

# Hawaii Marine

## America's Battalion comes home

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Jordin Trevino, 1, is held by her father, a Navy corpsman with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, as they share their first moment together following his return to Marine Corps Base Hawaii from a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan Tuesday.

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Every day away was a test — but “America’s Battalion” is finally home.

Families and friends gathered at Hangar 105 at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay here to welcome home approximately 760 Marines and sailors from 3/3 returning from the seven-month deployment Tuesday.

They joined nearly 150 Marines and sailors from the battalion’s advance party who returned here Dec. 7.

Since May, Marines and sailors with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, have been conduits for progress in the Nawa district of Afghanistan’s Helmand province.

Braving the country’s bitter cold and unbearable heat, 3/3’s warriors secured elections, helped open schools and built relationships with Afghan nationals during their deployment. They performed disruption operations, destroyed weapons caches, and patrolled endless miles through fields, towns and along dusty, rocky roads.

But that was behind them as they walked into the arms of loved ones.

Both excited and anxious for the

## Remembering Dec. 7 at site of first attacks

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*Photojournalist*

the Chosin Few and other guests saluted “Old Glory” as it was placed at half mast.

Col. Robert Rice, base commanding officer, said watching the flag rise, gazing through the monument to the Koolau Mountains and hearing “The Star-Spangled Banner” performed by the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band gave him chills.

“The little hairs that I have left on the back of my neck stand up,” Rice said.

Marines and sailors of Headquarters Battalion and Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay stood at attention as Hagen, Rice and Navy Capt. David Cutter, commodore, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, adjusted the wreath in front of the monument.

Each of the fallen personnel was named, and a bell was rung in their honor. A rifle detail fired a three volley



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Col. Robert Rice, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, retired Brig. Gen. Jerome T. Hagen, and Navy Capt. David Cutter, commodore, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, tend to the wreath laying at the annual Kaneohe Klipper Memorial ceremony, Dec. 7.

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With a clear sky and a bright morning sun, the base remembered its eighteen sailors and two civilian contractors lost on “the date which will live in infamy,” in front of the Kaneohe Klipper Monument, Dec. 7.

Eight minutes before the massive destruction of then-Naval Station Pearl Harbor, the Japanese Imperial Fleet first attacked then-Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay, leaving 27 of 33 PBY seaplanes and most of Hangar 1 damaged or destroyed.

“We honor those sailors and Marines who lost their lives here on Dec. 7, 1941 as well as those who fought here that day and may have perished since that time,” said retired Brig. Gen. Jerome T. Hagen, this year’s guest speaker.

During morning colors, Marine Corps League members, the former Marines of

## DRIVING TO SUCCEED



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Kaprice Hooper Carvalho, of the Koa Mana Grey team heads for the basket while Kevin Kaili pursues him for control of the ball. During the Special Olympics Holiday Classic aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Molokai teams Koa Mana Green played against Koa Mana Grey. See page B-3.

## Historic house nets ‘ZERO’ power

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A historic home made more history Wednesday as Col. Robert Rice, the base commanding officer, opened his newly-converted Net Zero Energy Home to guests during the Heleloa Neighborhood Blessing Ceremony. Guests included personnel from the Installations, Environment and Logistics Directorate, Base Facilities and Forest City Military Communities.

“It was eye-opening to me how much electricity we spend on this base,” Rice said. “We need to get energy self-sufficient in the islands.”

Rice decided to make his own home an example.

“A Net Zero Energy home is designed to be energy neutral over a one-year period,” said Will Boudra, vice president of Development at Forest City Military Communities Hawaii. “In the case of the Eisenhower House, this means that the energy produced by the solar photovoltaic system that is mounted on the roof will equal the amount of energy the home will consume throughout the course of the year.”

The house on Nimitz Road will collect and store energy from the sun

during the day, and use that stored energy in the evening. The photovoltaic system also has a meter on the side of the house indicating how much energy has been collected.

In his research into energy consumption aboard the base, Rice said he found that Marine Corps Base Hawaii spends more than Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune or Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, though this could be partially attributed to the higher cost of electricity in Hawaii.

To upgrade the home, in addition to receiving funds from the U.S. Department of Energy, Forest City worked with ConSol, a California company specializing in energy consulting, to help them with the project. ConSol analyzed the historical houses, trying to find a cost-effective way to convert them while maintaining its historical appearance. The historic Eisenhower House, built in 1941, is a one-story ranch house with four bedrooms, and once hosted President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1960.

“It’s been great to work with Forest City,” said Rob Hammon, principal, ConSol. “They’ve been very accommodating and interested

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### Inside today’s Hawaii Marine

**It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.**  
K-Bay lights up its tree to the delight of kids of all ages, B-1



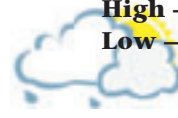
**Full throttle for Toys for Tots.**  
Motorcycle riders hit the road to make the holidays brighter, C-1



### Weekend Forecast

Saturday

High — 78  
Low — 68



Sunday

High — 77  
Low — 70



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Postal deadlines

Upcoming military postal deadlines for arrival by Dec. 25 are today for for priority mail and first-class mail, letters and cards; and Dec. 18 for express mail military service.

Holiday packages and mail headed for Iraq and Afghanistan must be sent a week earlier than the deadlines above. Express mail military service is not available to those destinations.

For more information, see <http://www.usps.com/holiday/shippingcalendar.htm>.

## G Street road work

Road work will be conducted on G Street between 3rd Street and 5th Street Dec. 13-14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two lanes will remain open but traffic may be slowed due to construction work. The sidewalk fronting the west side of the Enlisted Club will also be closed during the construction work.

For more information, call Steven Butala at 257-6880.

## Roads around Dewey Square to be closed

The roads surrounding Dewey Square will be closed beginning Monday for setup of the Seether USO concert on Dec. 17.

E Street will remain open to traffic until Friday.

## Federally protected seabirds need your help

December is part of the annual shearwater fallout season on base and around the islands. Federally protected juvenile Wedge-tailed and endangered Newell's Shearwaters (seabirds) are learning to fly. Often disoriented by city lights, they fly inland instead of toward the sea, fall to ground, and get disoriented, injured or become vulnerable to predators.

If you see such a downed bird, call the Military Police Desk Sergeant at 257-2123 who will summon trained personnel to take appropriate follow-up action.

For more information, call Dr. Diane Drigot at 257-3694 or e-mail [diane.drigot@usmc.mil](mailto:diane.drigot@usmc.mil).

## Mokapu Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Charter School

On Dec. 1, Daisy Education Corporation (dba Sonoran Science Academy) submitted a Letter of Intent to the Charter School Administration Office of the state of Hawaii expressing its intention in the submittal of a Detail Implementation Plan (DIP) regarding the possible conversation of Mokapu Elementary School to a public charter elementary school.

Further details regarding the Letter of Intent can be found at <http://www.mokapustemschool.org>. To learn more about the Conversion Charter School process, visit the Hawaii Charter School Administrative Office site at <http://www.hcsao.org/>.

For questions regarding this announcement, please contact the School Liaison Office at 257-8826 or visit [http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g1/school\\_liaison.htm](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/g1/school_liaison.htm).

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On-Base Emergencies	911
Military Police	257-7114
Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Pothole & Streetlight Repair	257-2380
Base Information	449-7110
MCB Hawaii Chaplain	257-3552
DEERS	257-2077

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# Medal of Honor recipient honors Corps through serving veterans

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If one man at Tuesday's Kaneohe Klipper Ceremony clearly understood the price of war, that man would probably be Allan J. Kellogg Jr.

As the base honored those who died Dec. 7, 1941, the retired sergeant major and Medal of Honor recipient returned to be among the Corps again. But, truthfully, he never stopped serving his Marine brethren.

