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K-Bay's MCX named best in Corps

Cpl. Trent Lowry
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps Exchange on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay was recently named the best large exchange in the Corps by Headquarters Marine Corps' business operations division.

The award was presented to K-Bay's Marine Corps Community Services at the Headquarters Marine Corps' retail directors' conference near Quantico, Va., on April 27. MCB Hawaii's exchange earned the award in its first year after moving up from the medium-sized exchange category to the large category.

"I think it's a great honor for everyone associated with the exchange," said Bill Lindsay, deputy assistant chief of staff for MCCS. "The employees work very hard to support the Marines, Sailors and family

members. It shows their professionalism."

The award recognized not only the base main exchange, but each of the satellite operations, such as the MCX Annex, the Seven-Day Store and the Package Store.

The managers of the exchange and its annexes agree that the greatest asset to the exchange, and more importantly to MCB Hawaii customers, is teamwork.

"We may not have the biggest stores, but we're setting ourselves apart, because as a team we've done a good job," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 John Kauffman, retail officer in charge of the MCX Annex complex.

"Our employees make small bits of progress everyday," Kauffman added. "We have people who have a lot of pride in what they do, and they're proud of making

changes and improvements themselves."

"This is a people business, and people make it work," said Kelly Nakano, main exchange manager. "It really comes together when people work as a team."

Another focus of the collective exchange system here is a dedication to customer service.

"We require all employees to go through customer awareness classes," said Gunnery Sgt. Vernon Gibson, package store manager, speaking of an MCCS policy.

This policy has resulted in most customer concerns being answered by exchange employees. Gibson said the number of customer response cards at the package store has dwindled, largely due to action by employees to address

customer concerns.

The exchange's performance was determined by stock turnover, sales increase and control of assets, and was measured against exchanges from MCB Camp Pendleton, MCB Camp Lejeune, Henderson Hall and MCB Quantico.

While the managers of the exchange outlets here are proud of the award, they are not resting on their laurels. Improvements and additions planned for facilities here include an expanded military uniform store, which will offer Navy uniforms in addition to Marine apparel, and plans for a new seven-day store located adjacent to the package store, according to Linda Gulosh, retail director of MCB Hawaii's MCCS.

"We're always looking for special niches other places haven't capitalized

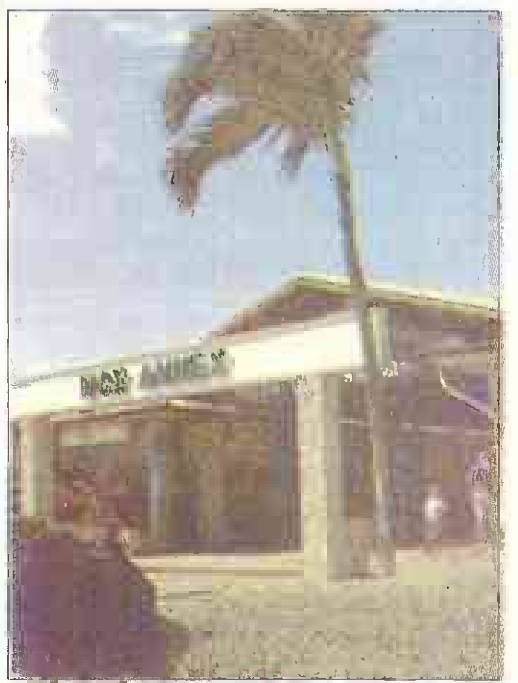


Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry
A new sign decorates the entrance to K-Bay's MCX Annex.

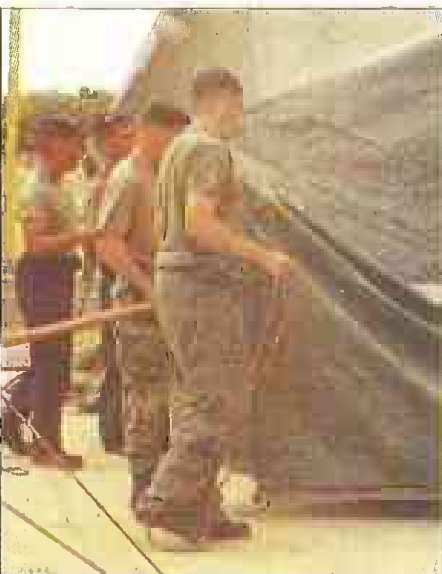


Photo by Cpl. David Salazar
Members of HMT-301 put up tents after arriving at Barking Sands.

HMT-301 hits Kauai

Cpl. David Salazar
Combat Correspondent

PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY, BARKING SANDS, Kauai — Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 Marines departed MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay last week for training at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai.

The ten-day deployment will allow the Marines to train in another environment, said Master Gunnery Sgt. Rick Montoya, the HMT-301 maintenance chief.

"This is a different area of training for us," Montoya said. "The illumination and different flying routes out here offer the squadron some variety."

"Since we're a training squadron, this is as close to the field as it gets for us," he added.

According to Sgt. Maj. Collin A. Cotterell, the HMT-301 sergeant major, the training allows the Marines a greater chance to more closely interact with one another than normal.

"This gives the Marines the opportunity to work closer with each other in a field environment," Cotterell said. "This is somewhat of a small taste of operational forces in combat."

"This will mold them into a close, effective unit for when disaster strikes," he added.

Sgt. Rosemarie James, the orders chief with HMT-301, said the deployment brought the squadron's Marines "back to basics."

"These deployments familiarize you with how the Marine Corps is supposed to be," James said. "They allow you to experience what we really joined the Corps for."

The squadron is scheduled to return to

MCAF Adopt-a-School



Photo by Cpl. David Salazar
Corporal Scott Ashford, a crash crewman with Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, applies "cammie" paint to Kristina Louis-Soares' face during Lanikai Elementary School's visit of the Marine Corps Air Facility Tuesday. The school visited the installation as part of the Adopt-a-School program.

3/3 Marines give input on furniture

Pfc. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

Third Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, leathernecks went shopping for new barracks furniture Friday.

Actually, the Marines sampled furniture set up at Kaneohe Bay's base property and said which they would prefer to have in their rooms.

Base Property is currently shopping for furnishings for the 3rd Marines' barracks that are being built on Mokapu Street aboard K-Bay and decided that Marines who will actually use the furniture should have a say in the decision.

"Privates first class are told what to do and never asked for their opinions," said Gunnery Sgt. John E. Der, base property supply chief. "This lets Marines have input on what's in the rooms."

"They (the Marines) live with it, they should judge what's in their rooms," said Raymond Rippel, director of unaccompa-



Photo by Pfc. Roman Yurek
Lance Cpl. John Wilson, rifleman for K Co., 3/3, tests the comfort of one of the beds on display.

nied personnel housing.

Two furniture displays were presented to the leathernecks. One showed a set of furniture made of traditional solid oak. The second set broke this tradition with a metal and wood combination. Both displays included beds, desks, wall lockers, chairs and small chests.

Leathernecks involved in the decision making expressed an appreciation for the

opportunity to give their input.

"I was surprised they asked," said Lance Cpl. Dennis Nelson, a basic rifleman for K Co., 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. "It's better than just throwing it (the furniture) in."

"It's good giving insight that might help others," said Cpl. Cedric Edison, a directives clerk at Camp Smith.

The new furniture was made by commercial vendors invited by base property to set up displays. After personnel at base property look over which style is preferred by the Marines, they will evaluate the quality, warranty and prices to make final decisions for which furnishings to purchase.

The new designs offer better quality furniture than previously used, according to Rippel. With the better quality, furniture won't have to be replaced as often, which should result in saved time and money for the Marine Corps, Rippel added.

CMC Armed Forces Day message

General Charles C. Krulak
Commandant of the Marine Corps

For more than two centuries, the Marine Corps has courageously fought alongside our service brethren in every clime and place. During that time, U.S. Marines, Sailors, soldiers, airmen and Coast Guardsmen have garnered a heroic warfighting legacy.

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On Armed Forces Day, we celebrate you, our nation's defenders — the finest fighting force the world has ever known. Moreover, we celebrate that inner strength and firm resolution to God and country which defines the American armed forces.

As you celebrate at home with parades and ceremonies, pause and reflect on the nearly 100,000 servicemembers who are deployed in harm's way. From the hostilities in the Balkans and Iraq, to relief efforts in war-torn and weather-ravaged communities around the world, the U.S. armed forces deliver a promise of peace and comfort to those who would otherwise know none.

On this day, I extend my sincere appreciation for your commitment to excellence, selfless dedication, and honorable service to our nation. Your efforts not only protect the foundation of democracy at home, but shine as a beacon of hope to those on foreign shores.

Semper Fidelis.



Gen. Krulak



Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete
Specialist Karin Stamm, Tripler laboratory technician, finishes collecting blood from Cpl. Winston Crawford, fiscal clerk for Combat Service Support Group 3.

Team K-Bay gives at blood drive

Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete
Combat Correspondent

K-Bay Marines and Sailors took a break from their daily schedule Thursday morning to stop at the Semper Fit Center — not for a work-out, but to donate blood.

With the help of K-Bay Branch Medical Clinic, Tripler Army Medical Center collected 85 pints of blood, surpassing the goal of 75.

The donations help servicemembers throughout Hawaii.

"Tripler is solely dependent on the military in Hawaii for their blood support," said Army Maj. Joanne L. Daugirda, chief of the blood bank at Tripler AMC. "We care for everyone (all the armed services in Hawaii), so it's important that all the services donate."

"It only hurts a little, but it helps a lot," said Hurley.

K-Bay's Marines and Sailors are doing a great job in contributions, according to Daugirda. She said she's never had any problems with getting donations from K-Bay, and according to many Marines, they are happy to do it.

"It's the right thing to do," said Cpl. Daniel Stramp, police sergeant for Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and a frequent blood donor. "It makes me feel better knowing it can help someone out."

"I feel it helps out people that need blood," added Lance Cpl. Jorge Vasquez, combat engineer from Combat Support Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, who also gave blood Thursday. "Who knows, one day I might need it."

Tripler representatives are planning to return to K-Bay every other month. For more information on Tripler's blood drives, call 433-7120.

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Change of Command Ceremonies

A change of command ceremony for 3rd Marine Regiment will be held at K-Bay's Dewey Square May 20 at 4 p.m. Colonel R.B. Peele will relieve Col. J.A. Keenan as the regimental commander.

A change of command ceremony for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 will be held at K-Bay's Dewey Square May 21 at 10 a.m. Lt. Col. J.A. Marquardt will relieve Lt. Col. C.E. O'Connor as the squadron commander.

Farewell Coffee

Navy and Marine Corps spouses are invited to attend a farewell coffee in honor of Mrs. Zandi Krulak at 10 a.m. on June 1 at the K-Bay Officers Club. The cost is \$3. Make checks payable to the KOWC and send to 1866 Marmande Dr., Kailua, HI 96734. R.S.V.P. by 28 May. Point of contact is Bridget Riggs at 254-2397.

Job Fair

The Marine Corps Community Services' Personal Services Center, Family Member Assistance Program, will hold its 3rd Annual Job Fair Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at K-Bay's Windward Enlisted Club. All active, reserve and retired military members and their families are invited.

The fair will feature employers from MCB Hawaii as well as from Honolulu and Leeward Oahu. No children will be admitted into the fair. Call 257-7790 for more information.

Base Action Committee Meeting

The Base Action Committee will hold a community meeting Tuesday in the Bachelor Officer Quarters Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. for residents of the Ulupau housing area (Daly Road, Dias Place and Connor Loop). It is requested only adults attend the meeting.

ID Card Office Closes

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System/ID card office at K-Bay's main gate will close from May 17-22. During this period, ID cards may be obtained at Pearl Harbor's ID card office at 650 Center Dr. (across from the Human Resources Office). For more information call 471-2405, ext. 318. Effective May 24, the hours of operation for K-Bay's DEERS/ID card office will be weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Sergeant Major's Corner

Veterans organizations benefit all

Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub
Mar/For/As Sergeant Major

Thousands of Marines leave the Marine Corps each year. Some Marines return home after serving only one enlistment, while others make a career of it. Either way, we will all return to civilian life. All of you who have served honorably are to be applauded for your service to our country and to our Corps. Hopefully you will return to civilian life as better citizens.



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What I would like to talk about this week is some of the veterans organizations that are out there. I'm not advocating any one organization over another. Organizations like Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association and many others all serve veterans in different ways and my sole intent here is to make you aware of them and a few important benefits

you receive when you join a veterans organization.

I recently attended a veterans' organization function where several public servants were recognized for their outstanding contributions. More importantly, they were recognized by the veterans for the positive role models they provided to our young people in the communities in which they serve. A police officer, fireman, emergency medical technician and a lifeguard were all honored.

While the focus of the program was to recognize the awardees' good work, it was not the only purpose. The message was much larger. These veterans were trying to show the young people attending that there are good people in this world. Kids are looking for role models and finding them in the wrong places. There are good honest people all around them; they just don't get the recognition that they deserve.

The positive leadership and life experiences from your military service are something you can give back to your communities, and

especially to young people, when you become a member of a veterans organization.

There are benefits for you as well. By joining a veterans organization, you will meet leaders in your hometown. They can help you in so many ways, from finding a good job, to helping you receive the benefits that your honorable service has earned you. Members of veterans organizations are more than happy to give a fellow veteran a helping hand in getting started.

Some may think that organizations such as the VFW or the American Legion are made up of mostly older veterans; you would be right. But the men and women who currently fill the ranks of our veterans organizations were once your age, too. They spent their youth in places like Iwo Jima, Korea and Vietnam. But you share a common bond with them that transcends age, believe me. They have as much respect for you and your service as you do for them. Give them a chance to meet and get to know you.

Young veterans may believe vet-

erans organizations are off-limits because of age. Believe me, they are not. All veterans organizations are actively recruiting younger veterans and active duty members to join their organizations. Young veterans are the future of the nation and are key to ensuring the next generation has positive role models to emulate.

Veterans organizations are a win-win situation. By becoming a member, you present yourself as a positive role model to future generations of young Americans. At the same time, you make significant contacts back in your hometown to assist you as you transition back to being a civilian.

You also will be continuing your support to the Marine Corps and all veterans by talking to members of your community, especially young people, about the benefits of serving in the armed forces of our great country. To me that is a far better thing to be doing than allowing them to be recruited by someone else to sell drugs or kill one another. If you don't get involved, who will? Semper Par.

Unprocessed travel claims may bite back

Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Mueta
Combat Correspondent

A growing number of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Marines, Sailors and civilians aren't settling their travel claims and may eventually be billed for failing to do so.

Currently, there are more than \$200,000 worth of unprocessed travel expenses that will be charged to those who didn't settle their claims this year, according to Master Sgt. Thomas Rivera, comptroller chief for Kaneohe Bay.

"The individual is solely responsible for ensuring an account is cleared," said Rivera.

This includes travelers who were given pay advances or government credit cards. If they spent government money, they need to declare it, according to Rivera. If they spent their own money, they need to claim it or else they won't get compensated.

Travel claims are required to be settled within five days of return from official trips such as Temporary Additional Duty, said Rivera. If they don't settle their accounts after five days, a letter is sent out.

"The government might owe them money," said Rivera. "It might be in their best interest to

liquidate their accounts." If no response is made to the letter within 11 days, the money gets deducted from the individual's paycheck. It is also possible for the Internal Revenue Service to take charge and deduct the amount owed the following year, according to Rivera.

Whether they're entitled to money or not, however, any unsettled travel claims can amount to unnecessary costs for DOD travelers, according to Rivera. And instead of being paid appropriately, they may have to pay a price for the unsettled travel claims.

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Marines from 1 Marine Expeditionary Force and the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing took part in a joint experiment with the Navy's Third Fleet at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility here, April 12-16.

The Advanced-Concept Technology Demonstration, known as "Littoral Lightning," is the second of three exercises that comprise Kernel Blitz '99.

