

Please call 257-1564 if there are any questions or concerns. For more information, call Capt. Adam Lindberg, the officer in charge of the base tax center, at 257-1251.

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.

PMO contacts

To report suspicious activity/behavior or for non-emergency calls, contact the desk sergeant:
257-1018/2123 (building 1096)

Check in/out, fingerprinting or weapon registration:
257-6994 (building 1095)

Pet registration, fishing regulations or lost/found animals, contact the PMO game warden:
257-1821 (building 3099)

Vehicle decals, base passes and vehicle registration:
**257-2047/0183 (building 1637/1095 for MCB Hawaii)
477-8734/8735 (building 601 for Camp H.M. Smith)**

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.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/ProvostMarshalsOffice.aspx>

In an emergency, call 911

Topic of the Month: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual assault is a crime motivated by a need to control, humiliate and harm. Perpetrators use sexual assault as a weapon to hurt and dominate others. Sexual assault is forced or coerced sexual contact without consent. Consent is the presence of a clear “yes,” not the absence of a “no.”

Here are some statistics:

- 44 percent of victims are under the age of 18
- One out of every six American women have been the victim of attempted or completed rape in her lifetime
- One out of every 33 American men have been the victim of attempted or completed rape in his lifetime
- 60 percent of rapes are never reported to the police

Here are a few ways you can help support sexual assault prevention:

- Wear a teal ribbon; when any-

one asks, tell them about what it means, even what it means to you.

- Talk about it. Mention what this month means and why it's important. Discuss statistics, and what they can do to stop it.
- Support victims. Learn more about prevention from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's website at www.nsvrc.org/.
- Ribbons and words may seem small, but they make a huge impact. One person educated can mean one less victim. Whether they better know the resources they have at hand to help themselves, or someone else. Tell people what the ribbon means, and even what it means to you.

Remember that sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of age, sex, gender or ethnicity. But by promoting awareness and understanding, we can stop it from happening to anyone.

Crime Prevention Tip

One of the best ways to keep attackers away from your computer is to apply patches and other software fixes when they become available. By regularly updating your computer, you block attackers from being able to take advantage of software flaws (vulnerabilities) that they could otherwise use to break into your system.

Lost and Found items

- two bikes
- two scooters
- California driver's license
- medic bag
- two Navy Fed credit cards
- one USAA credit card
- two Social Security cards
- Chevrolet car key
- meal card
- sport watch
- sunglasses
- wallet
- three dog tags
- iPod
- permanent resident card
- Toyota car key with additional keys
- makeup bag containing various types of currency
- Nissan keys

Lost and Found is located at PMO in the Physical Security section of building 1095. If attempting to claim property, provide any available proof of ownership.

Anyone who believes they are owners of a lost item will be required to provide a detailed description of the article prior to release. Call Jessica Burns at 257-8312 with inquiries.