There were only two things Kellogg wanted to do in life at age 15 — “get tattoos and be a MO-reen.”

Now older and with both arms artfully embellished, the native of Bethel, Conn., is proudest of his 30 years of service and having earned his rank as a senior enlisted leader.

Born on Oct. 1, 1943, Kellogg attended Bethel High School for only two years before enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1960. He has been stationed in various places including Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina as part of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in California, as part of 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

As a staff sergeant, Kellogg was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. On March 11, 1970, while leading a platoon of nine in Quang Nam Province, Kellogg and his fellow Marines encountered a booby trap. The trap wounded three of his men, and killed one. A helicopter evacuated the three wounded, but the platoon was told another would arrive for the deceased due to limited space.

“It started getting dark out and the area I was in was no place to be after sundown,” Kellogg said.

The platoon later found themselves in an ambush of 45 to 50 opponents attacking with multiple weapons, from machine guns to rocket-propelled grenades.

“They were closing in on us,” Kellogg said. “They snuck up on me and reached over the dike and dropped a grenade right in my lap.”

Kellogg remembers shouting “GRENADE!” and attempting to smother it by forcing it down into the mud. When it detonated, he lost consciousness.

When he came to, Kellogg remembers breathing in the mud of the paddy he had fallen in, moaning quietly for help, thinking he was going to die. But in the end, Kellogg made it out of Vietnam and was awarded a



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**Medal of Honor recipient and retired sergeant major Allan J. Kellogg Jr. sits near base commanding officer Col. Robert D. Rice at the Kaneohe Klipper Ceremony here Tuesday commemorating the Dec. 7 attacks.**

Medal of Honor for his actions.

Retired Lt. Col. Jon Gangloff, of Friendswood, Texas, called Kellogg an “exceptional individual.”

Gangloff was Kellogg's company commander in 4th Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, in Okinawa, Japan. He said Kellogg always made himself available to support junior Marines.

“He never used excuses,”

**“He said ‘no matter what job you get, do your best. Take care of your Marines.’”**

– retired Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub

Gangloff said. “He was always a first class individual. He's still helping Marines [today] ... I think he deserves a lot of credit for that.”

In 1990, Kellogg became a permanent resident of Hawaii, where he occasionally visited throughout his military career. In 1995, he started working as a benefits counselor at the local Department of Veterans Affairs. He said he chose to work for the VA to continue what he was already doing in the Corps, which was helping veterans and people in need.

Now 67 years old, and a widower with seven children, Kellogg is an incarcerated veterans re-entry specialist and also does homeless veteran outreach. He supports homeless veterans with food, clothes, identification cards and more. Kellogg said the average veteran he supports is around 61 years old, and some turned to drug and alcohol abuse.

He said the most rewarding aspect of his job is when a veteran released from jail manages to quit

drugs and alcohol and transition successfully into society, though it doesn't always happen.

“I can only do so much for a homeless veteran and an incarcerated veteran,” Kellogg said. “At some time the veteran has to take a step forward and help himself.”

For retired Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub, Kellogg has been a support system both in and out of the service. Holub, a sergeant major of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific until 2001, said he frequently sought Kellogg's advice.

“When I first made sergeant major, I wanted infantry battalion in the worst way,” said Holub, 56. “He said ‘no matter what job you get, do your best. Take care of your Marines.’”

While supporting Marines, Kellogg was also always straightforward to his peers. Holub called Kellogg an example of “the utmost in professionalism.”

“If you weren't cutting the mustard or if you weren't living up to the standards of the [staff noncommissioned officer] he'll come down on you,” Holub said. “By God, you always knew where you stood with him.”

Kellogg also interviewed Holub at the VA when he retired from the military.

Today, as Kellogg continues his work at the VA, he still makes time for various ceremonies throughout the year, including the Kaneohe Klipper Memorial Ceremony here. He attends ceremonies during Veteran's Day as well.

“He didn't quit taking care of Marines when he retired,” Holub said. “He still takes care of them every day.”

## NEW COMMANDER FOR LAVA DOGS



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**Lt. Col. Matt Baker, outgoing commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, extends the battalion battle colors to Lt. Col. Sean Riordan, incoming commanding officer, 1/3, during a change of command ceremony at Dewey Square here Dec. 2. After assuming command of 1/3 in June 2009, Baker led the battalion on a deployment to Nawa district, Helmand province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Riordan was previously assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as the infantry occupational field sponsor and advocate in the Ground Combat Element Branch of the Corps' Plans, Policies and Operations Department.**

# Japanese visitors pray for peace on solemn day

Christine Cabalo

Photojournalist

Purifying the ground with salt and sake, dozens of religious officials from Japan prayed for world peace at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's memorial sites Tuesday.

Members of the Japan Religious Committee for World Federation visited the base to observe the Dec. 7, 1941, bombings of Oahu.

"Every year, different organizations attend," said Mihoko Maier, the committee's director of public relations. "Some from well known temples come."

Ministers from the Shinto, Buddhist and Christian faiths paid tribute to the fallen at the Lt. Fusata Iida crash site marker, Kaneohe Klipper Monument and Pacific War Memorial on base.

The group began their ceremonies at the memorial of Lt. Fusata Iida, an enemy invading Japanese pilot who crashed at the site of the marker. White flowers for mourning and other offerings were left behind at Iida's site and at the other memorials.

More than 30 guests came aboard, each praying for peace in several religious traditions. It's the group's twenty-ninth visit to Oahu to participate in the day's observances.

"We hope to show the possibility of different faiths having a dialogue about peace," said Father Chitoshi Noshita, of Catholic Nakamachi Church in Nagasaki, Japan.

Helping the group navigate the base, Navy Cmdr. Robert Delis, command chaplain, MCB Hawaii, stood vigil with the visitors. The event was a very emotional moment for him, he said. Delis served nine years in Japan, stationed at Iwakuni and Camp Foster with the 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

He praised the group for being kind people who would take the time to honor the dead.

"They're very good people who believe in union through peace,"



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More than 30 members of the Japan Religious Committee for World Federation visited several Marine Corps Base Hawaii memorial sites to pray for peace Tuesday. The group started at the memorial of Lt. Fusata Iida, an invading enemy Japanese pilot whose Zero aircraft crashed on base. The committee, who visits every year on Dec. 7, includes Japanese officials from Shinto, Buddhist and Christian congregations.

Delis said. "I recently found out they're praying for our people and for their own people too. I've already made some great friends through this experience."

It's the same feeling of camaraderie that inspired Maier to help translate during the yearly observance. The ceremonies provide an opportunity for people to get to know each other and learn about the historical event, she said.

Maier recalls being further motivated to translate after watching the historical film visitors see before entering the USS Arizona Memorial. She was shocked to see the devastation of war and hoped her assistance can bring about understanding.

"I'm Japanese and after seeing the movie, I thought I had to do something," Maier said. "Even if my part is only a small part, it's still something I can do to promote peace."

Both she and Noshita said they hoped the committee's annual ceremony and prayers contribute to attaining lasting peace.

"A lot of people think conflict or battle comes from differences of religion ... however that is not always true," Noshita said. "[Religions] can exist together to keep peace and maintain good relationships. This is what we hope to do with the inter-religious movement."

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return of her husband, a corpsman with Company L, 3/3, Melissa Trevino clutched a small Marine Corps flag and bounced their daughter on her hip as she waited.

"I'm nervous," she said. "It feels great that he is coming home, but it doesn't feel real yet."

The reunion, falling on their daughter Jordin's first birthday, was bittersweet. Melissa said raising Jordin alone during her husband's deployment made her feel like a single mother, but she worked through the challenges by looking forward to his return.

"You know he's coming home, so you just keep on doing what you're doing," she said.