Littoral Lightning and Urban Warrior, the first of the three exercises, targeted improving the Navy and Marine Corps team's joint operational effectiveness by improving command and control and communications methods.

During the experiment, a raid on a MOU was conducted, while an over-the-horizon, wireless network was used to link individual Marines on the ground directly to the Experimental Combat Operations Center aboard the Third Fleet flagship, the USS Coronado.

The network provides a real-time, common tactical picture to operational and command elements, allowing all personnel involved to identify the precise locations of all friendly forces in the urban environment, according to Col. Robert E. Schmidle, commanding officer, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (Experimental).

Schmidle said the goal of Littoral Lightning is to use technology to create a better architecture for communications that would improve coordination within the battle



Photo by Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Private First Class Jesse Hernandez tracks his unit's ground movements on a palmtop computer.

Coronado to locations as far as 300 miles inland, including MCAS Yuma, Ariz., and Marine Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., according to Schmidle.

Twenty-year-old Pfc. Jesse A. Hernandez, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 1st Bn., 5th Marine Regiment, tracked the action on a Libretto 100CT palmtop computer strapped to his chest. The San Antonio, Texas native said the computer has a lot of promise.

With it, Hernandez can e-mail calls for fire, resupply requests and other situational reports to the battlefield commanders floating miles offshore. The computer is an example of the commercially-produced technology being experimented with during Littoral Lightning. It uses Windows 95 software to execute all functions.

"It's been pretty good to me," said Hernandez. "It's pretty easy to use."

The computer is linked to a cordless telephone mounted on Hernandez's shoulder. With the telephone, Hernandez said he can send information to a relay station at least two miles away.

"After it reaches the relay, it's virtually unlimited," he explained. Hernandez said one drawback to using the computer for combat is its lack of durability. But he noted that the equipment is still in the testing phase.

Captain Andrew T. Ryan, HM11-465 pilot, said the exercise was a good demonstration of the future capabilities of Marine Corps warfighting. "The technology is really the star of the show."

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Photo by Cpl. David Salazar
Corporal John Logsdon, a crew chief student, rinses the tail of a CH-53D helicopter.



Photo by Cpl. David Salazar
Sergeant Christopher Anderson, a flightline mechanic with HMT-301, scrubs a CH-53D helicopter at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands on Kauai, May 6.

HMT-301 crew keeps birds healthy on Kauai

Cpl. David Salazar
Combat Correspondent

PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY, BARKING SANDS, Kauai — Marines from Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301 didn't spend their free time surfing and sunbathing on the "garden island" of Kauai after arriving here for training Wednesday.

What these Marines did was arguably more constructive, and in the long run, should benefit the CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters they work so hard to keep off the ground.

The motivated devil dogs scrubbed and freed the helicopters of exhaust residue, salt and moisture to protect the aircraft from corrosion.

"We're taking some of our free time to clean these helicopters up and knock some of the salt off them," said Gunnery Sgt. Carl Meadows, the HMT-301 quality assurance chief. "We usually have civilian contractors do this for us, but being that we had a little extra time on our hands, we decided to clean them up."

According to Meadows, the helicopter body accumulates exhaust, water and salt residue during flight, which, in the long-run, can damage the outer body of the aircraft.

"Basically, we have to rinse the helicopters every 14 days and wash them at

least every 30 days to prevent rust and corrosion," Meadows said.

Lance Cpl. Kenneth Daniel, an HMT-301 avionics technician, said living near the ocean is contributes to the helicopters' corrosion.

"(As a naval service), we live right near the ocean, and all the salt and moisture in the air can corrode the body and vital parts of the helo," Daniel said. "If it does begin to corrode, and we don't catch it, it could turn in to something much worse."

The squadron boarded PMRF May 5 to carry out an annual 10-day training schedule. They are set to leave Kauai this weekend.

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Lanski, the staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the identification and registration office aboard K-Bay, goes over procedures for registering a weapon.

MPD to register weapons at K-Bay

Cpl. David Salazar
Combat Correspondent

Windward Oahu residents can register their weapons at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, main gate May 27.

The K-Bay Military Police Department will handle registration in the Pass and I.D. office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in what is expected to become a convenience for Windward residents.

The weapons registration is slated to take place on K-Bay the third Thursday of every month, and was devised to accommodate base residents and civilians who may have trouble registering their weapons downtown, said Capt. Max Goralnick, the services officer with MPD.

"Right now, you can only register weapons at 701 Beretania St. in downtown Honolulu," Goralnick said. "What we came up with, in conjunction with the Honolulu Police Department, was the Firearms Registration Center, which will accommodate (servicemembers) and people who live on the Windward Side who need to register weapons."

According to Goralnick, the FARC will give people more of an opportunity to register their weapons.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for people to comply with the law, and the easiest way to do that, is to bring the law to them," Goralnick said.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Lanski, the staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Identification and Registration office aboard K-Bay, said the registration center will also carry an added feature to make registering weapons convenient.

"We will also have a hotline, informing people of the next date we'll be holding the registrations," Lanski said. "People calling the hotline should also leave a message and make an appointment."

Lanski said MPD personnel will return the call for scheduling appointments, which will greatly help the FARC accomplish its monthly mission in a timely manner.

"Our whole goal is to do this by appointment so we can help one person at a time and get it all done as soon as possible," Lanski added.

Lanski also said dates and registration times will be posted at HPD and stores where weapons may be purchased.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the FARC hotline number at 257-0759.

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Detecting alcohol abuse

There is a difference between responsible drinking and being an alcohol abuser

Staff Sgt. Luis P. Valdespino Jr.
Press Chief

Corps-wide, leathernecks are being told to be responsible in their consumption of alcohol.

It may not be clear, however, where the line is drawn between being a responsible drinker and being an alcohol abuser.

In protecting Marines and their families, the Substance Abuse Counseling Center and local unit substance abuse counseling officers are educating Marines on how to recognize the abuse of alcohol.

"I think most of us know when someone is misusing alcohol," said Roger O'Guin, the director of MCB Hawaii SACC.

The abuse, or misuse of alcohol includes individuals using alcohol to a point where they are putting themselves or others on danger, O'Guin said.

In evaluating if someone is misusing alcohol to such a degree, O'Guin said SACC counselors generally review a Marine or Sailor's alcohol consumption habits from at least the previous year. He explained this is done to see if the individual has recurring drinking or incident patterns.

Some patterns individuals may display that may be a sign of alcohol abuse include individuals operating automobiles and heavy equipment while under the influence of alcohol, fighting after drinking, having legal problems related to alcohol-involved incidents, or having persistent social problems. Other habits of individuals who misuse alcohol often include being late for work, showing up to work with hangovers, not paying bills, using more money than one can afford on alcohol, and neglecting obligations, O'Guin said.

But O'Guin said not all incidents in themselves are obviously connected to the misuse of alcohol. For instance, a person who is abusing alcohol and failing to meet financial obligations may not necessarily be spending too much money on alcohol, but may make decisions to irresponsibly spend money after drinking alcoholic beverages, which in turn can cause financial problems for the drinker.

Staff Sergeant Kevin M. Keenan, the 3rd Marine

Regiment SACO, also said concerned Marines may notice some signs of alcohol abuse from their fellow devil dogs.

"A Marine may come in to work groggy, hungover and with slurred speech," Keenan explained. Or one may "be in a formation run and smell someone with alcohol."

Keenan said Marines should also take notice if a fellow leatherneck is using alcohol to relieve the tensions of a day, or "for the sole purpose of getting pounded."

O'Guin explained that "drinking more than a couple alcoholic beverages in a day can cause harm to a person's body, especially if it is done on a regular basis."

Individuals who may wonder if their own use of alcoholic bev-

erages can be considered alcohol abuse should consider why they are drinking, Keenan added.

If someone is "drinking to get through the day, looking for excuses to drink, or thinking they need to drink in order to 'open up' a little," then he or she may be headed towards alcohol dependency, Keenan said.

Individuals who see these types of habits in fellow service-members should talk to the individual and refer him or her to the SACO, Keenan said. If a person sees these habits within himself, he should also seek assistance from the SACO.

Keenan said that in instances where individuals have seen the SACO on their own, he has seen Marines improve on their habits,

and avoid having alcohol-related incidents. But, unfortunately, he sees most people after they have been involved in alcohol-related incidents. These individuals, he said, can also improve on their habits, but oftentimes also have to pay for the incident in which they were involved.

A goal of the SACC and SACOs is to educate Marines and Sailors in order to reduce the possibility of them having such instances, O'Guin added.

Both Keenan and O'Guin said that for those with concerns, "help is available."

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month articles. Next week the topic will be the cost of abusing alcohol.

Marine Corps seeks counselors

Roger O'Guin
Director, Substance Abuse Counseling Center

There is a shortage of certified substance abuse counselors Marine Corps wide, especially women mentors.

Marines interested in becoming a certified substance abuse counselor can request an interview with the base Substance Abuse Counseling Center, and then initiate a package that will be submitted to Headquarters Marine Corps with the assistance of SACC personnel.

If selected, the Marine will receive orders to the Naval Alcohol and Drug Counseling School at Point Loma, San Diego. This ten-week course is designed to provide an acade-

mic foundation for counselors. Following completion of this preparatory instruction, graduates are assigned to various SACCs and undergo an internship involving clinical supervision, until they become certified. Once counselors are certified, they will remain in the field for three to four years to provide therapeutic services to fellow Marines, Sailors and family members who are experiencing difficulty with alcohol abuse.

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Pfc. Roman Yurek
 Combat Correspondent

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Hawaii is looking for volunteer counselors for the 26th Annual MDA Summer Camp at YMCA Camp Erdman, on Oahu's North Shore June 22-29.

The MDA is seeking about 40 service-members to be volunteer counselors for participants with neuromuscular diseases.

"We depend immensely on the military, mainly because they are most responsible, mature and understanding of what it means to serve others," said Kathleen Hurtubise, MDA Hawaii camp director.

Artie Kepo'o, an activities coordinator for the summer camp, also praised the military volunteers' enthusiasm and willingness to work.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Hawaii has sponsored an annual summer camp for children and adults for the past 25 years. For MDA Hawaii summer camp, participants will be coming from all the Hawaiian Islands. The MDA is seeking volunteers from all Oahu military installations.

The volunteers will have one-on-one interaction with participants. This consists of pushing wheelchairs and assisting in grooming, dressing, and feeding campers according to Hurtubise.

Volunteers will also help campers participate in wheelchair games, build camp fires, swim, fly kites, and take part in a talent show.

"It's an incredible experience," said Hurtubise. "MDA Hawaii camp is where ordinary people come together and have extraordinary experiences."

"You get to meet special individuals," said Kepo'o. "You personally become an extended arm and leg for the people in the

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Kathleen Hurtubise
 MDA Hawaii Camp Director

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"It's one week of the year when youngsters and adults with neuromuscular disorders are able to fully participate in a lot of fun activities," Hurtubise added.

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• While conducting an ID card check, MPs observed a civilian driving a 1993 Chevrolet attempt to gain access via the main gate. As they approached the car, MPs smelled alcohol. MPs conducted a series of field sobriety tests on the subject, which he failed. MPs transported the suspect to MPD where a breath test resulted in a blood alcohol content of .092%. MPs processed and released the civilian on his own recognition.

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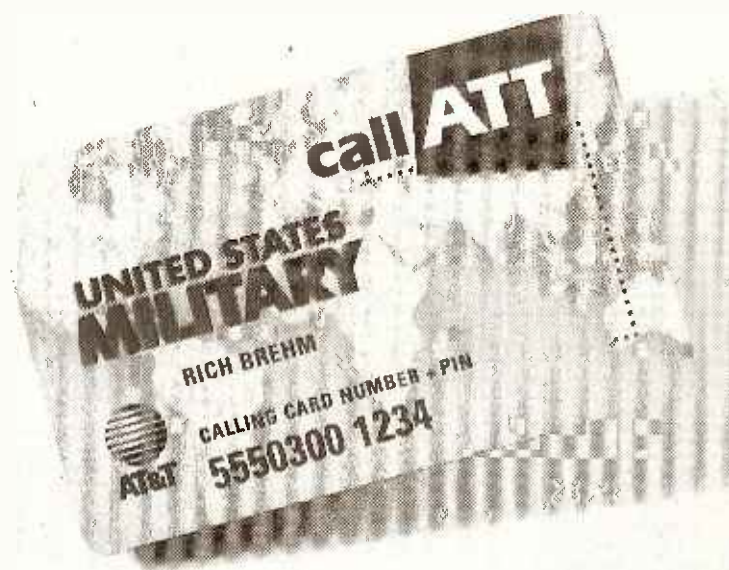
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The 3rd Annual Job Fair will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Enlisted Club, building 1629.

Sponsored by the Family Member Employment Assistance Program, the fair is open to active duty, retired, reserve and their family members.

FBI will hold a special agents recruiting seminar May 20 from 9-10 a.m. at building 267, classroom 2.

Bradley-Morris, Inc., military placement specialists with over 350 client companies, will conduct interviews at MCCS Personal Services, building 216, May 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. Those wishing to schedule an appointment may call 1-800-330-4950, ext. 108.

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program provides resume assistance, job referrals, federal job assistance and one-on-one counseling. For more information on TAMP programs, call 257-7790.

Events

American Red Cross is sponsoring a 30-kilometer bike-a-thon May 22, 8 a.m. at NAS Barbers Point. Non-sponsored fee is \$30. The person who raises the most money for the Red Cross wins a free inter-island trip. Pick up an entry form at the Red Cross, building 216, or call 449-1488 for more information.

"All I Asking for Is My Body," a play of Hawaiian plantation life just before the outbreak of WWII, plays through May 30 at the Kumu Kahua Theatre, 46 Merchant St., Honolulu. Call 536-4441 for tickets.

Male and female Asian-American singers are wanted for principal and ensemble roles in "Miss Saigon." Tryouts will be held for children June 8 and adults June 10 and 11. Call 732-7733 for more information.

Young Marines Program needs volunteers. Former drill instructors are preferred, but all are welcome. Call Miyuki Watts at the Honolulu Police Department for more information at 951-5484.

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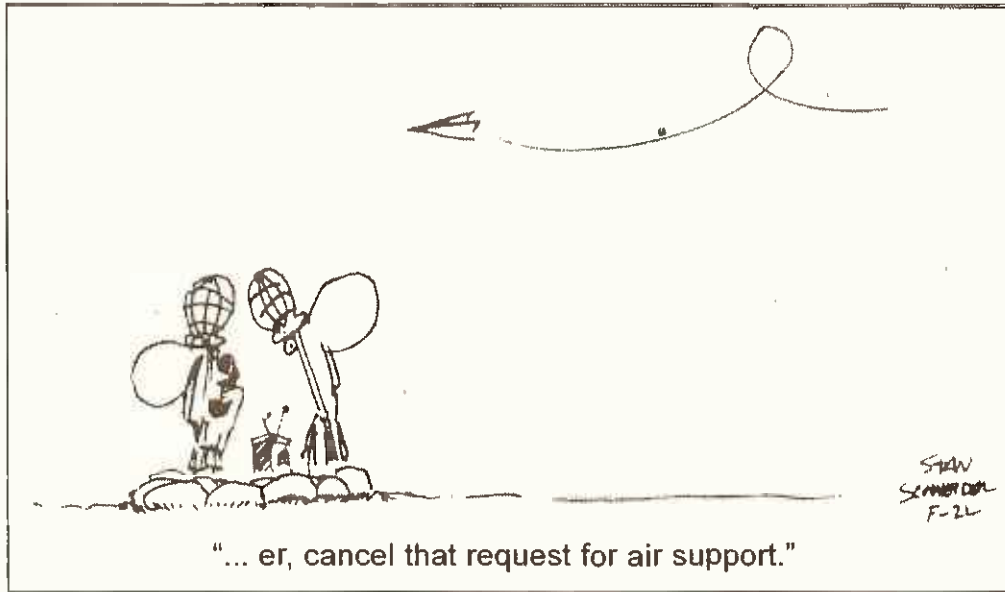
back rides to single Marines Sundays at 1:30 and 3 p.m. For more information, call the Camp Smith Stables at 484-9417.

The Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club will hike Kauhahua Stream May 22 at 9 a.m. This is a three-mile ridge and valley hike in Wahiawa. For more information, call the hike coordinator, Joe Bussen at 262-5506. On May 23 at 8 a.m., the club will take on Koloa Gulch. This seven-mile intermediate valley and ridge hike in La'ie also includes a swim. Call hike coordinator John Hoover at 528-1206 for more information. On May 29 at 6:30 p.m., the club takes on the Windward Side for a moonlight stroll up Ka'iwa Ridge. The hike begins at Kailua Beach Park opposite Buzz's Steak House. Call Miles and Maureen Brubacher at 261-7814 for more information.

Hale'iwa Sea Spree will offer live entertainment, swimming events, arts and crafts and a carnival midway Friday afternoon through Sunday. Admission is free. Youth Fun and Fitness Day will be held Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at Pop Warner Field. A slam dunk contest and an ice cream eating contest, as well as karate and gymnastics demonstrations will be featured. Call 254-7611 for more details.

The Dance Movement Academy teaches all levels of ballet, jazz, tap and gymnastics at building 267. For more information, call Di Rodin at 261-0538. To register, call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

The Moving Wall, a half size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will be



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on display on the grounds of the USS Arizona Memorial Visitors' Center May 21-31. The exhibit will be open 24 hours a day and is free to the public. Long and short term vehicle storage is available on Ford Island's Hangar 176 for \$1 per day. Call the Pearl Harbor Auto Hobby Shop at 471-9072 to make arrangements.

Hale Koa Hotel will run a junior life-guard program for children 8-15, June 14-18 and July 12-16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants must be able to swim 200 yards without stopping. Cost is \$90 and includes supplies. Call 955-9155 to enroll.

Homeschooled teens and preteens are getting together on a routine basis for fun classes such as swimming and physical education. Call 254-5420 for more information.

Band lovers will enjoy an opportunity to see Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine Corps bands join forces at the Hawaii Theatre Saturday at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

Parents' and Children's Skills for Relocation is presented at Tripler Army Medical Center from 3-4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month. The class is designed to help families cope with the stress of a PCS move. For more information, call 474-4222.

K-Bay Rod and Gun Club is for those who are interested in hunting, fishing, shooting and archery. Meetings are at

7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the BOQ conference room. For more information, call Wally Heyer at 254-5739.

Get Fit Free classes are available to active-duty personnel Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 a.m. and Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. at the Semper Fit Center.

The Society of Military Widows cordially invites all military widows and widowers to join. Must have a valid URW ID card. The society meets the third Saturday of every month. Call 262-7953 for more information.

MCCS Personal Services

Budget awareness class, May 24 from 9:30-11 a.m. in TAVSC classroom 2. Marriage Skills Workshop, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Joint Education Center, building 219, classroom 3.

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Summertime Day Camps have weekly theme sessions for ages 5-10 and are held Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Registration begins Friday.

Clay Classes will teach children ages 5-10 how to make a gift for Father's Day.

Summer Luau cooking class will teach participants how to prepare a few local dishes. May 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

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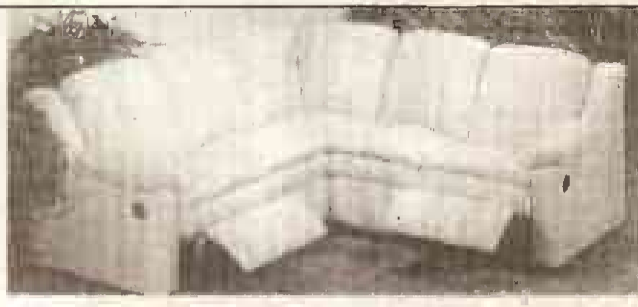
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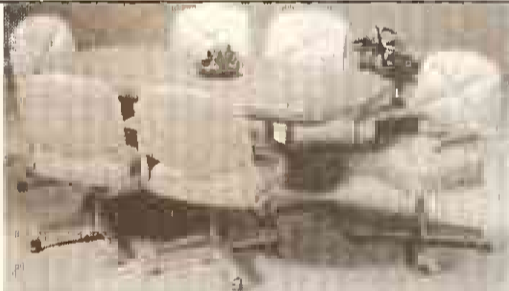
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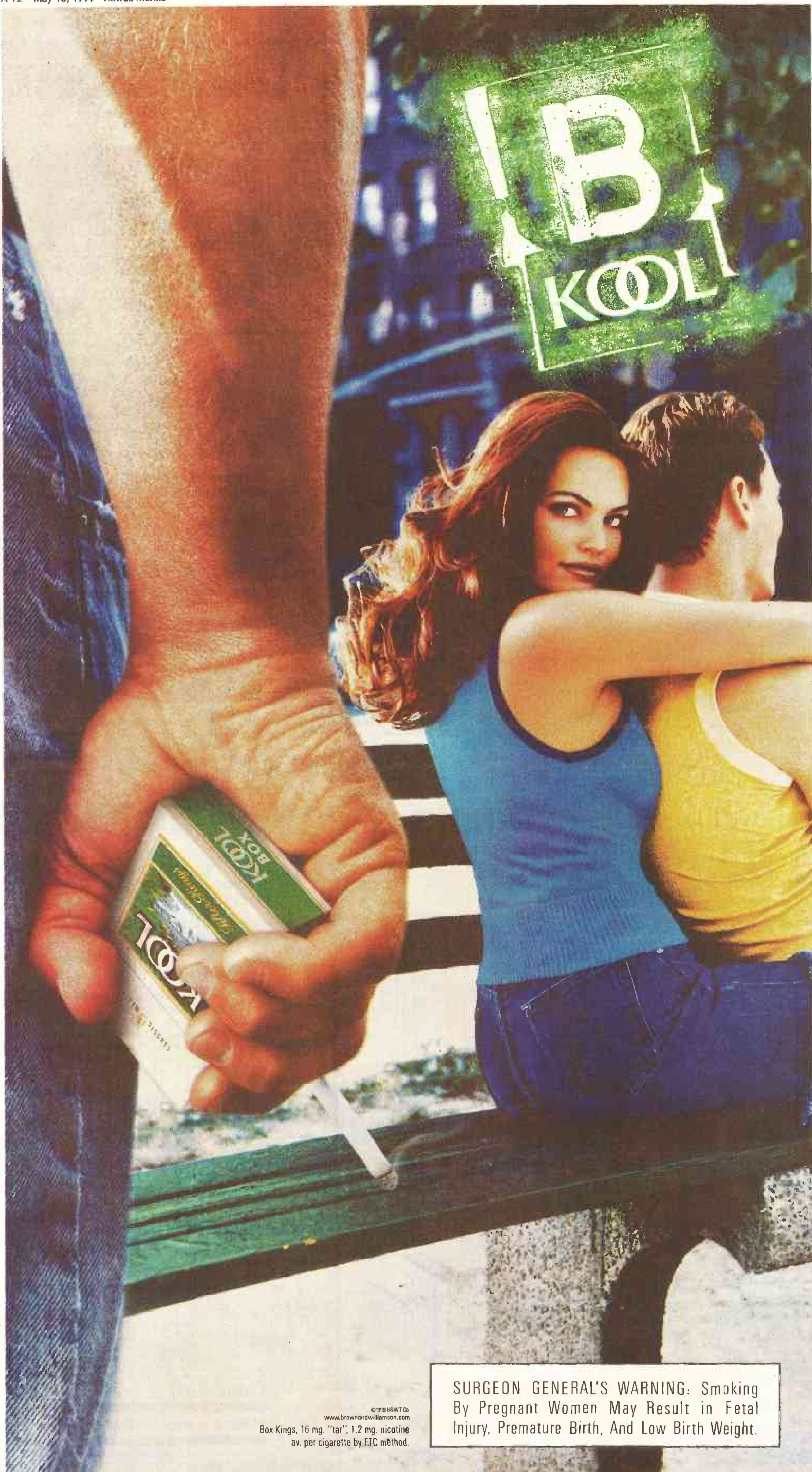


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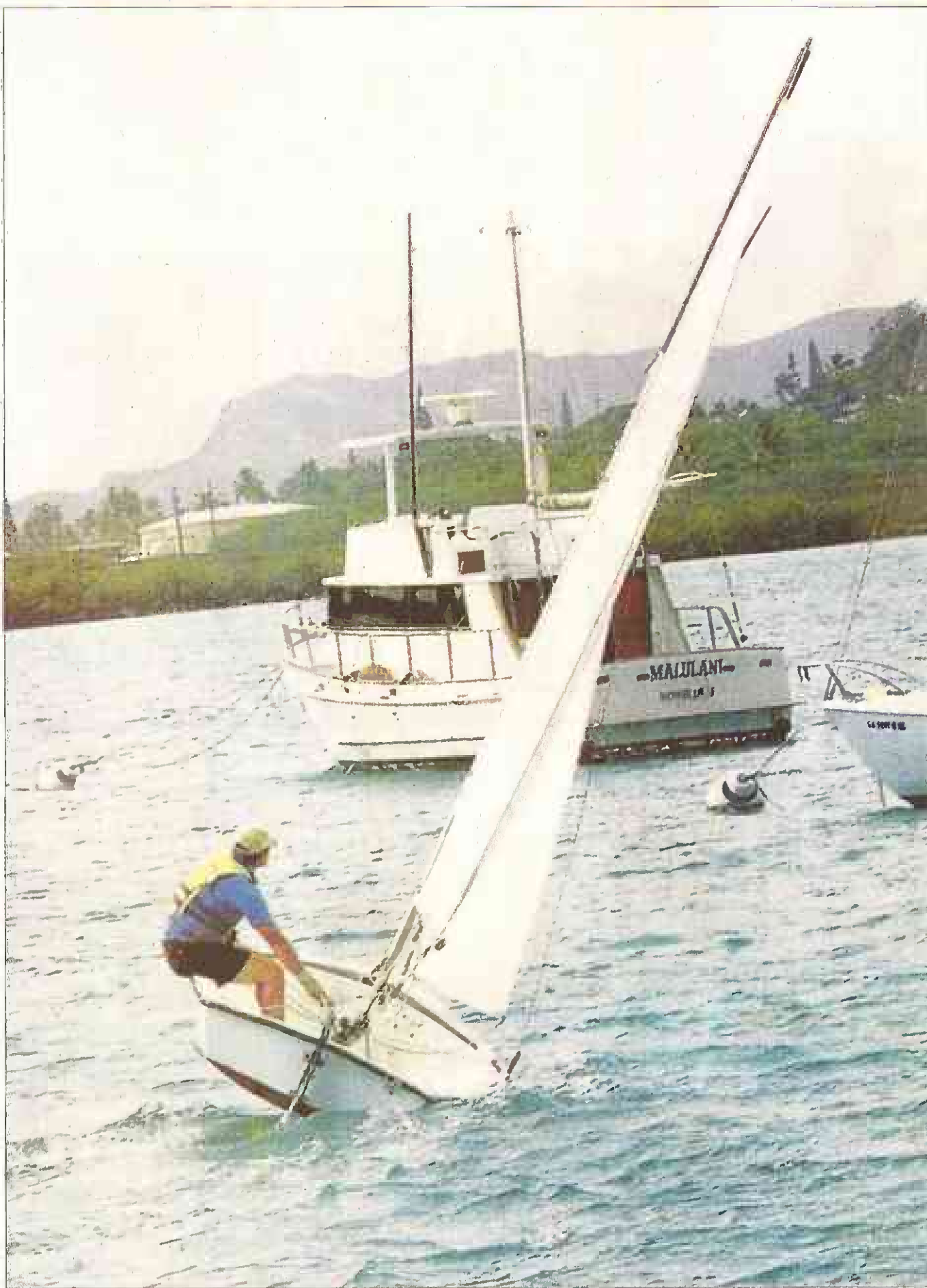


Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry

Willy Curran, the new sailing instructor at the K-Bay Base Marina, takes a rental sailboat for a spin around the bay Tuesday morning. Curran said Kaneohe Bay is one of the best bays in Hawaii for sailing due to its weather conditions and calm waves.



Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry

Curran cleats the jib halyard after hoisting the jib sail.

K-Bay offers water fun

Cpl. Trent Lowry
Combat Correspondent

Even the greatest sailors of the twentieth century—Popeye, Gilligan, and McHale—didn't have as good a sailing environment as that at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Whether learning how to sail or just spending a day with family and friends on a sandbar in the Bay, the base marina offers many opportunities for residents to have fun in the Hawaiian surf.

The most recent additions to the menu of lessons offered at the marina are summer junior sailing classes and evening beginner classes. The marina has also hired a new sailing instructor, Willy Curran.

"There's nothing greater than sailing, with the wind going through your hair, knowing that you're in control of the boat," Curran said. "I love working with kids, and I'm sure they're going to have fun out here (the marina). I know I'm going to."

The three summer junior classes will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon, June 14-25, June 12-23 and August 2-13. The class will teach young people, ages 8 to 18, basic sailing skills.

Beginner skills will also be taught during evenings this summer, for those base residents who want to learn how to sail

but can't make the eight-hour Saturday classes. Evening classes begin May 24, with each class lasting one week, Monday through Friday, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

"The evening classes go at a much faster pace than the weekend classes," said Melton Beach, recreation attendant at the marina.

"Kaneohe Bay is one of the better sailing bays that I've travelled to," said Curran, an accomplished sailor. "The weather conditions are great and there isn't a heavy surf."

The marina also offers "party barge" rentals of 10-person, 24-foot pontoon boats, including a brand new boat the marina recently received.

For those persons interested in deep sea fishing adventures or scuba diving expeditions, Mahalo Kai, a civilian charter company, offers trips in Kaneohe Bay and on the Windward Side of Oahu. Scuba divers must be licensed to take advantage of the diving voyages through Hawaii's clear waters.

Other lessons, from surfing and wakeboarding to scuba diving and snorkeling, are also available through the marina and its tenants, R N R Surf and Ski, and Ocean Concepts Scuba.

Base personnel interested in any or all of these water sports can contact the Marina at 254-7667.

Red wins K-Bay championships

Pfc. Roman Yurek
Combat Correspondent

Combat Service Support Group 3 Red got their groove back while laying 1st Radio Battalion to rest in the second of two best-of-five sets for the volleyball intramural championship played Saturday at the Semper Fit Center aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The championship series could have been decided if the Red would have beaten Radio Bn. in the first series, since Red was the top finalist from the winning bracket of the finals, and Radio Bn. was tops in the loser's bracket. But Radio Bn. beat out Red in three out of five matches during the first series, forcing the second set. Red sucked it up and overtook Radio Bn. in three out of five matches during the second set of matches.

"We just took them one point at a time," said C.C. Chandler of Red.

But Radio Bn. didn't just lay down for Red. They looked for Red's vulnerabilities during play and tried to take advantage.

"We're very confident," said Kabili Schucht, player for Radio Bn., before the final series. "We know their weaknesses and they know ours. It should be a good game."

Scott Balmos, specifically, sought to take advantage of any Red vulnerabilities by laying down shooting star-like spikes on the CSSG-3 team.

But the seven-man team of Radio Bn. had played since 9 a.m.; the championship game didn't start until 4:30 p.m., and the Red took notice of the toll the day was taking on Radio Bn. And the Red team remained confident.

"They are tired." CSSG-3's Al Kaunimoke said between the championship series. "We have to play our game, at our momentum."

But the series was anybody's going into the final match at two wins a piece.