In May, 3/3 replaced 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, in Nawa district, supporting Regimental Combat Team 7, 1st Marine Division, as part of ongoing counterinsurgency operations in Operation Enduring Freedom. RCT-7 transferred authority over the area to RCT-1, 1st MarDiv, Sept. 28.

"We didn't know what to expect, but 1/3 set us up for success," said Sgt. Maj. Andrew Cece, battalion sergeant major, 3/3. "They prepped the battlefield and enabled us to make an easy transition into Nawa district."

Nestled in southern Afghanistan, 3/3's area of operations spread over approximately 100 square kilometers and 26 positions, said Maj. Jay Garcia,

executive officer, 3/3.

While the battalion's operations were less kinetic than had been anticipated, the deployment still wasn't easy, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Holt, commanding officer, 3/3.

Using Corps leaders' "clear, hold, build" strategy, 3/3 worked to clear the area of enemy threat, said Garcia, of Honolulu. Training, preparation, and well-coordinated distributed operations formed a strong basis for success, Garcia said. "But it took the young Marines being on the ground every day to make it work."

He said the battalion's success was reliant on the Marines' presence in the community — whether by constant patrols, standing post at patrol bases or the extra hours spent assisting Afghan families.

Lance Cpl. Domingo Luna, a team leader with Company K, 3/3, reaffirmed the importance of his battalion's presence.

"Building these relationships with the locals enabled us to do a better job assisting them," said Luna, from Corpus Christi, Texas.

Between "hard days and good days," Holt, from Dallas, said the union of effort along 3/3's lines of operation strengthened tribal unity, and strong relationships with district officials helped make Nawa safer and more secure.

Since the region was identified as one of the few ready for transfer of responsibilities back to Afghan National Army security forces, the battalion played

an important role in hosting visitors.

During recent visits to Nawa by the deputy U.S. Secretary of Defense, William J. Lynn III, and several senators, Holt said he told each of them, "Nawa is open for business." He asked them to exploit 3/3's success in the future, and maintain the battalion's momentum for progress.

With 3/3's return, the ongoing task of holding and building Nawa district now falls on 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, who arrived in Nawa last month.

"Our Marines could have just done the seven months and come home, but they didn't," said Cece, of Sacramento. "They bonded with the local nationals — it became their lifestyle. As long as 2/3 carries this on, they'll be successful."

Returning Dec. 7, Holt noted on that solemn day 3/3 did not return complete.

Sgt. Joe L. Wrightsman, a team leader with Company K, 3/3, died while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, July 18. Wrightsman was from Jonesboro, La.

1st Lt. Scott J. Fleming, a platoon commander with Company K, 3/3, died while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Sept. 17. Fleming was from Marietta, Ga.

"We can't forget that Lt. Fleming and Sgt. Wrightsman didn't come home on the flight with us," Holt said. "Even as we rejoice at our return, the Marines we lost are remembered."

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salute, followed by the playing of "Taps."

Several members of the audience said they still remember where they were the day of the attacks.

Hagen, author of the "War in the Pacific" series, was 9 years old in North Dakota when he rode his bike to town with a friend on Dec. 7, 1941.

"My uncle was down at the school yard. He raised the flag all the way up and brought it down half mast," Hagen said. "I went in and said 'what's the occasion?' Well, he said Pearl Harbor has been attacked and the president has declared it a day of infamy and ordered all flags to fly at half mast."

Bill Haney, a former Marine and member of the Marine Corps League Aloha Detachment, has attended many memorial ceremonies both here and on the mainland. Marine Corps Base Hawaii is special to Haney, who retired here in 1974 and still lives in nearby Kaneohe.

"I try not to miss any of the ceremonies out here," Haney said. "They're so meaningful."

The monument, donated by the Kaneohe Klipper Association, names all personnel who died while supporting the base during the attacks.

Though the association disbanded in 2007, the base continues this tradition annually.

## ZERO, from A-1

in trying to jointly work together to come up with the solutions that would improve the efficiency of the homes and work for them and the community."

Forest City worked with historical preservation professionals to maintain the original appearance of the house while installing the new features. The photovoltaic roofing, for instance, does not require direct sunlight to work, and it was installed on the roof facing away from the street.

The windows of the house were a challenge, because they could not be replaced. Instead, in keeping with historic preservation goals, the windows were tinted using a specialized window film. The design of the older windows on the Eisenhower house were prone to air leaks that wasted energy.

"One of the important things to do is seal the home and keep out the humidity and heat," Hammon said.

The house has energy saving features including radiant energy barriers to keep out heat, solar tubes that provide natural light for rooms, Energy Star certified appliances, and spray-foam insulation.

Forest City plans to open two more Net Zero Energy Homes in the near future. These houses are timely considering the base's goal of reducing its energy consumption by 10 percent in 2011. At the blessing, Rice said the base community has become more conscious of their consumption since the implementation of the Resident Energy Conservation Program.



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Tom Henneberry, president, Forest City Military Communities, and Col. Robert Rice, base commanding officer, ceremoniously break the maile lei during a Hawaiian blessing of the Heleloa neighborhood project. Guests attended a small ceremony and toured Rice's residence, which was outfitted with several energy saving features.

Through RECP, families living in Forest City homes have been given mock bills since September detailing how much energy is actually used in their household. In January, Forest City will be distributing actual bills to residents. Residents used 15 percent less energy in September and October of this year than

during the same two months last year, according to Rice.

"We are moving definitely toward energy efficiency, energy saving," said Jim Ramirez, the vice president of construction at Forest City Military Communities Hawaii. "Everybody's aware it's very, very important."



Simulating a hazardous crime scene, FBI agents collect key evidence at Kaneohe Bay Dec. 3 during the annual Patriot Palm exercise. More than 40 FBI agents flew from the bureau's Los Angeles Division to Oahu to practice conducting an investigation in an unstable environment.

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materials in plastic bags, carefully trying not to damage evidence. Groups also needed to comb through evidence in a garbage bag, take sample swabs and document the area with photographs. After exiting the simulated crime scene, agents and their equipment went through decontamination.

Peaco said the exercise encourages team members to collect as much information as possible, gathering enough forensic evidence to convict a suspect.

The bureau also brought members of the crisis response team, a mobile unit centrally keeping track of information. FBI agents with that team combed through computer law enforcement databases and kept track of information as the investigation continued.

"We're really happy to participate and do this so far from home," said Laura Stricklin, crisis management coordinator, FBI. "It's been excellent for the team, and very realistic. It's hard when you don't know where you'll set up, especially having to do it in two hours."

Peaco, a former Marine infantry captain, said Patriot Palm is good practice for the team, since it readily uses military aircraft to send their vehicles and supplies to remote investigations. Both he and Robert Warfel, supervisory special agent, FBI, said the bureau wouldn't be able to continue this type of training without the resources of MCB Hawaii.

"I cannot tell you the expense we'd have to take to move all this equipment privately," Warfel said. "To move this from LA to Honolulu, it would take a lot of money."

Without help from base officials and military flights, Warfel said the bureau would not be able to do the needed training it does during Patriot Palm. In 2009, the FBI conducted underwater evidence gathering in Kaneohe Bay and deployed the SWAT in 2008. Support from Maj. Jeff Reichman, Marine Corps Base Hawaii current operations officer, and Lt. Col. Kevin McCollough, former MCB Hawaii current operations officer, was critical, he said.

"We couldn't have done this without their help," Warfel said. "Their advice and aid has a positive impact on this operation. Their hospitality makes K-Bay a destination we keep coming back to."



FBI agents in hazmat suits take photos of a simulated hazardous crime scene at the Dec. 3 Patriot Palm exercise at Kaneohe Bay. Agents were challenged to find evidence while in their hazmat suits.

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Laura Stricklin, crisis management coordinator, FBI

Right, James Peaco III, weapons of mass destruction coordinator, FBI, shows a castor bean during the Dec. 3 Patriot Palm exercise here. Peaco, a former Marine infantry captain, said terrorists can convert castor beans into the deadly toxin ricin with the right tools.

Below, Several pieces of evidence were left for agents to recover during the exercise. Each piece is bagged or sampled for additional study.



# FBI secures K-Bay for Patriot Palm



Wearing hazmat suits, FBI agents go through the first stage of decontamination during the Patriot Palm exercise Dec. 3 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The exercise tested the Los Angeles Division's rapid response team, who deploys to domestic and foreign crime scenes within 24 hours.

**Christine Cabalo**  
Photojournalist

Ready for anything, more than 55 FBI agents were put to the task last week at Kaneohe Bay in an exercise codenamed Patriot Palm.

Since 2007, the bureau's Los Angeles Field Division has annually travelled here to test their rapid deployment team.

"The team is designed to deploy domestically or internationally," said Gerry Cocuzzo, supervisory special agent, Critical Incident Response Squad, FBI. "It's comprised of special mission teams like SWAT, the Hazardous Materials Response team and other support elements."

Team members change depending on the investigation, Cocuzzo said, but the team could be ready to leave within 24 hours. The agents have deployed in challenging conditions, investigating along the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and recently probing bombings in Mumbai, India.

To keep up their deployable skills, the team annually prepares its emergency vehicles and loads them onto a C-17 Globemaster III bound for Oahu. Once they land, the group continues the next phase of the role-playing investigation. This year's scenario included agents investigating a simulated hazardous materials crime scene staged in a warehouse near Waterfront Operations.

Donning hazmat suits, an initial four-agent team checked for explosives and hazardous materials noting any items they found. Among the items, agents found normally harmless castor beans. But with the right tools, like ones also found at the mock crime scene, the beans can be used to make the toxin ricin.

"There are countless things out there, many commonly available products, that can easily be converted to a threatening material," said James Peaco III, Los Angeles Field Office weapons of mass destruction coordinator, FBI.

A larger team later collected the



FBI agents in hazmat suits investigate and collect evidence in a simulated hazardous materials crime scene. Agents wrapped masking tape around their wrists, ankles and in the front of their suits to ensure their safety. During last year's exercise, agents were sent underwater to recover evidence.

# ‘Lava Dogs’ get hands on new M27 rifles

**Lance Cpl. Tyler L. Main**

*Combat Correspondent*

Marine Corps Systems Command personnel and gun maker Heckler & Koch staff delivered more than 80 M27 Infantry Automatic Rifles Friday to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment armorers.

The rifles were being assembled and prepared for this week's operator and maintainer training exercises to be conducted by 1/3 Squad Automatic Weapon gunners and armorers. The hope is that the M27 IAR will be able to someday replace the heavier, less maneuverable M249 SAW in most situations, as stated in the M27's operator manual.

"It's definitely a good thing," said Cpl. Ryan McDermott, an armorer with 1/3. "It's definitely lighter and more compact."

According to Capt. Edward Leon, Infantry Automatic Rifle project officer, 1/3, the training will consist of formal classes and repetitions of known-distance and combat marksmanship training ranges.

"Marines will also conduct a transition course designed to begin to develop a skill set of engaging closer targets in full auto and long range targets in semi-auto," Leon said.

1/3 will be testing the weapons throughout a full pre-deployment training schedule to deliver a pre-assessment of the weapon. Once the battalion deploys, they will conduct another assessment based on the performance of the weapon through the first one hundred days of operations. After all battalions have completed their evaluations, they will be delivered to the commandant of the Marine Corps for review.

M27 IAR-wielding Marines can look forward to a number of new features while handling the

weapon. The rifle has a six position adjustable butt stock, left and right handed sling mounting options, a guide in the magazine well to assist with speed reloads and a recoil-reducing compensator and butt stock pad. The rifle will also be equipped with the new Squad Day Optic.

The SDO mounts on the rifle to assist gunners in target detection and identification and increases accuracy. The optic also has a 3.5 times magnification range.

Also, the rifle has four mounting rails that can hold a forward grip, scope, visible light, infrared laser pointer and illuminator, bipod and more.

Probably the most notable difference between the M27 IAR and M249 SAW is weight. The M27 IAR only weighs 9.2 pounds with a loaded magazine compared to the 22-pound M249 SAW.

Also testing the weapon system are Camp Lejuene's 1st Battalion, 9th Marines Regiment, Camp Pendleton's 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment and 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and New England-based reservists with 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment.

A full analysis of the weapon system should be completed by the third quarter of fiscal year 2011, Leon said.

The rifle has also undergone numerous preliminary tests before being delivered for use on the battalion level.

According to Leon, both a comparison test between the M27 IAR and the M249 SAW and hot and humid and cold weather conditions tests have been completed.

Marines of 1/3 will complete their initial training under the supervision of MCSC and Heckler & Koch Saturday. Next week the training teams will move on to 1st Bn., 9th Marines, for delivery of the new M27 IARs.

## FINDING BALANCE



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpls. Charles Dunham, amphibious assault crewman, and Harvey Sandoval, engineer, Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, assist Jaclyn de Jacquart, a student of the Executive Leadership Development Program, through the obstacle course Wednesday. Fifty-five students from the 2010 ELDP class were here for training which included rappelling and obstacle courses, Combat Convoy Simulator and Supporting Arms Virtual Trainer at Landing Zone Boondocker. Throughout the training activities, students learn about various aspects of the Department of Defense.

## HERE COMES THE BAND

The 48th annual Kaneohe Christmas Parade started at Haiku Road, following Kamehameha Highway until Kaneohe Bay Drive, at Castle High School Saturday. The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, a Marine Corps bus, and a color guard from 3rd Radio Battalion joined in the festivities. The parade also included state officials, pageant winners and organizations from all over the island.

Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine



## REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR'S FALLEN MARINES

Former Marine Michael J. Decker, a Kingston, N.Y. native, salutes the Marine Corps Memorial at the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center Tuesday. The memorial is inscribed with the names of the 73 Marines who were killed on the USS Arizona on Dec. 7, 1941. More than 200 Pearl Harbor survivors were in attendance at Tuesday's Pearl Harbor ceremony, honoring those they served with and lost during the attack. The survivors were also among the first guests at the newly dedicated visitor center.

Lance Cpl. Tyler Main | Hawaii Marine



## A BETTER KIND OF FUEL

Four Hydrogen Fuel Cell 2008 GM Equinox's like this will be delivered to Marine Corps Base Hawaii during the first quarter of 2011. "There's many alternatives to gasoline and were shooting at all of them but hydrogen fuel cell is the long-term solution for the state of Hawaii," said Col. Robert Rice, base commander. Three of them will feature a Marine Corps digital camouflage designs. Promoting the use of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles across the island aligns with Rice's goal to save and raise awareness on energy conservation.

Lance Cpl. Tyler Main | Hawaii Marine



# Lifestyles & Sports

## Mele Kalikimaka, MCB Hawaii

**Lance Cpl. Reece E. Lodder**  
*Combat Correspondent*

While the festive greeting “Merry Christmas” is often associated with snow and cold temperatures, service members, families and the local community shared a “Mele Kalikimaka” under warm, tropical skies during a Christmas tree lighting ceremony by the base chapel Sunday.

Blanketed by 1,488 shiny star, ball, and snowflake ornaments, the 40-foot tall tree is highly visible as it sits on display between base housing and Mokapu Mall.

“This ceremony marks a special time because we’re welcoming folks home for the holidays,” said Col. Robert Rice, base commanding officer.