The Red hung on for an emotional win of the final match with a score of 15-6.

"It's awesome that we won," said Tracy Young of CSSG-3 Red after a trophy ceremony in the gym.

Radio Bn. admitted they struggled to keep their teamwork strong at the end of the game.

"Communication keeps teamwork and spirits up," said



Photo by Pfc. Roman Yurek

G.L. Ford, member of the champion volleyball team CSSG-3 Red, serves the ball during the second and final set of matches in the championship game.

Scouting it out



Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Mueta

First Lieutenant Ronald Gaines, training officer for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366, tells Boy Scouts from Aikahi Elementary School's 2nd grade how the Marine Corps uses the CH-53D. Eleven scouts from Den 1, Pack 228 came to K-Bay for a field trip April 30.



Kaneohe Bay's Ashley Fernow sights in on an incoming pitch.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete



Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Kaneohe Bay's Tina Acevedo looks to see if the Blue Jay's catcher will catch a foul ball.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Left, Kaneohe Bay's Taylor Smith prepares to run the bases after hitting a grand slam. Above, Ashley Day waits for a chance to progress to second base.

Wild Girls slam Blue Jays, 15-1

Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete
Combat Correspondent

The undefeated Kaneohe Bay Wild Girls devastated the Hickam Blue Jays 15-1 in four innings of youth softball action Saturday afternoon at Fort Hase Field.

The Wild Girls rout of the Blue Jays improved their record to 6-0 with only two games left in the Pigtail Division season of 11-13 year-old girls.

Both teams started slowly and neither team scored until the second inning, in which both scored once.

Then, after the Blue Jays' scoreless effort in the third inning, the Wild Girls blew away the competition by pulling ahead 9-1, thanks in part to the sole home run of the game, an in-the-field grand slam courtesy of K-Bay's Taylor Smith.

According to K-Bay's coach, the team was merely striving to execute the fundamentals, despite coming out with a strong attack.

"I tried to impress the basies," said K-Bay

coach Pat Nisley, "but they (the Wild Girls) picked up the game on their own and did very well."

The fourth inning sealed the K-Bay victory with a final score of 15-1, when the referee called an end to the game, citing the one and a half hour game time limit.

According to K-Bay's Melisa Addoms, the game went really well, considering the Wild Girls went into the game expecting the Blue Jays to be the most challenging team they had faced this season.

But without the coaching and support for the team, the Wild Girls said they couldn't have done as well as they have.

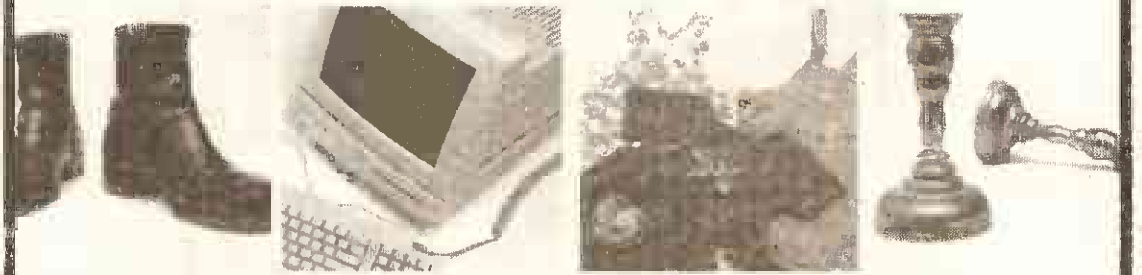
"I think we've had a real good season thanks to our coach," said Wild Girls' Tina Acevedo.

"We're like a family," added Wild Girls' Ashley Fernow.

"We've made new friends and a lot of progress," said Smith.

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By JoAnne Yow-Fairchild
MCCS Marketing

Military Month Specials

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Free Movies

This week's free showings for active duty E1-E5 at the Base Theater are: 10 Things I Hate about You (rated PG 13), a bittersweet comedy, on Friday, 9:45 p.m. and The Rage: Carrie 2 (rated R), a horror flick, which starts 9:45, Saturday. For other movie line-ups, call the movie hotline, 254-7642.

Free Rides for Single Marines

Horseback trail rides at Camp Smith Stables are free for single Marines and for those who are stationed here unaccompanied. Departure times are 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. every Sunday. The hour-long jaunt explores the less traveled back roads of Halawa Valley in Aiea and offers breathtaking, spectacular views of East Oahu spanning from Diamond Head to Pearl Harbor. Group tours are limited to seven riders. To make your reservations, call Camp Smith Stables at 484-9417.

Free Tennis, Anyone?

Make a rendezvous this Saturday with tennis pro Ray Handy at the Base Theater courts for free lessons from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have not played the sport in a long time, or have never tried tennis and want to give it a shot, this three-hour clinic is for you. It is open to all active duty members, DoD employees and their families, adults or children. A limited supply of rackets is available.

Stables' Schooling Show

Western, English and Speed-riding students will be premiering the Camp Smith Stables Schooling Show Series this year. The performance will be held May 23, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Stables Arena. This perennially popular all-day event is open and free to everyone. Approximately 40 aspiring equestrians and equestriennes will display their horsemanship skills and talents. Spectators will have a chance to see the horses up close. For more information, call Camp Smith Stables at 484-9417.

BayFest '99

Ocean Concepts BayFest '99 should be the best BayFest ever. Get fit and get ready for a multitude of contests held in this three-day fun and entertaining extravaganza, scheduled for July 16-18.

Oceanic Cable Main Stage headliner will be Brian Howe, the former lead singer for Bad Company. Brady Seals, the former lead singer for Little Texas, will be onstage in the Coors Light Fest Tent. E.K. Fernandez Carnival rides, Domino's Coconut Island Boat Rides and Paradise Cove Luau Dancers are just a few of the activities. The Fest concludes with a wonderful fireworks display each night. For more information on BayFest activities, call 254-7653.

Preschool Art Exhibit

Throughout this month, the Base Library features a display of masterpieces from the children of the Child Development Center. Works of art created by preschoolers and toddlers are displayed. The Base Library is open Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. noon-8 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays. For more information, call 254-7624.

Ads

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'96 Mercury Tracer, four-door sedan. Good condition, alarm P/S, 36,000 miles, \$200 and take over payments of \$240/month. Call 254-5155.
'93 Ford Tempo GL, fully loaded. 63,000 miles, excellent condition, asking \$4,500/OBO. Call 254-3262.
'94 Mercury Villager van, 52,000 miles, great condition. \$9,500/OBO, must sell, call Henry or Maria Lanzano at 254-2100.

Miscellaneous

Portable dishwasher, one year old. \$300. Two whirlpool A/C, \$225 apiece. Call 254-4724.
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jogger, \$100; double jogger, \$200. 20-inch wheels, both in excellent condition. Call 254-6617.
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3/3 K-Bay Bombers	5	2	HQB N Dawgs	5	2
VP-9	3	2	MAINT Co.	3	2
CSSG-3 Motor T	4	3	1st Radio Bn.	3	3
Supply Co.	2	2	HMH 463 Pegasus	4	4
Band	3	4	Messhall	3	4
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Aloha Fair



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Kaneohe Bay residents enjoy information booths from several vendors, live entertainment and prize giveaways during the Spring Community Aloha Fair Monday evening at the Windward Enlisted Club.

Cruel Intentions

Friday, 7:15 p.m.
Starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe and Reese Witherspoon.
In a tale of seduction and betrayal, Kathryn (Gellar) and Sebastian (Phillippe) are two wealthy, manipulative step-siblings from Manhattan's uppercrust. The stakes are high when they agree upon a diabolical wager. *Mystery, rated R, 100 minutes.*

10 Things I Hate About You

Friday, 9:45 p.m., Sunday, 7:15 p.m.
Starring Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Larisa Oleynik.
Strict rules in the Stratford household forbid Bianca from having a boyfriend until her odious sister Kat has one of her own, a situation that seems highly improbable. *Comedy, rated PG-13, 100 minutes.*

Analyze This

Saturday, 7:15 p.m.
Starring Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal.
A New York mob boss (De Niro) who is having anxiety attacks secretly seeks out a suburban psychologist (Crystal) for help. The psychologist can't resist taking on this most challenging case. *Comedy, rated R, 110 minutes.*

The Rage: Carrie 2

Saturday, 9:45 p.m.
Starring Amy Irving, Emily Bergl and Jason London.
After the suicide of her only friend, Rachel (Bergl) has never felt more on the outside of the social scene. The one person who reaches out to her, Jesse (London), happens to be part of the school's popular crowd, which enjoys tormenting outsiders. *Horror, rated R, 105 minutes.*

Baby Geniuses

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
Starring Kathleen Turner and Christopher Lloyd.
Turner plays a wildly ambitious boss at BabyCo. She also funds a secret research lab together with her partner in crime, played by Lloyd, that is devoted solely to cracking the code to a special baby language. *Comedy, rated PG, 100 minutes.*

True Crime

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.
Starring Clint Eastwood and James Woods.
In the 26 hours preceding a condemned man's execution, a down-and-out reporter (Eastwood) works furiously to prove the prisoner's innocence. *Crime drama, rated R, 130 minutes.*

Religion

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Weekday Mass 11:45 a.m., Monday-Friday 6 p.m.
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Sunday Mass 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Protestant Communion 8:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m., building 1391 (behind 7-Day Store)
Adult Bible School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday, building 1391 (behind 7-Day Store)
Protestant Worship 11 a.m. Sunday
Single Adults 1 p.m. Sunday

Gospel of Holiness Fellowship

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Lunch
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 Rice
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 Brussel sprouts
 Peas and carrots
 White cake
 Apple cobbler
 Chocolate cookies

Dinner
 Yakisoba
 Pork adobo
 Steamed rice
 Summer squash

Friday

Lunch
 Roast beef
 Baked tuna and noodles
 Steamed rice
 French fried cauliflower
 Broccoli combo
 Chocolate cream pudding
 Vanilla cream pudding
 Assorted gelatin
 Apple pie
 Chocolate chip cookies

Dinner
 Sauerbraten
 Baked brochwurst
 Boiled pasta
 Cottage fried potatoes
 Green beans w/mushrooms
 Stewed tomatoes

Saturday

Dinner
 Steak ranchero
 Grilled pork chops
 Spanish rice
 Hashed potatoes
 Mexican corn
 Peas w/ mushrooms
 Fruit nut bars
 Lemon merengue pie

Sunday

Dinner
 Beef pot pie
 French fried fish portions
 Steamed rice
 Club spinach
 Cauliflower au gratin
 Peanut butter cookies
 Chocolate cream pudding
 Vanilla cream pudding

Monday

Lunch
 Salisbury steak
 Savory baked chicken
 Steamed rice
 Mashed potatoes
 Carrot slices
 Lima beans
 Assorted gelatin
 Chocolate cream pudding
 Apple crisps
 Fruit nut bars
 Crisp toffee bars

Dinner
 Roast beef
 Pork adobo
 Steamed rice
 Parsley buttered potatoes
 Green beans w/mushrooms
 Succotash

Tuesday

Lunch
 Beef stew
 Veal parmesian
 Oven-browned potatoes
 Boiled pasta
 Baked macaroni & cheese
 Cauliflower
 Asparagus
 Devil's food cake
 Chocolate pudding
 Vanilla pudding
 Assorted gelatin
 Lemon merengue pie

Dinner
 Swiss steak
 Baked fish
 Steamed rice
 Lyonnaise potatoes
 Broccoli
 Green beans

Wednesday

Lunch
 Chili macaroni
 Baked ham
 Sweet potatoes
 Cauliflower au gratin
 French-fried okra
 Bread pudding
 Devil's food cake
 Coconut-pecan frosting
 Chocolate pudding
 Vanilla pudding
 Assorted gelatin
 Peanut butter cookies

Dinner
 Turkey pot pie
 Baked stuffed pork chops
 Boiled pasta
 Steamed rice
 Calico corn
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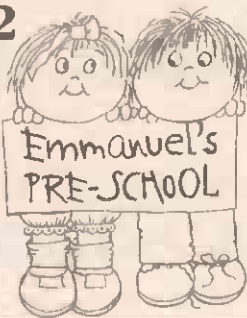
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Thursday
Opening Ceremony
State Capitol Rotunda
2:00-2:45 p.m.

The public and military community are welcomed to join Lt. Governor Mazie K. Hirono, Mayor Jeremy Harris, and state legislators in saying mahalo to Admiral Dennis Blair and his component commanders and kick off his year's celebration. The program will also feature music by the Royal Hawaiian Band. Open to the public.

Hawaii Military Appreciation Week Discount Book
 A special discount book full of coupons from participating businesses for Hawaii-based military personnel. Initial distribution will be made at the Opening Ceremony. Call the base public affairs office at 257-8835 for information.

Saturday
Salt Lake Shopping Center
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The merchants in the Salt Lake Shopping Center invite the military and their families to a fun-filled day of entertainment and discounted prices for goods and services. This is in gratitude to the military families living in and around the Salt Lake area and other nearby military bases.

Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie
5 p.m. Dinner, 6 p.m. Show
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Tuesday
Military Karaoke Contest
Rumours Night Club at the Ala Moana Hotel
Begins at 6 p.m.

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Wednesday
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Hawaii Ballroom
11 a.m. Registration Luncheon Begins at noon
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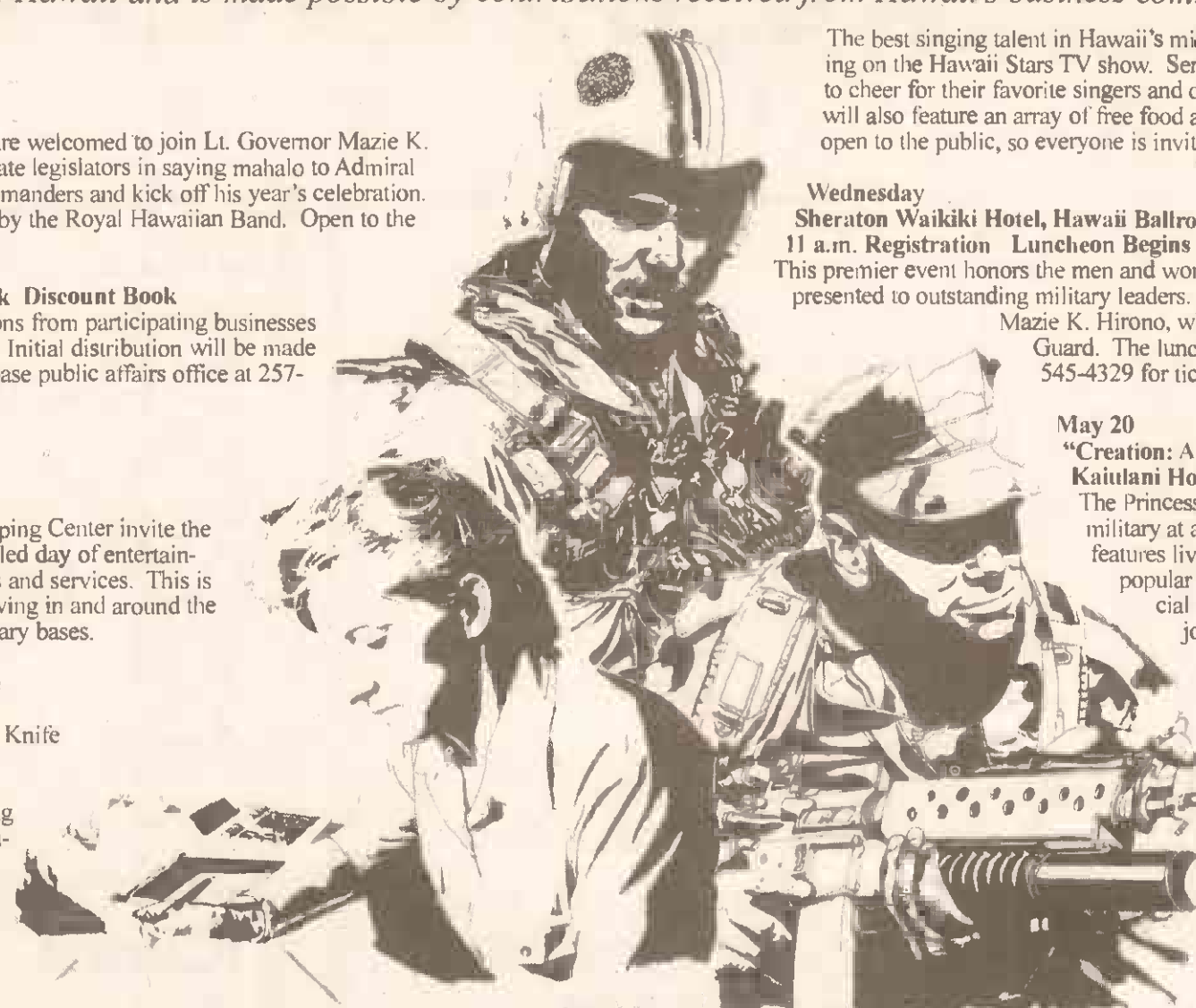
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May 22
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USO-Style Canteen Party at City Hall
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Sun Press

MAC satisfies big order for the military

By Charles M. Ota
Director, Military Affairs
Chamber Of Commerce Of Hawaii



Bill Paty (left) and Charles Ota admire a fighter jet on a recent base tour.

The MAC is not an acronym familiar to most of you in the military. No, it's not affiliated with that famous hamburger chain. MAC is the Military Affairs Council of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

The chamber has long been an advocate of the military. It started when the United States was deeply involved in the Spanish-American War in the late 1800s. The Hawaiian Islands were a stopover point for American troops en route to the Philippines. A group of local businessmen organized activities to care for the troops as they headed out for combat.

In the early 1900s, the chamber responded to a request by the U.S. Navy and financed a project to determine the feasibility of dredging a channel to access the Pearl River. This led to the development of Pearl Harbor, and was followed by openings of other military bases from Diamond Head to Wahi-

awa and to Windward Oahu.

Acres of undeveloped lands were eventually transformed over the years to become the modern high-tech bases known to us today as Schofield Barracks, Hickam AFB, Camp Smith, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Pearl Harbor Naval Station, Bellows AFS, Fort Shafter, Makalapa, et al.

Since World War II, Hawaii has become the focal point of U.S. military operations in the Pacific. After surviving the

attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and persevering through the Pacific campaign of World War II, Hawaii was called upon to support American efforts in the Korean War in the early 1950s and the Vietnam War through most of the 1960s.

Today tourism dominates Hawaii, and the military accounts for 15 percent of the gross state product. Hawaii is now better known for its sun and surf, shopping malls, and its East-West charm. What has not changed, however, is the military's presence and its influence on our daily lives.

Hawaii's people know that freedom is not free and that we must remain prepared to protect our great nation against aggressors. We also understand that the strategic location of our islands and the availability of established resources and infrastructure require that it remain a key part of our nation's security plans.

We have generations of local residents who are veterans of past wars and have lived with the military as a part of Hawaii's ohana (family) for their entire lives. They have

seen the makeup of the military community change from thousands of young single servicemen to greater numbers of young military families. They were responsible for leading local community, civic, and business organizations in seeking ways to promote harmonious relations and provide for the changing needs of the military community.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii has led the community in serving the military for well over 100 years and continues to be its leading advocate both locally and in Washington, D.C. To improve its effectiveness, the chamber established the Military Affairs Council (MAC) in 1985 at the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense and with the approval of Hawaii's governor. This established the MAC as the liaison between the state and local military commands, and the Department of Defense and congressional offices in Washington, D.C.

The MAC is composed of business and civic leaders interested in supporting causes for the military at the local, state and national levels. It has

a working group known as the Armed Services Committee (ASC) composed of representatives from the military, community, and businesses that are active in addressing issues at the local and state levels.

Since its inception, the MAC has worked diligently to enhance the quality of life for the military and support projects essential for military operations. The Ford Island Causeway and "homeporting" the USS Missouri at Pearl Harbor, and the many recent and ongoing improvements to military family housing and bachelor quarters are examples of projects tackled by the MAC.

I serve on the council with the following individuals:

- Bill Paty, chairman, trustee, Mark A. Robinson Trust, civilian assistant to the secretary of the U.S. Army - Pacific
- Ken Sandefur, incoming chairman, vice president, AT&T
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A delegation of MAC members recently completed its annual visit with local commanders and discussed issues with Defense policy-makers, senior military commanders in the Pentagon, and Hawaii's congressional delegation. Members addressed changes and other decisions needed to maintain a ready and responsive military force to keep peace and order in the Pacific region. The top issue supported by the MAC was the much-needed military pay raise proposal and reforms in the military pay tables and retirement system.

The delegation pursued congressional support for the Ford Island Development Project, which is to be funded jointly with private and public funds. This project will provide the Navy with needed family housing and bachelor quarters and new operational facilities. It will also provide a museum and related facilities that will document naval history in the Pacific and complement the existing memorials for the USS Arizona, USS Missouri, USS Utah, and the USS Bowfin/Pacific Submarine Museum.

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Volunteers are needed to assist at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which honors the men and women of the U.S. armed forces who served in the Vietnam War. The memorial is inscribed with the names of 58,213 individuals who lost their lives or who remain missing.

The Moving Wall exhibit will be open 24 hours a day to the public. Volunteers are needed to assist the public in finding names on The Moving Wall, help direct parking, and provide security ser-

vices during the day and throughout the night.

The Moving Wall was conceived and built by Vietnam veterans John Devitt, Gerry Haver and Norris Shears in October 1984. Three Moving Wall exhibits were created to travel throughout the nation to give veterans, their families and people unable to travel to Washington, D.C., an opportunity to benefit first-hand from the powerful emotional impact, healing and enlightenment millions of others have gained from visiting the Vietnam Vet-

erans Memorial.

The Moving Wall stands 6 feet in height at its center, and at 252.4 feet long, stretches out to nearly the length of a football field. The National Park Service, Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Hawaiian Airlines, Hawaiian Electric Co., Double Tree Alana Waikiki Hotel, Fleet Reserve Association and the Air Force are sponsoring the exhibit at the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center.

Interested volunteers can call 422-2771, ext. 133.

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To celebrate Military Appreciation Week, Atlantis Adventures is offering a special military personnel rate during the month of May. The special rate is available for a ride aboard the Atlantis Submarines and visits to Sea Life Park Hawaii and Waimea Valley Adventure Park.

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Sea Life Park is also the home of Pirates' Lagoon, complete with radio-controlled pirate ships that shoot water, a pirate ship maze with moving obstacles and an interactive shooting gallery that shoots back.

Waimea Valley Adventure Park, a true Hawai-

ian paradise on the scenic North Shore, gives guests a chance to explore the grounds of an ancient heiau and learn how Hawaiians lived off the land. A botanical garden is helping to preserve more than 6,000 exotic plants, including endangered species. The park is also known for cliff-diving and hula shows.

The park recently opened two new additions.

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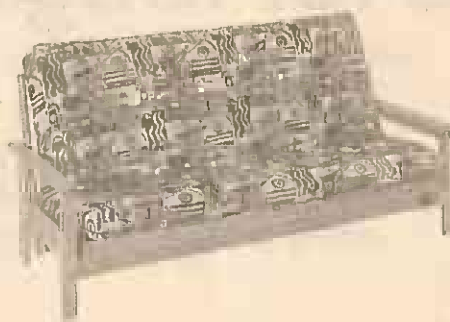
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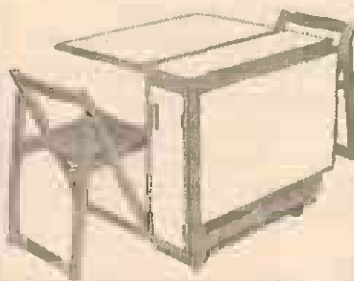
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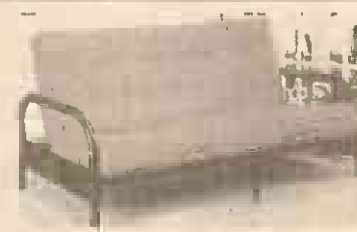
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Cub Scouts join soldiers at Schofield for tough training

By Spc. Dale Terry
25TH Infantry Division (Light) and
U.S. Army Hawaii

Mud-stained faces covered with camouflage stared in awe as the next scout crossed the rope bridge over a gigantic mud hole 4 feet deep and 12 feet wide. Little boys, not older than 10, were hanging upside down, heads dipping in the chilling, brown water, pulling their 4-foot frames across what to them must have looked like an ocean. "That was the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," said Sean Scott, 7. "That water was ice cold, but it makes me feel like a soldier now that I crossed it."

Over 1,400 Cub Scouts from all over Oahu joined forces to tackle the rigorous and fun-filled training of the Light Infantry Training Center at Schofield Barracks, Dec. 28-30.

"This is great working with the kids out here," said Staff Sgt. Ulysses Bell, instructor at the combat leaders course. "These

"The Army has been as supportive of the Cub Scouts as most parents. The children love it out here. It's tough, but not to the point where they're going to be injured."

— Mike Braham, adviser,
Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council

Cub Scouts between the ages of 7 and 10 are going through the tasks that infantry soldiers go through when they want to go to Ranger School."

This tough training at the LITC is nothing new to Cub Scouts.

"Cub Scouts have been coming to Schofield Barracks to participate in this three-day event for over 30 years," said Mike Braham, Boy Scout of America, Aloha Council adviser. "The Army has been as supportive of the Cub Scouts as most parents. The children love it out here. It's tough, but not to the point where they're going to be injured."

There were stations set up for

kids to participate in camouflage, survival, crossing a rope bridge and rappelling.

"That rope bridge is definitely the toughest," said Julian Hartline, 10, who fell in the water on his second attempt across the bridge. "I would have made it across if I had on long pants. That rope makes you use all your strength. You can't let go when you're half way across or you're going in that dirty water."

Falling in that muddy water didn't discourage kids from looking forward to next year.

"I got a rope burn on my leg," said 8-year-old Jacob Hummerick. "But I'll be back next year ... with long pants on."



Schofield soldiers help a Cub Scout land safely from a rope bridge.



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Saturday, May 22

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This Aeronca 65TC is the only remaining aircraft that flew on Dec. 7, 1941. It is on display at the U.S. Army Museum.

On that particular Sunday morning, kamaaina Roy Vitousek and his 12-year-old son, Martin, were flying it over Oahu when they ran into the Japanese attackers. Machine gun fire damaged the plane, but Vitousek managed to land safely. Other civilian planes in the air were not as lucky, and the Japanese also hit civilian planes on the ground to prevent them from following the attackers back to their aircraft carriers.

The Aeronca 65TC passed through several hands until it was acquired by a collector in North Carolina. He offered it for sale or trade just before the 50th anniversary commemoration of Dec. 7 in 1991. The Arizona Memorial, the Pacific

Aerospace Museum, and the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii all expressed interest, but it was the Army's Center of Military History in D.C. that succeeded in obtaining title to the plane on behalf of the Fort DeRussy museum, in exchange for two other surplus aircraft, excess to the Army's needs.

The Army Museum, in turn placed the Aeronca on extended loan to the Pacific Aerospace Museum because that institution offered an indoor exhibit site. The collector, however, delayed delivery for an extended period, and it was not

until October 1995 that the Aeronca finally arrived in Hawaii, minus its engine, and with other damage to its fragile fabric skin.

Burl Burlingame of the Pacific Aerospace Museum arranged for the restoration. Honolulu Community College's Aviation Maintenance Program faculty provided temporary storage, technical assistance, and a substitute engine.

But it was Kapiolani Community College's Pre-Engineering Program, directed by assistant professor John D. Rand, working in KCC's Engineering/Physics Lab, that did the real

restoration work on the Aeronca as a service learning project.

A crew of enthusiastic students, and other community volunteers, undertook the task, which also gave the students practical experience in problem-solving and aviation engineering. Three lead students, Herve Collin, Yann Douyere, and Rob Gerwig, served the longest, but others were Glenn Knepp, David Lam, Max Lam, Su Tak Lai, John Owens, Mike Hall and Daniel Ling. Other volunteers, Leo Rankin, John Sterling, Donn Parent, and members of Rand's family, parents Robert and Hazel, and wife Laura Kay, contributed much time and effort. Basic funding for the restoration came from the Gambo-Wood Foundation.

The historic aircraft will be on display temporarily at the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii. Then it will be moved to its new home at the Pacific Aerospace Museum in the Honolulu International Airport building to greet visi-

tors from around the world as the sole surviving airplane of that infamous day in December 1941.

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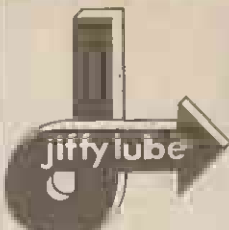
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Sailors help erect playground

Crommelin crew volunteers at Hilo port

By JO1 David Nagle
Navy Region Hawaii

USS Crommelin's (FFG 37) sailors showed why the Navy is a good neighbor during their port visit to Hilo recently.

Fifteen crewmembers volunteered a day of liberty to assemble a jungle gym at Keikiland Park, a county playground in downtown Hilo on April 9.

The Perry-class frigate was in Hilo to participate in the 36th annual Merrie Monarch Festival, a hula competition and Hawaiian cultural festival.

The playground project was coordinated by the Hilo Council of the Navy League, a civilian organization that supports the maritime services and serves as an advocate for the Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Merchant Marines to the public at large.

"Davis added that the Navy likes to get involved in the community anytime ships visit Hilo. Past projects sailors have under-

taken include a footbridge at a local park, cleaning and painting a downtown bus depot, a shoreline cleanup, and refurbishing the Palace Theater. "They (sailors) usually take on projects that will benefit the community in the long term," Davis said.

According to county parks planner Glenn Miyao, the volunteer project saved Hilo County about \$25,000.

Crommelin's sailors spent the day assembling the structure, which includes five different slides, bridges, balcony decks and other features.

"It's for the kids," said Fire Controlman Seaman (SW) Herbert Frazier, one of the volunteers. "It's a lot more work that I thought, but it's all worth it when you look back on it."

Crommelin's crew is no stranger to getting involved in the community. Crommelin has an active Adopt-a-School partnership with Iroquois Point Elementary School in Ewa Beach. Sailors volunteer their time to tutor students and recently

installed a Land Area Network system in the school.

In addition, Crommelin's "good neighbor" influence extends beyond Hawaii. While on its western Pacific deployment last year, crewmembers worked with teens at an intermediate school in Australia and also participated in a Meals on Wheels program there as well.

"We generally get a good response when we ask for volunteers for community projects," said Chief Radioman (SW) Wes Gerard. "Usually, we have to turn people away because we get so many volunteers."

The park, located behind St. Joseph's Elementary School, will be used not only by school children, but also by children living in the neighborhood, said school volunteer Cindy Lucas. "It's nice to have (the Navy) volunteer their time, so the kids will have a nice new playground to use."

"We are so appreciative that the Navy could come out and help," said Hilo County Councilwoman Bobby Jean Leithhead-Todd. "This will be a real addition to our community."

Center salutes military

The Salt Lake Shopping Center merchants are hosting a Military Appreciation Day promotion May 15 for military personnel and their families.

Participating stores will offer special discounts on items with military identification.

The event begins at 11 a.m. with an opening ceremony by the Radford High School JROTC color guard and drill team exhibition. The Farring-

ton High School band jazz ensemble will perform at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Countryside Band at noon.

The Kulani Dance Studio students will perform hula at 1 p.m. and the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii will complete the day's entertainment at 1:30 p.m.