Rice highlighted the late November return of sailors with Patrol Squadron 9 from a six-month deployment, and this week’s return of Marines with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, from a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

During the ceremony, several performers entertained the large audience gathered on bleachers and the grass outside the chapel. Bright, costumed performers with the Diamond Head Theater Shooting Stars sang and danced through their rendition of “Parade of the Wooden Soldiers,” and various choral groups sang traditional Hawaiian and Christmas carols.

The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band played Christmas song selections and accompanied Rice in his debut as a soloist in the band, softly complementing Rice as he recited the famous poem “The Night Before Christmas.”

“Playing for families here was refreshing because it wasn’t just a ceremony where we did a pass and review,” said Cpl. Benjamin Harris, French horn player, MarForPac Band. “Tonight was a change from the typical.”

The band’s finely tuned performance was the result of weeks of rehearsals — nearly four hours a day together and more individual practice in between, said Harris, of Rockford, Ill.

As the sun crept closer to the horizon, Rice called on the six winners of Mokapu Elementary School’s essay and coloring contests to step forward. The young students joined Rice at the switch for the Christmas tree, and on a countdown, the group pressed it down together. In a colorful flash, the giant tree lit up, shining brightly against the darkening sky.

“Last year at this time, we had fire in the fireplace and snow on the ground,” said Maj. Jonathan Morel, operations officer, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363. At the time, Morel and his family were stationed in Maryland.

“It was easy to feel like it was Christmas there,” Morel said. “Here in Hawaii, it’s 80 degrees, and we’re wearing shorts and flip-flops. After putting up decorations at home and attending the ceremony tonight, now it feels like Christmas.”

After the tree was lit, Santa Claus made a special guest appearance from the North Pole, arriving under the red glow of a fire engine’s lights. A crowd of children swarmed around him as he stepped off the engine to supply the children’s outstretched hands with holiday candies.

While 3-year-old Lily Morel was adamant that Santa’s arrival was the best part of the ceremony, her 5-year-old brother, Alexander, echoed the sentiments of many other attendees.

“My favorite part was when they lit up the Christmas tree,” he said with a smile.

A 40-foot tall, illuminated Christmas tree sits on display outside the base chapel after a Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Marine Corps Base Hawaii Sunday.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Reece E. Lodder | Hawaii Marine

The Diamond Head Theater Shooting Stars perform their rendition of “Parade of the Wooden Soldiers” during a Christmas tree lighting ceremony outside the base chapel Sunday.



Col. Robert Rice, base commanding officer, and students from Mokapu Elementary School flip a switch to light up the 40-foot tall Christmas tree displayed outside the base chapel on Marine Corps Base Hawaii Sunday. The students were recent winners of the school’s coloring and essay contests.

# PASS REVIEW

## Your weekly guide to all aspects of entertainment

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



### DVD sinks to 'Valhalla'

Lance Cpl. Tyler L. Main  
Combat Correspondent

Now available on DVD and Blu-ray, even sitting in the comfort of your own home may not make Viking-flick-gone-wrong "Valhalla Rising" enjoyable.

Extreme gore and crusades sound pretty cool right? Typically, a Viking movie has a big battle scene, a worthy foe and a bunch of big oafs with battle-axes. But this dud has none of these. It was terrible.

It's about a speechless man nicknamed "One Eye," for obvious reasons, with an amazing ability to kill people. He was bought by a Scotsman for his murderous talents and carted around to fight other tribes' warrior slaves.

Sounds awesome, right? But alas, One Eye (Mads Mikkelsen) isn't the most loyal of slaves and eventually slaughters his captors and disembowels his owner. One little boy survives.

One Eye then begins his journey back home. The boy ends up following One Eye (giving him that name) and they wander through the hills of Scotland completely silent, giving thousand yard stares to absolutely nothing. They finally join forces with a group of Christians who are setting sail on a crusade.

They go on the biggest failure of a crusade I've ever seen. It should have been a warrior's entrance. The typical "running their ship to shore in a fury, slashing and stabbing anything that moves" would have done nicely. Instead, they slowly coast to the shore and aimlessly walk around and get shot by arrows

that just randomly zip out of the woods. Half of the crusaders get killed by One Eye. An antagonist is never clearly established.

The movie has little to no plot, little dialogue and completely undeveloped characters. It's like they told the actors to be nobody.

The story is split up into five anticlimactic chapters being "Wrath," "Silent Warrior," "Men of God," "Holy Land" and "Hell." If you use each chapter's name in one sentence it will pretty much sum up the whole movie, for example: The "Wrath" of a "Silent Warrior" brought him in contact with "Men of God" who were trying to get the "Holy Land" but instead ended up in "Hell." That's really all there is to the whole movie.

One thing that did stand out in the movie was the "Holy Land" (later "Hell"). Set in a densely wooded forest separated by a sizable river, the land appears normal enough. But it has a strange mental effect on the crusaders and even the stone cold One Eye. This could possibly be from the starvation they've endured during their voyage but there's something fantastical about the place.

The movie had potential but was obviously a low budget production. Regardless of how much money they didn't have, the movie could have been better. Forget any extras, my recommendation is to rent a real Viking movie — like "How to Train Your Dragon" — and let "Valhalla Rising" stay on shelf.



### Hard to say good 'Knight' to this tale

Christine Cabalo  
Photojournalist

It's a bad sign when a movie begins in a junkyard showing one of its main characters scavenging. It's the first clue that "Knight and Day" belongs in the scrap heap.

Filmmakers were also scavenging, ripping off plots from other spy-genre movies for this bland PG-13 flick. Despite the star power of Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise, this action romance fails to light up the screen, even in this new extended DVD edition.

Returning from her junkyard jaunt, Diaz is car restorer June Havens bound for her home in Boston when she bumps into Cruise. He plays mysterious spy Roy Miller, who uses Diaz to smuggle a perpetual battery through airport security. Havens gets trapped on a plane of assassins trying to take down Miller.

Audiences have seen this before. Even the plot of characters fighting over unlimited energy is overused in too many spy thrillers to count. With shallow plot and characters, the movie's only hope was relying on its stars to make it work. Fail.

Maybe if Cruise were better at zany comedy or being lovingly mischievous, this film would be better. Many of his previous roles were straightforward, and he has a difficult time making it work in this film. Will Smith or someone with a better feel for comedy might have been better.

While Diaz seems up for her role as the clumsy love interest seen in nearly every formula espionage movie, her looks alone can't save her. It's hard to believe Havens is stumbling, not knowing how to fire a gun one moment then agile enough to do it backwards on a motorcycle later. There are a few moments for Diaz to develop her character, especially in the exposition parts with her sister April (Maggie Grace), but not much happens. Despite being a grease-loving car enthusiast, rarely do you see Diaz sweating under the hood of a car.

Diaz and Cruise are pretty together, but there are few sparks between them. There is one intense moment in the middle of a gunfight when Cruise completely stops shooting back to casually walk up to Diaz to kiss her. Other than that, there's little to recommend. Diaz is conveniently knocked out or drugged to move events along, so not much of the story is devoted to build up a romance.

For those hoping the extended DVD edition might be better, forget it. Extended by a whole eight minutes, all viewers buy is a few more minutes of swearing and dullness.

Overall, the lazy work by everyone in "Knight and Day" is like seeing the result of a bad restoration job. The result might be pretty eye candy, but underneath it's hiding a completely worn out vehicle.



#### 1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.

#### 2/4 — High And To The Right

Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if you have nothing better to do.

#### 3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.

#### 4/4 — Confirmed Kill

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

So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, the Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm feel free to submit your own reviews. Or, if you disagree with a review published and want fellow readers to know the real scoop, send in a condensed review and we'll run it as a second opinion.