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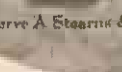
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Cadets prove they have the right stuff

By Spc. Edward Zink
25th Infantry Division
(Light) and U.S. Army
Hawaii

It was a check of school spirit and military esprit de corps as the best Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets in Hawaii clashed for their Annual Training Test at Schofield Barracks Dec. 19-21.

Forty-one teams of cadets, representing each branch of the service and 24 high schools around Hawaii, squared off against each other in two days of rigorous competition.

The training test, which drew 246 cadets in December, helps build their leadership skills and promotes

camaraderie among the different battalions, said 1st Sgt. Jimmy A. Akuna, a JROTC instructor at St. Louis High School.

Day one of the training test kicked off with a five-event physical challenge at Watts Field and a 36-lap swim at Richardson Pool.

From there, four cadets from each six-cadet team were off to the Light Infantry Training Command to compete in basic first aid, a casualty belt-drag, rappelling down a hillside and rope-bridge construction.

Meanwhile, the remaining two cadets from each team raced around Schofield Barracks on an Urban Orienteering mission.

A muddy visit to the

obstacle course on Schofield Barracks known as "The Lil' Nam" rounded out the day for the cadets. "It's real fun and it tests our skills," said cadet 2nd Lt. Chris Frost, 16, of St. Louis High School.

Frost and his team had just set the lead time of 6 minutes, 22 seconds in the rappel competition, even though they had lost a team member to a sprained ankle.

The second day of the competition found the cadets back at the training command, this time to rappel from the 45-foot air assault tower. They ended the day and the annual test with a 14.1-mile run through Kolekole pass from Schofield Barracks to Waianae.



A JROTC cadet strains to get over a beam in one of the rigorous events of the Annual Training Test in December at Schofield Barracks.

Waimea High School came out at the top with a score of 328 points, followed by Campbell High School with 313 points and Kahuku High School with 303 points.

Frost, who was participating in his third annual training test, said the hardest part for him and his team was the PT test.

"We were all dying," said Frost, whose team finished 10th overall with a score of 254. "We were pushing ourselves to the limit."

Pushing themselves to the limit and learning teamwork are just a few of the qualities kids learn as cadets in the corps, said Akuna.

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GEODSS upgrade finished

The GEODSS system is an Air Force Space Command telescope program that tracks active satellites and space debris. There are three GEODSS sites, one in New Mexico and one on Diego Garcia, in addition to the one on Maui. It was built using 1970s-era technology and has experienced a decrease in its reliability and increased maintenance problems in recent years.

In 1994, the Air Force began a \$10 million modification program to update the system's

capabilities, and to consolidate operations at a command and control center to be located at Edwards Air Force Base. Haleakala was selected as the site for the unveiling of the new GEODSS system. Last October, Sen. Daniel Inouye and senior Air Force officials were on hand, for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

GEODSS is a valuable asset in the space command's space tracking capability. GEODSS also provides about \$1.6 million annually to the economy of Hawaii. This

amount is expected to grow somewhat over the next couple of years. Additionally, through Sen. Inouye's support, about \$228 million has been dedicated over the past four years to developing and improving atmospheric and space imagery technology atop Haleakala. This includes work by the Air Force, Phillips Lab, University of Hawaii, and a variety of contractors in ladar, laser radar, signal processing, as well as the Advanced Electro-Optical System (AEOS) telescope project.

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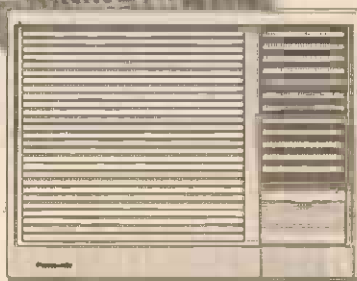
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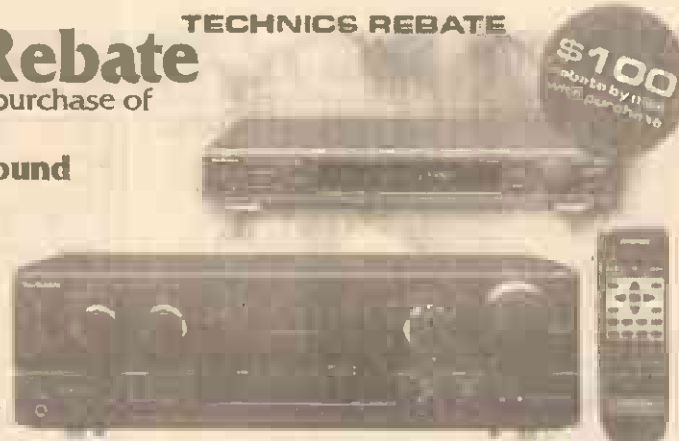
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Hale Koa hosts celebratory luau

In honor of Hawaii Military Appreciation Week, the Hale Koa Hotel will hold a "Salute to the Military Luau" on May 17, offering a special ticket price of \$20.95 for adults (regularly \$29.50) and \$10.95 for keiki (regularly \$17.95). The price includes the show, dinner, gratuity and one exotic cocktail or two standard drinks. Tickets are on sale now at the hotel's Activities Desk and military ticket offices.

A trip for two to the Big Island, including air fare and two nights in a deluxe cabin at Kilauea Military Camp, located in the heart of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, will be the grand prize at the luau.

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Hosted by Hawaii's own Danny Couch, the impressive dinner show includes Danny's stirring performance of the award-winning song "These Islands," an authentic imu ceremony removing an entire pua'a (pig) from an underground oven, beautiful Polynesian hula and music. An exciting fire knife dance will light the stage, and those who serve our country through military service will receive special recognition. In addition to the

Big Island trip, gift certificates to AAFES exchanges will also be awarded.

The traditional luau menu of fresh fruits, lomi lomi salmon, teriyaki chicken and beef, mahimahi, kalua pork, haupia, coconut cake and, of course, poi will be served on tapa china as a sit-down dinner. The luau is held in the hotel's lush

Luau Garden, which provides the perfect setting for a party under the stars. Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m.; the imu ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. To charge tickets by phone, call 955-0555 ext. 546. Tickets are also available at military ticket offices.

The 14th annual Military Appreciation Week in Hawaii is May 17-22.

During this time, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii joins forces with local businesses to offer a variety of special events in recognition of military personnel. The Hale Koa Hotel, at 2055 Kalia Road in Waikiki, serves all branches of the military year round as a resort, dining, entertainment and recreational "home away from home."



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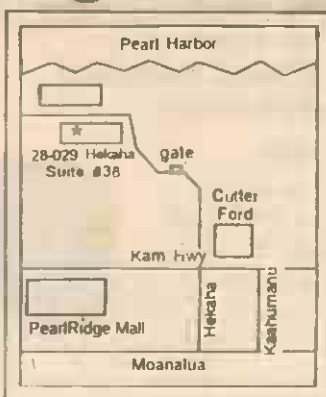
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MAC: Link to a better life

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um at Pearl Harbor/Ford Island complex.

In a meeting with U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, the delegation was informed that the Ford Island project had cleared the Office of Management and Budget and that approval was likely.

The delegation also supported the anti-missile defense proposal, use of the facilities at the Pacific Missile Range on Kauai for anti-missile testing, expanding the use of existing naval facilities at Pearl Harbor by homeporting a nuclear-class aircraft carrier, and additional funding for the military's highly successful education and training program for foreign military and civilian leaders (e.g., Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies at Fort DeRussy).

The MAC is also involved with two local quality-of-life issues of great concern to military families. These are the proposed rate increases for pet quarantine and the quality of public schooling for military children. The MAC testified against the proposed quarantine fee increases and will continue to seek a more equitable solution. The schools issue is more complex and will require considerable coordination with local school officials and the state Legislature.

The MAC followed the recent legislative interest in public schooling for the military and met with Congresswoman Patsy Mink on the question on federal impact aid funds.

The MAC and ASC offer two programs that are directed toward providing the military with opportunities to enjoy their stay in Hawaii. The first is the Military Kama'aina Card, which features local merchants and service providers offering special discounts and extends rates normally offered to local residents (kamaaina) only. It welcomes the military members to join with the community and be a part of the ohana (family).

The Kama'aina Card is new and replaces the "Orchid Sticker" that was placed on military ID cards. The chamber is in the process of compiling a list of participating merchants and service providers. This list will be forwarded to each base, and will be updated periodically.

The second is Hawaii Military Appreciation Week held each May. This program is financed by members of the cham-

ber and Hawaii's business community. This annual event is a way for the people of Hawaii to thank the military for protecting our lands and preserving the freedoms we enjoy. It is also to express our deepest mahalo (gratitude) for your many contributions in making Hawaii a better place. We do this because we are mindful of the many contributions of those veterans who served in the past, and are grateful to those of you who serve today.

The chamber will continue to serve as the state's liaison with the military and support issues important to both the state and the military. Contact the Military Affairs office of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii if you have any suggestions or issues that you would like to discuss. Call 545-4320, Fax 545-4369, or E-mail cota@chamberofcommercehi.org.

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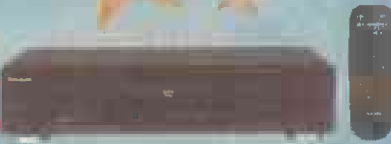


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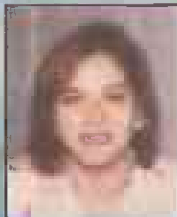
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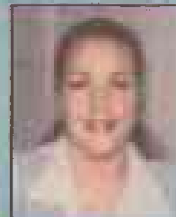
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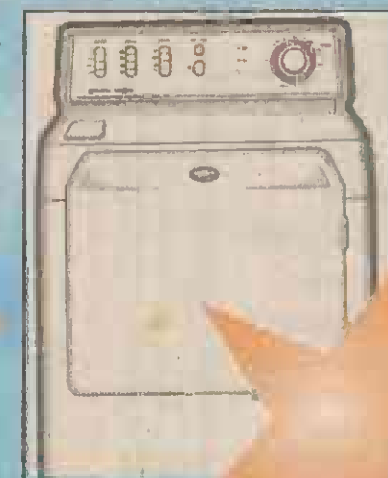
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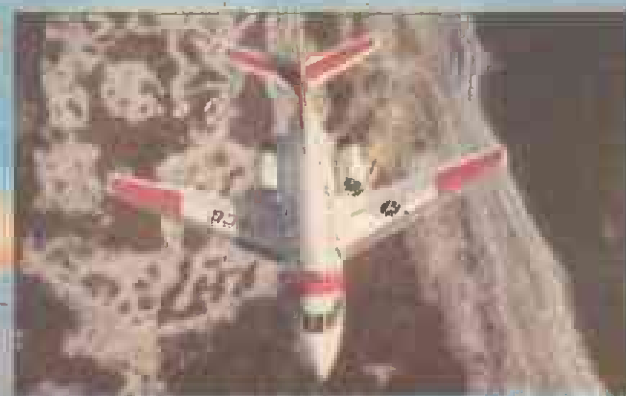
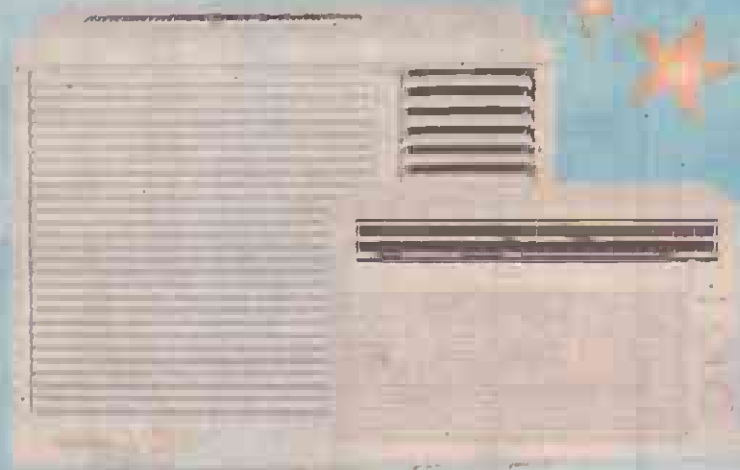
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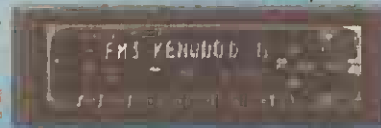
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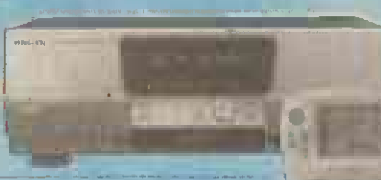


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The carvings are called Na Lehua Helele'i ("Scattered Lehua Blossoms"), which is an ancient Hawaiian term used to symbolized fallen warriors. The carvings, 8 to 9 feet tall, are cut from ohia logs, a dense hardwood that grows at altitudes over 4,000 feet, using traditional Hawaiian designs and symbols.

The project was first conceived in 1980 by Tom Fairfull, director of the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, John McLaughlin, the museum exhibit designer, and by Rocky Ka'ouliokahihi-kolo'Ehu Jensen, a prominent native Hawaiian artist, as a tribute to fallen Maoli warriors. The plan stalled for sev-



Five hand-carved wooden sculptures now welcome visitors to the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii at Fort DeRussy Beach Park. The sculptures serve as a memorial to fallen Maoli warriors.

eral years due to a lack of funds. In 1994, it was finally undertaken as a joint project between Hale Naua III, the Society of Hawaiian Art (Rocky Jensen is the founder), and the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

The Garrison provided in-kind assistance, mainly studio space large enough to accommodate the huge logs. A suitable work space was located in a building at Kilauea Military Camp in Volcanoes

National Park. While the logs were being carved, the artist also instituted an apprenticeship program, sponsored by public and private funds, including grants from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Hawaii Community Foundation, offering native Hawaiian art students the opportunity to study carving techniques and styles of traditional Native Hawaiian designs and symbolism.

A carving of this magnitude

has not been done in Hawaii since 1810, and this is the first time a carving in the Hawaiian cultural tradition has been undertaken. It has always been the intent of the museum to explain additional facets of the Hawaiian culture and at the same time create a bridge between the Army and the Hawaiian community. The Na Lehua Helele'i Memorial is an excellent foundation for that bridge. It honors all warriors

of Hawaii, ancient and modern, and highlights the significance of the site, which was the landing place for Kamehameha's army and the great fleet of war canoes he used to conquer Oahu in 1795.

The carvings, rendered in the classical 'Ai Ha'a style of the Old Chieftdom, that ended in 1819, represent the benevolent aspects of the Male Principle, Kunuiakea: — Kukapono (the Beneficent), Kukaloa'a (the Lifegiver), Kukaha'awi (the Bestower), Kukekela (the Forgiver), and Kukepa'a (the Steadfast). At the same time, they are unique and powerful examples of contemporary Hawaiian art.

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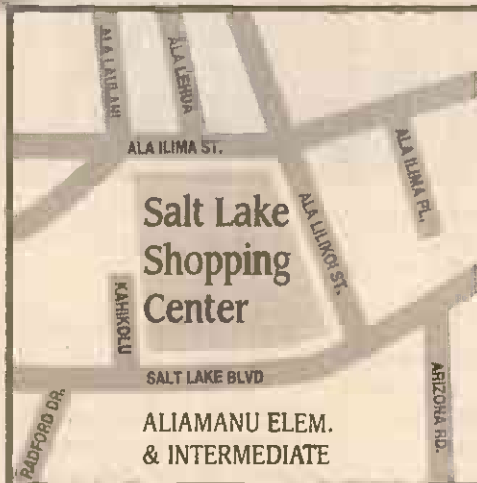
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This year volunteers from throughout Hawaii's community gathered at Fort Ruger Park at the foot of Diamond Head on April 17. They departed in teams by bus to remove trash from assigned sites around Diamond Head. Most volunteers, however, do not have the requisite skills to reach the many steep ravines of Diamond Head, where the majority of the litter is blown by Hawaii's trade winds. That's where the 25th Infantry comes in.

Volunteers from the 25th infantry

rappel down into the ravines and haul away the trash that would otherwise be unreachable. They sharpen their climbing skills while performing an important community service. They are also treated to views of Diamond Head that few ever get to see!

Afterward, the soldiers gather in Fort Ruger Park, where they join community volunteers to enjoy a feast of chili and rice, fruit, chips, soda and juice, and other local treats. They are also treated to a hula show provided by Halau Hula o Hokulani. The young boys of the hula halau are invariably fascinated by the uniforms, rappelling gear, and Army vehicles, a bout which the 25th infantry volunteers are happy to answer questions.

The people of Hawaii are indebted to the men and women of the armed forces who help keep our state clean through their volunteer efforts and their responsible lifestyles.



US Army 25th Infantry volunteers and their new friends, the young dancers of Halau Hula o Hokulani, at Fort Ruger Park after the April 17 Diamond Head Cleanup.



Military personnel remove trash collecting on the slopes of Diamond Head crater. Most of the litter is blown into the area by Hawaii's trade winds and volunteers must rappel down into ravines to reach the trash.

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Funding Hawaii's military

By Rep. Neil Abercrombie

Hawaii's military personnel and their families serve our nation day in, day out, 24 hours a day. It is entirely fitting that we set aside this one week every year to highlight our appreciation for all they do for our country and our community.

As a member of Congress, I have the honor of sitting on two committees of key importance to service members and their families — the House Military Installations and Facilities Subcommittee, and the House Military Personnel Subcommittee. My agenda on these two committees can be summed up in three words: Quality of Life.

My work on the Installations and Facilities Subcommittee has centered on securing construction projects that provide the vital infrastructure for military commands based in Hawaii and decent housing for uniformed personnel and their families. For fiscal year 1999, I was successful in securing more than \$200 million for military projects here. Notable on last year's list was \$47.5 million to continue work on the Whole Barracks Renewal project at Schofield, a project that will give 25th Infantry Division soldiers the modern living facilities they deserve. Other important items included housing at Kaneohe and Pearl Harbor, and improvements at Hickam Air Force Base.

For fiscal years 2000-01, I am seeking congressional approval for more than \$300 million in military construction for Hawaii. Again, the Whole Barracks Renewal at Schofield is a high priority, with \$95 million as our target.

When that project is completed it will set the standard for single service member housing throughout the armed forces. I'm also seeking funds to modernize single enlisted quarters at Pearl Harbor and more than \$100 million to replace or revitalize family housing at Pearl Harbor and NCTAMS.

Equally important is improving the compensation for members of the armed forces. As the ranking Democrat on the military personnel subcommittee, I am fighting for a 4.8 percent pay raise, retirement reform that will include an option for individual service members to restore their retirement pay schedule to pre-REDUX levels, and more money for targeted bonuses and re-enlistment bonuses.

This agenda is one way to show appreciation for the men and women who serve America in uniform. They are an important part of our community and play a major role in Hawaii's economy. Their willingness to place themselves in harm's way guarantees that we can continue to enjoy the freedoms purchased at such a high cost by previous generations. The military personnel in Hawaii deserve our aloha.



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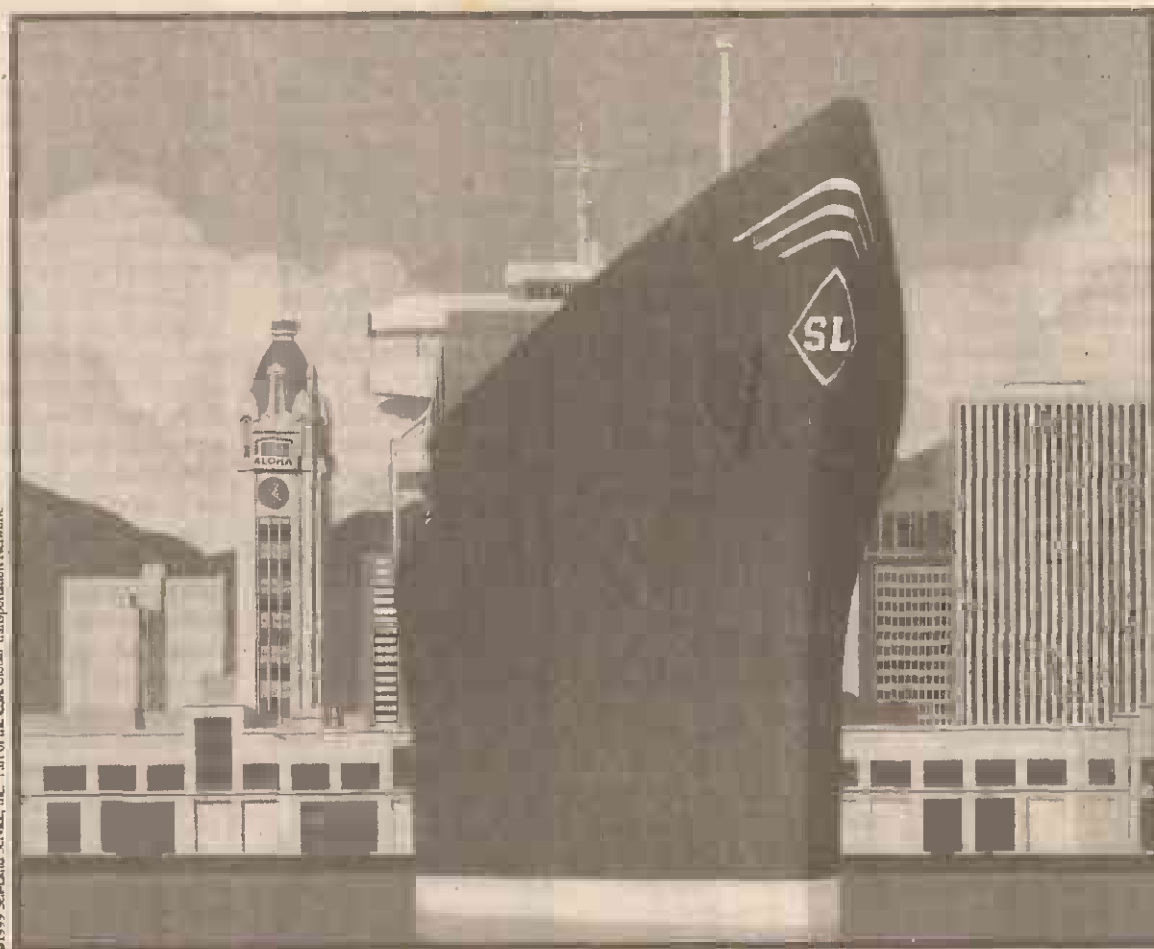
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Messages from Hawaii's elected officials

Neil Abercrombie, U.S. Representative

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt aloha to the military personnel stationed in Hawaii, their families, and every participant in Hawaii Military Appreciation Week 1999.



The men and women of our armed forces and their families are our friends and neighbors. We work, study, play alongside one another. Together we have made Hawaii a better place to live and raise our families.

Hawaii's military provides direct and indirect employment for thousands of island residents. The health of every sector of our economy, from retail trade to construction, depends to a large extent on the armed forces. Through good times and bad, the military has been a mainstay for countless island families. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, my priority is to ensure that Hawaii-based military commands have the facilities and infrastructure to accomplish their mission.

Service people and their families face unique challenges. They must endure extended periods of separation, often under hardship conditions. They must be ready to confront the dangers that every soldier, sailor, airman and marine must face. All this they do on our behalf.

We salute our men and women in uniform and their families for their patriotism and devotion. We mark this occasion by extending our sincere mahalo and "well done." On behalf of our entire community, please accept my thanks and best wishes for Hawaii Military Appreciation Week.

Daniel K. Akaka, U.S. Senator

Aloha kakou! I extend my heartfelt appreciation and warmest greetings to members of the armed forces in Hawaii and their families as we celebrate Hawaii Military Appreciation Week 1999.



It is fitting that we take this opportunity to honor all the men and women in uniform who are stationed in the islands. We honor your service to our country, and acknowledge the many contributions made by the military community to Hawaii.

Military Appreciation Week, now in its 14th year, is a wonderful way to acknowledge the community service, economic contribution, and patriotic spirit of service members and their families.

Hawaii's strategic importance mandates a strong military presence in the islands for the foreseeable future. The preservation of our democracy and liberty in a rapidly changing world requires a well-trained and dedicated military. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and hard-working men and women defending our nation and our state. I salute your service to America.

Benjamin J. Cayetano, Governor

On behalf of the people of the State of Hawaii, I send my greetings, and warmest aloha to all who are participating in the observance of Hawaii's Military Appreciation Week 1999.



Hawaii is home to all branches of our nation's armed services, whose members are stationed at bases across our state. The military — our

second-largest industry after tourism — contributes significantly to the economic vitality of Hawaii.

Members of the military and their families give generously of their time, talent and resources as volunteers and contributors to many charitable and community organizations. We greatly appreciate the services of military personnel who save countless lives by assisting with state and county emergency medical and rescue operations.

I commend the thousands of active and retired members of the military for their dedication to protecting our freedom and liberty. I join the citizen of our state in thanking our military friends and neighbors for the many ways in which they improve the quality of life in Hawaii.

Jeremy Harris, Honolulu Mayor

Aloha. It is a pleasure to join with the rest of Honolulu's civilian community in a salute to the military in Hawaii. Each day the men and women of our uniformed services



— including many sons and daughters of our islands — stand ready to defend our freedom in this turbulent world. We deeply appreciate their many contributions to our safety and security as well as to the quality of life that we enjoy.

I congratulate the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing those contributions and sponsoring Military Appreciation Week once again so that we can formally and collectively express our gratitude as a community.

For over a century, the U.S. military has been an integral part of Hawaii. It is a relationship that benefits us all

and serves as a model for other communities throughout our nation. The military services have always been a major component of our economy providing thousands of jobs for our people and purchasing millions of dollars of goods and services from local businesses. Just as important, members of the armed forces have opened both their hearts and their bases to surrounding communities through their public service projects and support of local charities.

All of us in the civilian community owe a debt of gratitude to our citizens in uniform. We thank all members of the military family in Hawaii — active, guard and reserve, family members, retirees and those in the civilian work force — for your contributions to our community. We appreciate their tradition of service in both war and peace, and we look forward to strengthening the ties that bind us together in the years to come.

Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Senator

I am pleased to extend my warm greetings in celebration of Military Appreciation Week.

Much too often, we view the armed services solely in terms of war. Their contribution to Hawaii goes beyond armed protection. While their primary mission is to preserve and defend our national security, the men and women of the military are often called upon to go beyond the call of duty. More importantly, the military in Hawaii are composed of men and women who are an integral part of our island community. They care about Hawaii and are interested in its future and the aspects that make our home unique.



Their presence in Hawaii provides one of the best opportunities for bringing about meaningful and significant growth to our economy. This is indeed an exciting week for the people of Hawaii.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation, respect and support for your continuous efforts and outstanding service in the defense of Hawaii and our nation. I salute each of you.

Patsy T. Mink, U.S. Representative

I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Hawaii's military community for their many contributions to the quality of life in Hawaii.



The five services — the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard — each provide a vital component of our nation's defense. Hawaii's geographic location and importance as the base of the U.S. military in the Pacific requires that each of the services be well-represented in our islands. We in Hawaii are grateful for the dedicated service the men and women of the military provide to our nation and state.

A major contributor to our state's economy, the military is an important employer and consumer of goods and services provided by Hawaii's businesses. The federal funds brought into the state due to the presence of the military have helped sustain the state and many local industries through these tough economic times.

The military provides a wealth of services and assistance to Hawaii's civilian population, including medical emer-

gency air transport, search-and-rescue operations on land and sea, programs for at-risk youth, and technical assistance on public works projects by the Army Corps of Engineers, to name just a few. Individually, the men and women of the services are well-represented in community service and charitable organizations.

It is certainly fitting that we set aside a week to reflect on the many positive contributions of the military to Hawaii. I join The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii in extending my warmest aloha to all the members of the military and their families.

Steven K. Yamashiro, Big Island Mayor

On behalf of the people of the County of Hawaii, it is our pleasure to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the military personnel stationed in Hawaii.

We are grateful to the men and women of the armed forces who protect our shores and keep the peace in the Pacific Region. Our people support your efforts and salute your courage when you are called upon to fight tyranny and oppression.

The men and women of the military in Hawaii are to be commended for volunteering their time and expertise for projects and programs that benefit our community. You have stood by us in times of natural disaster and have joined with us in camaraderie in times of celebration.

The military is essential to the stability of our economy, is an important part of our history, and continues to play a vital role in the social and cultural fabric of our state.

We express our warm mahalo to the entire military community and extend best wishes as we join you in the celebration of Military Appreciation Week.

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Crommelin crew treated to royal welcome

By JO1 David Nagle
Navy Region Hawaii

Few people in their lifetime can say royalty has greeted them. However, the 219 officers and sailors aboard US Crommelin (FFG37) can now claim just that, as they were treated to a royal welcome, literally, to Hilo on the Big Island.

The king, queen and members of the royal court of the 36th annual Merrie Monarch Festival greeted the crew of the Perry-class frigate, homeported at Pearl Harbor, during a welcome ceremony at Hilo Harbor April 9.

Crommelin was in Hilo as part of the annual hula competition and Hawaiian cultural festival. The week-long festival included Hawaiian arts and crafts exhibitions, a royal parade and three nights of hula competition.

"For 36 years, Hilo has welcomed people from around the world to observe and participate in

one of the most beautiful art forms of the Hawaiian culture," said Rear Adm. John Townes III, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii at the welcome ceremony.

"Hula provides a tremendous opportunity for our sailors to learn about and appreciate the culture and history of Hawaii's people while visiting one of the most beautiful places on earth. The opportunity to see and be a part of this year's Merrie Monarch Festival is something we will all remember and cherish for years to come."

Adm. Townes and his wife, Nancy, joined Crommelin's crew in representing the Navy at the Merrie Monarch Festival.

Crommelin's crew enjoyed a hula exhibition by the Natibo Dance Company of Guam. Sailors manned the rails and stood in formation on the pier as the young dancers performed both traditional and modern hula. Several crewmem-

bers were impressed with the ceremony and hula performance.

"It was a nice ceremony," said Operations Specialist Seaman Robert Venditti. "The hula performance was awesome. I'd never seen hula before."

Following the ceremony, Crommelin's Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Craig Kleint hosted a reception aboard ship for the Merrie Monarch Royal Court and members of the Hilo Council of the Navy League.

The Hilo Navy League supported Crommelin during its port visit, coordinated the arrival ceremony and ship's community relations project and hosted a reception for the officers and chiefs of Crommelin on Sunday. The Navy League is a civilian organization that supports all the sea services and serves as a liaison between the Navy and local civilian officials. During the three-day port visit, 215 Big Island residents enjoyed public tours

of the frigate. Crewmembers volunteered to assemble a jungle gym at a local playground and formed an honor guard that marched in the royal parade through downtown Hilo.

Crommelin's sailors also enjoyed liberty in Hilo during their visit, taking advantage of the sights and attractions the Big Island has to offer.

"I walked around Hilo [my first day here]," said Quartermaster Seaman Justin Tripp. "It's a lot more laid back and traditional as compared to Oahu."

Tripp and many of his shipmates also took a trip to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, where they hiked around a two-mile crater, smelled the brimstone and heard and

saw the steam hissing out of Kilauea, one of the world's most active volcanoes. And, of course, many enjoyed the spectacle of the Merrie Monarch hula competition.

The port visit offered Crommelin sailors a chance to relax, enjoy the beauty of the islands and experience this once-in-a-lifetime celebration of Hawaiian culture.