## Better Know A Critic



MAIN

**Lance Cpl. Tyler L. Main** believes a good movie stays in the back of your head even years after seeing it. The dorky nature of Main makes it obvious he's into comedy. If you can combine action and comedy you have the perfect film in Main's eyes.



CABALO

**Christine Cabalo** believes every person goes to the movies hungry. "Audiences feed on movies that astound and amaze. Whether short or long, movies should tell people a story through vivid imagery." Her favorite genres include action, adventure and fun epics. She also likes eclectic TV shows.



- "Red" PG-13
- "Life As We Know It" PG-13
- "The Social Network" PG-13
- "Paranormal Activity 2" R
- "Yogi Bear" PG\*
- "Case 39" R
- "Hereafter" PG-13

- Today | 7:15 p.m.
- Today | 9:45 p.m.
- Saturday | 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday | 9:45 p.m.
- Sunday | 2 p.m.
- Sunday | 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

\* Free sneak preview. Ticket pickup at theater at noon according to priority. Doors open at 1 p.m.

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

Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

# Holiday Classic brings competition, smiles to K-Bay

**Kristen Wong**

*Photojournalist*

Jennifer Kagihara's weekly bowling practices have served her well.

"She was very proud to do well," said her mother, Gwen Kagihara, of Mililani.

The 31-year-old, whose skills once afforded her a spot in the national Special Olympics games, received second place for Singles Bowling at K-Bay Lanes last weekend.

Jennifer Kagihara was among approximately 800 athletes competing in the Special Olympics Hawaii Holiday Classic, held here and at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Dec. 4-5.

Here at the Semper Fit Center gym and K-Bay Lanes, more than 70 Marines and sailors assisted more than 200 athletes at the basketball and bowling tournaments.

"Everybody's laughing and having a great time and that's what matters," said Nancy Bottelo, chief executive officer, Special Olympics Hawaii.

Even though basketball team Koa Mana Grey lost to Koa Mana Black, 37-41, there was laughter and smiles from both teams.

"We put more emphasis on having fun than competing," said Starlet Luczon, assistant coach of one of the four Koa Mana teams arriving from Molokai.

Marines and sailors, wearing their official Special Olympics shirts, had plenty of work to do, whether announcing a basketball game, grilling food, or escorting athletes to the bowling lanes.



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

**Kate Villanueva, 16, of Kauai High School, receives her award from Sgt. Maj. Marvin Dixon, sergeant major, Headquarters Battalion, during the Singles Bowling Tournament for females ages 8-21 Sunday. More than 200 athletes competed in the Special Olympics Holiday Classic over the weekend.**

Sgt. Allen Elisara, career planner, Headquarters Battalion, started recruiting the rest of the unit to volunteer as soon as he heard Special Olympics needed help.

Elisara, 26, was the special operations manager during the Holiday Classic, and was in charge of setting up tables, chairs, signs and "everything else in between" for both Semper Fit and K-Bay Lanes. He also coordinated with the dining facility at Hickam and a restaurant to feed hungry volunteers

and athletes. Although his weekend was busy, he smiles recalling the highlight of the day — watching the athletes receive their awards.

"Just to see them light up and just to watch them have their moment is awesome," Elisara said. "That's a morale booster for the athletes as well as the Marines volunteering."

Cpl. Jahbril Nwosu, aviation supply, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, assisted bowlers Sunday. She remembers getting a hug from an excited girl who

bowled a strike.

"It was amazing to see the smile on their faces," said Nwosu, 22. "Volunteering gives you a warm feeling inside because you feel like you're able to help someone that can't always do everything on their own. If you can brighten their day, it makes you feel even more special."

Staff Sgt. Garland Joyner, helicopter airframe mechanic, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, grilled a total of approximately 400 hot dogs and hamburgers each for both days. Joyner, 38, was one of a number of personnel recruited by Paul Williams, financial management analyst, Base Supply, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

"Always give a piece of yourself," Joyner said.

Gwen Kagihara said through Special Olympics, the athletes learn a great deal, including teamwork, responsibility and good sportsmanship. She said the organization also provides special needs athletes with social activities.

Kagihara said the base offered "a lot of aloha and hospitality," and she is appreciative of both bases for providing facilities.

Next year, Special Olympics Hawaii will hold the 25th anniversary of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, one of the organization's regular fundraisers. Bottelo said they are hoping for 2,500 runners this year, as opposed to the regular 1,000, in honor of the anniversary.

For more information about Special Olympics, visit <http://www.specialolympicshawaii.org>.

## MAKING IT FEEL LIKE HOME



Lance Cpl. Reece E. Lodder | Hawaii Marine

Wounded warriors from Wounded Warrior Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii, stand with staff from the base family housing department after Lt. Col. Gregory Price, officer in charge, Wounded Warrior Bn. West — Det. Hawaii, presented them a plaque in honor of their support during a visit to the housing office here Dec. 1. Staff Sgt. Jason Rodden, at right of Price, a scout sniper with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and patient of the detachment, is a wounded warrior who has benefited from the office's assistance. Rodden suffered severe leg injuries in a training accident and the housing office helped improve his living conditions by moving him from a two-story house to a single-level one.

## TALK STORY

**Toys for Tots is still accepting monetary and toy donations for this year's campaign. What kinds of toys do you think the children would enjoy this year?**

\*[tôk stôrei] Hawaiian slang for an informal, lengthy conversation. Often used as a method to bond, or a good way to kill time.



"Silly Bands for the boys and [The Littlest Pet Shop] for girls. Both are collectible items. Both boys and girls really enjoy Silly Bands."  
— Chief Petty Officer Lorenzo Branch



"Nerf toys. They're fun. I bought a chain link Nerf gun. We're going to have a war."  
— Cpl. Joseph Swartz



"Fushigi. I think kids like that. It's an illusion toy. I think the commercial definitely makes it look appealing. I like it. I want one."  
— Staff Sgt. Rafael Arriaga

# WORD TO PASS

## On Base

### **Holiday Family Craft Night at Mokapu Elementary** *Tonight*

Come by Mokapu Elementary from 6 to 8 p.m. for a free holiday craft night in the cafeteria. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served. The event is sponsored by the Mokapu PTA and cookie donations will be accepted.

### **Santa's Village celebration** *Tomorrow*

The celebration will be held at Youth Activities, Bldg. 1090B, from 9 a.m. to noon. The event is free to all base youth and families. Scheduled activities include a child photo with Santa, games, bounce houses, arts and crafts, giveaways, prizes, dance performances, children's rides and more.

For more information, contact Youth Activities at 254-7610.

### **Seether in concert** *Dec. 17*

Listen to Seether at Dewey Square at 7 p.m. This free concert brought to you by the USO. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the concert.

For more information, call Bobbie Brock at 257-2651.

### **Give the gift that saves a life — give blood** *Dec. 20*

The Armed Services Blood Program at Tripler Army Medical Center will be at the base chapel from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note that during the holiday season, blood donations are always low. See <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/>.

## In the Community

### **Waimanalo Christmas Parade** *Tomorrow*

Sponsored by Waimanalo Construction Coalition, the parade starts at 10 a.m. at Waimanalo District Park, heads to Hihimanu Street, Kumuhau Street, Humuniki Street, Kalaniana'ole Highway, and ends at Waimanalo Beach Park.

### **Aiea Community Association Christmas Parade** *Tomorrow*

Sponsored by the Aiea Community Association, the parade starts at 8:30 a.m. at Pearlridge Elementary School parking lot, heads to Moanalua Road, Kaamilo Street, Ulune Street, Halewiliko Street, and ends at the Aiea Sugar Mill Site.

### **West Oahu Holiday Electric Light Parade** *Tomorrow*

Sponsored by Kapolei City Lights and West Oahu Holiday Electric Light Parade, the event starts at 6 p.m. at Kapolei Fairgrounds at Kealanani Avenue, Farrington Highway, Kamokila Boulevard, to Uluhia Street, and ends at Kapolei Hale.