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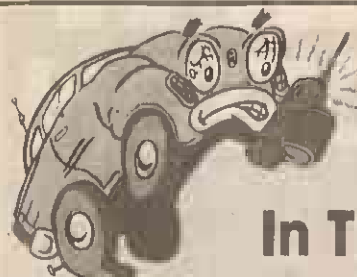
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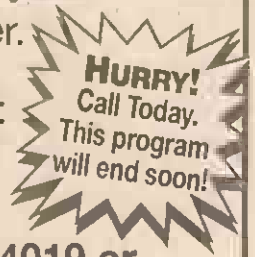
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The 15th Air Base Wing commander said she had little doubt that Hickam would be named the Air Force's No. 1 installation.

"We've won the superbowl," said Col. Ann Testa. "We won because of all of you ... because

you care and because you don't stop at status quo. You strive each and every day to make a difference and make it better. Way to go, team!"

Testa said winning the award recognizes Hickam members for the outstanding efforts they consistently demonstrate.

She said wing members prevailed because they found innovative and exciting ways to enhance the wing's mission accomplishment while improving services, facilities and quality of life.

The award also brings with it \$500,000 that can be used for quality-of-life initiatives. Hickam earned \$250,000 by being named one of three Air Force finalists. Winning the top award tacks on an additional \$250,000.

Testa said that besides proving Hickam is the best base in the Air Force, winning the award also shows that the 15th ABW is reaching its vision — "Building the Air Force's

Best Wing, America's Bridge Across the Pacific."

"Thanks for pulling together for this competition," Testa told members of the 15th Air Base Wing. "I know how hard you all worked in preparation for the team's arrival, and you all dazzled the team during their visit. Thanks for telling your story and being so proud of what you do to make this world a safer place."

In a joint message, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan and Acting Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters said, "It is always an honor to recognize the outstanding efforts of the people who operate and maintain our installations, who have done their best to create an environment or empowerment, and who foster innovation and creativity to enhance services, facilities, mission, and quality of life."

Hickam was presented the award by the Air Force vice chief of staff

during a ceremony May 6. The Office of the Secretary of Defense hosted a second ceremony the following day.

Hickam, along with two other finalists — Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal, competed for the excellence award. Each finalist was individually evaluated; Hickam's evaluation was on Feb. 10 and 11.

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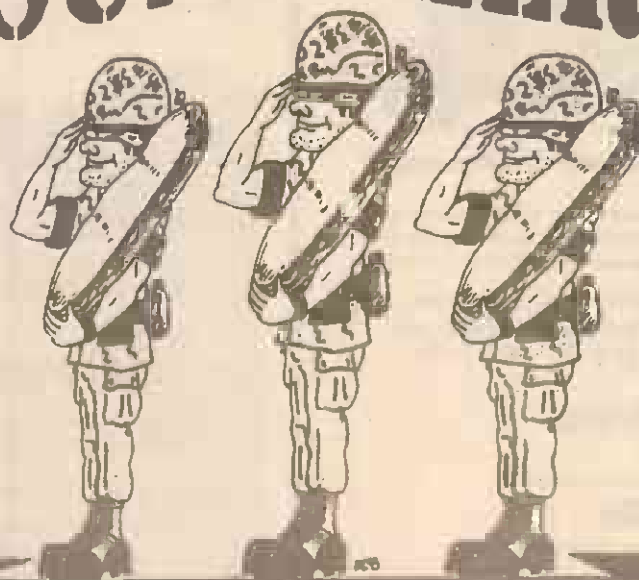
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A hundred years later, that assessment is still very true. Hawaii continues to be an important crossroads of the Pacific. It is a place of great ethnic and cultural diversity, a true melting pot where East meets West.

Hawaii also continues to be a vital link in America's security perimeter. It is strategically located with a large, deep-water

port. Its ships are six steaming-days closer to potential trouble spots in Asia than West Coast-based ships.

Hawaii continues to be a lifeline to commerce in Asia. Thirty-five percent of our nation's trade is with Asian nations and millions of American jobs are directly dependent upon that trade. So maintaining stability in this rapidly growing region is vital to our nation. And the U.S. Pacific Fleet — based here in Pearl Harbor — is contributing to that continued peace and prosperity by showing our commitment to the region, while building strong friendships with other nations.

We do it through a strategy called "cooperative engagement."

Through our port visits, bilateral exercises, civic action projects, and our day-to-day presence, the Pacific Fleet is making substantive contributions to maintaining stability

in this region with which our nation shares vital economic and cultural ties.

Pearl Harbor has been the setting for several dramatic examples of our "cooperative engagement" strategy in action.

It served as the setting for the 1995 "Cooperation from the Sea" exercise with the Russian Navy. That was the first-ever exercise with the Russians held in U.S. waters and training areas ashore. It was punctuated by the first Russian Navy port visit to Hawaii since the days of whaling.

In 1995, Hawaii was the backdrop for ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II that brought representatives from more than 40 nations together to renew their commitment to maintaining peace in the Pacific. Holding these ceremonies in Pearl Harbor served as a potent reminder that our nation

must always be ready and that readiness is the only deterrent to aggression.

And then there are numerous other things that happen here with our Navy that are just as important. There are foreign ships that visit Pearl Harbor on goodwill visits from places such as Japan, Korea, Australia, Great Britain and Canada.

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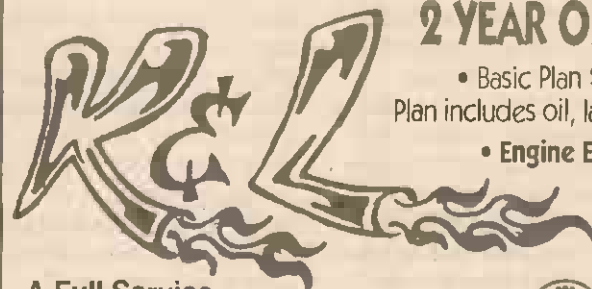
And there are the submarines based here that silently patrol the waters of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, always ready.

There are also the P-3 patrol planes from Barbers Point, that are moving to Kaneohe Bay. They patrol the seas from above and can detect, locate and destroy enemy submarines.

There are also a number of command, control, logistics and support facilities based here that keep our fleet trained, equipped, and ready.

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Hickam members spread good cheer

By 1st. Lt. Amy Susak
Public Affairs Office

Editor's note: The homeless people interviewed for this article are identified only by fictitious first names to protect their privacy.

Less than a mile from one of the world's most famous resort destinations sprawling with white-sand beaches, warm turquoise water and swaying palm trees, Waikiki's homeless people crowd in line outside a shelter hoping the food doesn't run out before they have a chance to eat.

"Many people have preconceived notions about homeless people, but I saw that most of the folks were just down on their luck. I understood it could be me in their shoes," said Capt. Kelly Gonzales, 15th Support Group executive officer.

Last Christmas, Gonzales, along with 60 other Air Force volunteers recently traded a sunny day at the beach in Hawaii to be inside the Institute for Human Services to host a holiday party for the homeless. In all, Hickam volunteers served 443 baked ham and turkey dinners. It took hours of preparation and months of organizing to feed everyone and provide gifts to the children.

"The day of the event is pretty easy, the work is in the preparation," said Lt. Col. Suzanne Hall, 15th Operations Group deputy commander.

Even though Lt. Col. Sandra Serafin, 15th Support Group deputy commander, would be on leave for the dinner, she spent months organizing the donations and volunteers for the event. She took on the operation as serious as her work as a deputy group commander.

For many of these homeless families this was the only gift they received for the holidays.

"This is not a one-time project," said Hall. "Many volunteers serving in the Air Force in Hawaii support this organization throughout the year."

The airmen who volunteer here come face to face



Hickam Air Force personnel work with other volunteers to prepare for a Christmas celebration for the homeless.

with hundreds of homeless men, women, and children while serving lunch in the shelter. The stories behind their troubled eyes illustrate the unsettling irony of living in poverty and despair on one of the world's most beautiful islands.

Sometimes it's even difficult to tell the volunteers from the needy. Katie, a tall, slender 24-year-old with long blonde hair and fashionable clothes hardly looks down on her luck.

Two years ago, Katie was caught up in whirlwind media frenzy after her boyfriend was accused of murder. The trial created an extremely stressful situation for the couple and eventually both students dropped out of school. In less than two years, her boyfriend went to jail on murder charges, her stepfather passed away, and Katie was seeking refuge for her and her 4-year old daughter from an abusive relationship.

Like Katie's situation, homelessness often begins following a series of traumatic experiences that quickly create a domino effect, pushing people into poverty and forcing impossible choices between buying groceries, paying rent, child care, health care and staying in school.

"I never imagined I'd be in this situation," said Katie. "Nobody realizes how alone you are."

Katie was unable to turn to her parents for the support she desperately needed. Like her daughter, Katie's mother

also fled an abusive relationship and stayed with relatives for a while, but eventually had to check into the shelter for a safe place to stay.

Many people who lack permanent housing try to live with relatives and friends in crowded, temporary arrangements, but ultimately turn to IHS for a bed to sleep in.

In most cases, homelessness is a temporary circumstance. Katie lived at IHS for four months until she saved up enough to move into a government-subsidized studio apartment near the shelter.

The IHS currently has 27 families with 49 children and 227 single men working toward pulling themselves out of this downward spiral. The staff operates the men's shelter and a separate shelter for women and families a few blocks down the street.

In exchange for food, shelter and other social services the guests are responsible for preparing the meals and cleaning the dorms inside and out.

"IHS does so much more than provide shelter from the streets, parks and beaches. We furnish the tools to leave that life behind, to develop self-sufficiency, and to break the cycle of homelessness," said Colleen Minami, president of IHS.

With the help of hundreds of volunteers throughout the community, many of them airmen, IHS served meals, sheltered and rehabilitated 3,806 homeless men, women and children last

year. The National Law Center for Homelessness and Poverty estimates that approximately 2 million Americans experience homelessness each year and families with children are currently the fastest-growing group of the homeless population.

Hawaii's dismal economy and soaring cost of living have pushed rent expenses out of reach for many Hawaiians. Ray, a maintenance worker at a luxurious Waikiki hotel, was laid off his job several months ago. Going on welfare gave his family a boost to help keep their three children fed but it's been difficult to find someone that will hire him for more than minimum wage because of his limited education and job skills.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, a single minimum-wage worker would have to work 83 hours each week to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

However, the estimate is based on rent in an average-priced city. Honolulu ranks third in the nation as the most expensive city to live in.

"We are fortunate the Air Force provides us with the things we need. We go down to the shelter to help people that are not as blessed as we are," Gonzales said.

In the men's dorm, men sleep on thin gray mats sharing floor space with as many as 130 other men. In a separate room there are 36 bunks beds where the men can live for one month in preparation to leave the shelter with the hope they will never be back.

"I've seen more than 20 guys find work, save their money and move on," said Steven, the night-time shift manager at the men's shelter.

The National Coalition for the Homeless estimates that 40 percent of homeless men are veterans.

"Support for the shelter is truly a basewide effort," said Hall. "There are volunteers and donations that come from the 15th Air Base Wing, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Intelligence Center Pacific, 635th Air Mobility Support Squadron, the chapel, professional military education center, the officer and enlisted spouses' clubs, the Top Three, Council 56 and many other Air Force organizations."

Whether it is serving food at IHS, visiting veterans' hospitals or being a Red Cross volunteer, Air Force personnel and their families stationed on Oahu commit a significant amount of their time in paradise reaching out to the Hawaiian community.

"Many people are very giving," Hall said. "We see these volunteers over and over at all different volunteer events. It feels good to make the world a little better for a couple of hours."

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It should be acknowledged more frequently that the people of Hawaii owe a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the armed forces. Perhaps we take this for granted because the military has always been an integral part of Hawaii's history, having influenced its political, social and economic development from the early beginnings to where we are today. Many of us are grateful to our parents and forefathers for the many blessings we enjoy today, but we seldom make the effort to express our aloha.

The people of Hawaii, like Americans all around the world, do honor the military for being our ambassadors of peace, and preserving the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Their daily vigilance and readiness to respond to threats anywhere serve to deter those who dare to take these freedoms away. Our communities are populated with military heroes of past service, and we are proud to have Hawaii-based soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and members of the U.S. Coast Guard, reserves, and National Guard among us.

We are also grateful to have the military join us as partners in making Hawaii a better place. They live, work, school, and worship with us every day. They share surf and plate lunches with us as we join them for line dances and softball games. Together we reflect on our heritage on visits to the USS Arizona Memorial and the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. However, most important, we appreciate their:

- Timely assistance during disasters and other emergencies to save an untold number of lives and natural resources and in restoring our com-

munities and the environment.

- Commitment to enhance our quality of life, through their voluntary contributions of time and money for local charity drives, environmental projects, school improvements and other community endeavors.

- Willingness to preserve Hawaii's religious, cultural and historic sites, and their genuine respect for Hawaii's multicultural society.

- Stewardship in stimulating growth in Hawaii's goal of becoming a high-tech center for the Pacific Rim in commerce and trade, medicine, science, and information.

We are also mindful of the economic benefit derived from the military's presence in these islands. We refer to the billions of dollars infused in our economy, and the concerted efforts made by military contracting officials to promote the use of local contractors, workers, products, and services.

Indeed the people of Hawaii are very grateful for the many benefits gained from the state's 100-year-old partnership with the military.

It is a partnership that has matured over the years, surviving the difficult and sometimes tumultuous years in the early to mid-'40s, the early '50s, and most of the '60s when thousands of servicemen and women flowed through Hawaii.

Downtown Honolulu and Waikiki, with its hotels, restaurants, and nightclubs, were overrun with soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines en route to or returning from combat. The neighbor islands were used heavily to train our young men for combat. Most of us living in Hawaii today and serving in the military cannot comprehend life as it was in those days. But there remains a generation of local residents who lived through these tough formative years. They can recall the growing pains of a young, unprepared, and emerging U.S. territory having

to assume the responsibility of supporting America's Armed Forces through a world war and two area conflicts encompassing a period of 30 consecutive years.

U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, a World War II hero himself, once reflected on how the views, suggestions, and recommendations of the military

influenced our state and local governments, and stated that "... things have changed and today the people of Hawaii find ourselves extremely blessed with military leaders who are visionary, wise, sensitive to community concerns, and eager to work with the populace."

This year's 14th Annu-

al Hawaii Military Appreciation Week is to honor the military's active duty, reserve and national guard forces. It is also a celebration shared by the thousands of retired military and other veterans in Hawaii who served proudly, and whose services in years past are not to be forgotten. The business community joins

with the state and city governments to show that all Americans indeed treasure our freedoms. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is very pleased to have this opportunity to honor the military for their service to our country.

Mahalo nui loa from all of the grateful people of Hawaii.



Net returns

Marines from Marine Corps Base Hawaii (above) gather discarded fishing nets April 22 that had been damaging coral reefs off Mokapu Peninsula as part of their Earth Day activities. Volunteers examine the nets before they were taken away. Marine biologist Elyn Tong (left) and chief warrant officer Bob Yoder examine fish eggs found clinging to the net. Last year Marines removed more than 3,000 pounds of stray nets from the bay.

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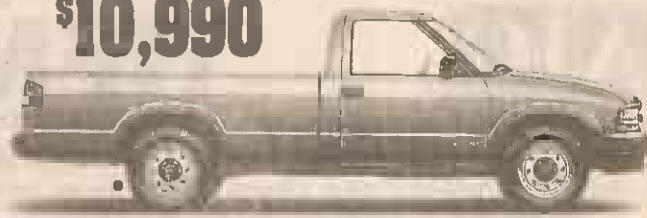


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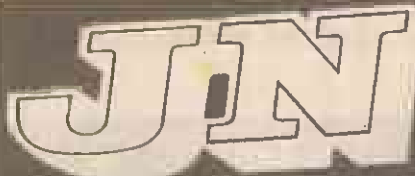
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