## Volunteer in the Community

### **Feed the homeless through chapel outreach**

Program volunteers are needed to help feed the homeless. The Base Chapel is looking for volunteers to serve and prepare hot meals through the Institute of Human Services in Honolulu. Volunteers do not need to be attendees of chapel services.

For more information call 257-5138.

### **Seether concert needs volunteers**

Volunteers are needed at the USO Seether concert on Dec. 17. Drivers, escort details, loaders to help with the crew's equipment, traffic/parking controllers and runners are needed. Volunteers will receive a letter of appreciation, a meal, and the opportunity to see Seether up close.

Call Estella Euclide at 257-0372 or Bobbie Brock at 257-2651.

## Sports and Health Events

### **All-Marine Cross Country Team applications due today**

Semper Fit is seeking participants for the All-Marine Cross Country Championship team.

Runners need to be able to attend the competition from Jan. 5-9, 2011 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

Marines who are interested in competing must submit an application by today. Application forms are available online at the MCCS website (<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/sports/appform.cfm?sid=ml&smid=4>).

For more information, call Joe Au at 254-7591.

### **Commander's Cup Golf Classic**

Register by today for this Dec. 17 event at the Klipper Golf Course. Shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

Special prize awarded for best holiday-themed costume. Grand prize is an overnight stay for two at the Waikiki Resort.

For more information, including fees, call Todd Murata at 254-1745.

### **Nutrition Class Focusing on Performance and Supplements**

On Dec. 16, Tripler Army Medical Center dietician Capt. Joy Metevier will conduct a class providing information on performance and supplements. The free class will be held in the base chapel conference room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

It will clear up faulty ideas about weight loss and supplements, and ensure people are using the safest and most effective techniques for performance training.

It's open to all active duty, retirees,

family members and Department of Defense employees.

For more information, contact Neil Morgan or Dan Dufrene at 254-7636.

### **Satellite Fitness Centers**

Satellite Fitness Centers are located in Building 1033 and the Flightline Mini Gym, Building 301. Free weights and weight machines are available for use at these locations. Hours vary due to operational commitments.

Call 254-7594 for more information.

### **Personal Trainers Available**

For those looking to get into a tailored exercise regimen, or just looking for good advice on weight management and weight control, the Semper Fit Center offers free personal training consultation.

Schedule an appointment with a trainer who will take body fat measurements, blood pressure and heart rate readings. For a small fee per workout, a professional trainer will actually work with you to ensure maximum efficiency. Patrons may sign up for an initial assessment and one session a week up to three weeks.

Because of a high demand for personal trainer appointments, patrons must wait four weeks between sessions following the initial three visits.

For more information, contact Semper Fit at 254-7597.

### **Tobacco Cessation**

Classes start on the first Tuesday of the month and run for four consecutive Tuesdays.

For more information, contact Health Promotions at 254-7636.

For more information on sports and fitness programs, visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com/semper.htm>



## ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

A group of cyclists biking for Ride 2 Recovery finish their journey back to Honolulu from Wounded Warrior Battalion West – Marine Corps Base Hawaii detachment on Sunday. More than 50 cyclists took part in the trek that raised money for Spinning Recovery Labs and outdoor cycling programs for military and Veteran Affairs hospitals around the U.S.

Lance Cpl. Tyler L. Main | Hawaii Marine

## FIRED UP TO HIKE

Marine firefighters from Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, will hike the Honolulu Marathon Dec. 12 to raise money for Wounded Marines and sailors at Wounded Warrior Battalion West, Detachment Hawaii. From left to right, Sgt. Fernando Camacho, Cpl. Nathan Whitaker, Cpl. Ryan Guinty, Cpl. Brice Kuehn and Sgt. Brandon Cox, will don boots, woodland utility trousers, and 65 pounds of gear before beginning the 26.3-mile course. "We wanted to stand out among the other runners so everyone watching would know we were running for the wounded Marines and sailors," Camacho said. "Being that we're here and they're serving overseas, we're doing our part to raise some money and make sure they're taken care of."

Lance Cpl. Reece E. Lodder | Hawaii Marine



# Light up the holidays and save energy

**Sgt. John Miller**

*Base Facilities Department*

Energy conservation is the responsibility of all of us, but it doesn't mean having a dark holiday. The base has a Christmas lighting policy with specific guidelines. Please observe the following guidelines and help save energy.

Outdoor decorative lighting must be removed by Jan. 5. Lights can be operated only from 5:30 to 10 p.m. (extended to 1 a.m. on Christmas day). Turn lights on only after the sun has set for optimum effect and increased savings. Use low-wattage miniature lamp strings and other energy efficient lighting for all decorative lighting.

Here are some other tips to save energy but will still let us express holiday cheer and creativity.

For the home, consider LED lights. Their cost has come down and they can last up to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent strands. LEDs can use up to 90 percent less energy than an incandescent bulb to produce the same amount of light. They are shatterproof, shock resistant, and present no fire hazard and are safe to touch.

Consider fiber optic decorations. Fiber optic trees and decorations are the ultimate in energy efficiency. In most cases, they use a single light bulb located in the base of the unit to light the entire decoration. The lights on your tree should also provide more than enough lighting to navigate around the room.

Decorate the house using candles if you can do so safely. Set up luminaries along your walkway and lit candles throughout your home to achieve a beautiful holiday glow, without adding to the electric bill.

Wait until dark to turn on your Christmas lights; then, turn them off before you go to bed. Four hours or less of daily use is a good goal to aim for. Use a timer and you can set it and forget it.

If you plan on going on vacation for the holidays, unplug "phantom energy" users before you go. TVs, DVD players, computers, printers, radios and other electronics use energy even when they aren't turned on.

Be sensible and energy conscious and enjoy your holidays. Let's make a New Year's resolution that can actually keep itself!

# Around the Corps

In December, we take an expanded look at what's happening around the Corps

## IT COMES IN CYCLES

The 36th Annual Street Bikers United Hawaii Toy Run benefitting Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Hawaii program made its way through Waikiki Sunday. More than 6,000 bikers took part in this event, donating thousands of toys and cash to help make the holidays brighter for less fortunate keiki.

[Left] Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jesse Baker starts his engine Sunday at the Ala Moana Beach Park. Baker brought a teddy bear and his 10-year-old grandson along for the ride on his 2005 Harley Davidson Screamin' Eagle.

[Below left] Lance Cpl. Kila Carreira, a rifleman with Company F, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, accepts gifts for Toys for Tots.

[Below right] Bob Green, "Biker Santa," rode with the Rock & Rollers of Hilo, Hawaii on his Harley Heritage bike.

Photos by Lance Cpl. Tyler L. Main | Hawaii Marine



## Birthday boy brings bounty for Toys for Tots

Kristen Wong and  
Chris Aguinaldo  
Hawaii Marine Staff

Give him a cool, wicked toy for his birthday and Logan Jordan will just give it away. In fact, the 11-year-old Mokapu Elementary School student did it again last week.

But instead of being upset, his friends smiled.

"I think it's really cool," said classmate Eddie Heyward, 9, of Jordan's annual birthday tradition of donating gifts to Toys for Tots.

Heyward said his friend's selfless acts have helped less fortunate keiki to "have more fun in their life."

For the sixth year in a row, Jordan collected toys for the Marine Corps Reserve

campaign for his birthday. He celebrated at the newly opened K-Bay Lanes last week Friday and collected more than 40 toys, along with two bicycles and \$200 for his school's Toys for Tots drive.

This unique tradition began years ago, when he volunteered at a Toys for Tots warehouse in Alabama with his parents. So moved by the experience, he made giving his gifts "my way to give back to those who are less fortunate."

This year, he asked friends to celebrate his 12th birthday next week by "bringing in an unwrapped gift to be donated to this great cause."

This year, party guests were also asked to sign cards for the wounded warriors.

"He's always been a giving young

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Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Logan Jordan, 11, receives applause from guests at his birthday party Dec. 3 at K-Bay Lanes. For the sixth year in a row, Jordan has given his birthday presents to Toys for Tots.



Lance Cpl. Vanessa M. American Horse | Hawaii Marine

## THE EIGHTH NIGHT

Service members and their families gathered to watch as the eighth and final lamp on the menorah was lit in celebration of the last night of Chanukah at the base chapel Wednesday. Daniel Bender, lay leader, Aloha Jewish Chapel, led the ceremony. "Gather around, we'll all have a treat. Sivivon [dradles] to play with, and latkes to eat," Bender said in his prayer. The lighting began Dec. 1 and is held annually to commemorate the Jewish revolt against a Hellenistic king of Syria, Antiochus. According to Hebrew history, a small vessel of olive oil miraculously burned for eight straight nights instead of the expected two.

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man," said Angie Rice, previously their neighbor, who has known the Jordans for four years.

Jordan's generosity started early. As a kindergartener, Jordan and his classmates made 400 stockings filled with gifts for all the service members in his father's unit, who were deployed at the time.

Jordan, who has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and his family also participate in the annual Hawaii Arthritis Walk to raise awareness of the disease.

His family also helps the Lokahi Giving Project, which helps struggling families by providing them with life's basic necessities. Jordan still remembers meeting a boy his age, who received gifts from Jordan's family.

"It made me very happy," Jordan said. "It was an experience I wish I could have again."

And he does, whether during his party or going shopping for others. Jordan makes sure to choose a wide variety of fun toys, including puzzles, toy vacuums and dolls.

"I think he pretty much had one of everything in the store last year," said Jordan's mother with a chuckle.

Jordan's father said when he tells others what his son does, "it kind of blows their mind ... [if] someone has a birthday party and donates all their gifts, it speaks volumes about his character."

Jordan said he hopes the children who receive the toys will have a good Christmas.

"He's nice to just about everybody," said Jordan's friend David Topping, 10. "If you need help and you ask him, he'll help you."



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

**Staff Sgt. Rafael Arriaga Jr., Toys for Tots coordinator, 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, chooses several toys to buy at Toys R Us last Wednesday to meet requests from the local community. Arriaga said the campaign is in serious need of toys for children in age groups from newborns to 2-year-olds, girls ages 8 to 10, and children.**

## Marines storm into store to target toys

**Christine Cabalo**

*Photojournalist*

**AIEA** — Toys for Tots volunteers literally bought a truckload of gifts last Wednesday from Toys R Us to give Hawaii's children in need. The toys were bought with \$10,689.89 worth of donations, but the toy retailer helped volunteers earn enough discounts to save \$2,828 for more purchases.

"When we do toy buys we always try to get the most value," said Staff Sgt. Rafael Arriaga Jr., Toys for Tots coordinator, 4th Force Reconnaissance Company. "We look for sales, and sometimes retailers offer us special rates."

Personnel from Marine Corps Base Hawaii and the Salvation Army filled up 14 shopping carts of goodies and purchased toys by the caseload to meet community requests.

Toys for Tots Hawaii also enlisted the help of five students from Huakailani School for Girls in Kailua. The students helped volunteers find good values and choose toys girls their age could enjoy. Coordinators receive multiple gift requests for girls 8 to 10, but Arriaga said toy donations alone don't fulfill the need.

Once students found board games, dolls and other toys, they helped wheel the carts for checkout and hand them to volunteers to load into the truck. The trip was important

for 10-year-old student Claire Edwards.

"It makes you think of all the kids who don't get any toys for Christmas or their birthdays because they can't afford it," she said.

Huakailani School director Kaori Brown said the experience helps "prepare girls to be positive contributing citizens. We're not just teaching them to give back to the community, but actually doing it."

Toys for Tots volunteers also purchased toys Dec. 8 to assist disabled children supported by the State of Hawaii's Department of Health office.

Arriaga said the campaign continues to need toys for newborn to 2-year-olds, girls ages 8 to 10, and children 11 years old and older. Monetary support can also go a long way, said Chief Petty Officer Lorenzo Branch, Toys for Tots assistant coordinator.

"The monetary donations enable us to get toys for age groups we really need," Branch said, adding money stays here in Hawaii to help local families.

For more information, call 257-7147 or see <http://kaneohe-bay-hi.toysfortots.org/>

Look for these upcoming Toys for Tots events:

- "Na Mele o Na Keiki" Holiday Concert — Tonight, at 7 p.m., Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. This free concert includes an all-star lineup including the U.S. Marine Forces

Pacific Band, Jim Nabors, Henry Kapon and Anita Hall. Pick up free tickets at the Blaisdell Box Office.

- Kani Ka Pila Grille at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach — Tomorrow, at 3-9 p.m., Honolulu. Relax with island music group ManoaDNA, who hosts this event to help to gather donations.

- Star Wars Toys for Tots Night — Dec. 17, at 6-9 p.m., Honolulu Hale. The Pacific Outpost 501st Legion of Stormtroopers are storming the mayor's office to collect toys. Bring your donations and take photos with your favorite Star Wars characters. For more information call 768-6622 or e-mail [moca-info@honolulu.gov](mailto:moca-info@honolulu.gov).

- Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Classic — Dec. 22-23, various times, Stan Sheriff Center. Donate a new, unwrapped toy and receive free admission into any of the daytime basketball games. For more information, call 257-7147.

To donate toys at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, visit any of these drop-off locations: MCX Annex; Base Comptroller's Office, Bldg. 216, Room 8; Bank of Hawaii, Bldg. 1196 at 5th Street; and Installation Personnel Administration Center (IPAC), Bldg. 1044 at Selden and 3rd Streets.

# Chosin veteran remembers ‘The Bridge’

**Bob Talmadge**

*Contributor*

*(Editor's note: Retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Bob Talmadge, a member of the Chosin Few, shares a pivotal story of the 1st Marine Division during this 60th anniversary of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir.)*

When the 1st Marine Division was ordered to proceed to the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir in North Korea in November of 1950, there was only one road leading north. That road ran through the Sudong Valley to the village of Chinhung-ni, then became a torturous, twisting ox-cart trail, climbing over 3,000 feet to the village of Koto-ri. It was a single lane road and, initially, only wide enough to accommodate ox-carts and small vehicles.

Two miles below Koto-ri, the road spanned three huge pen stocks, which carried water from the reservoir to the hydro-electric plants at the foot of the mountains.

The Marine commanders realized that if the bridge was destroyed, it would effectively block any vehicles from moving north or south on the road. Indeed the bridge was damaged three times in November, but each time it was repaired by Marine engineers.

The 1st Marine Division engineering officer, Lt. Col. John H. Partridge, decided that it would be best to use Treadway Bridge sections for any future repairs.

Chinese Army forces entered the war in late November, 1950 and quickly surrounded and isolated all Marine Corps and Army units on the Chosin Reservoir plateau. Except for the towns of Koto-ri, Hagaru-ri and Yudam-ni, and Army units on the east side of the reservoir, the Chinese forces now controlled the road to the Chinese border, including the critical bridge area. They blew up a 20 foot section of the bridge on Dec. 4, 1950.

Engineers would need four spans of bridging to repair the damage and neither the Marines nor the soldiers had any Treadway bridging material in the reservoir area. Additionally, neither of them had any Brockway Trucks, essential for moving any Treadway bridging to the penstock site.



Department of Defense photo by Marine Cpl. W.T. Wolfe

**An honors team of the 1st Marine Division fires a volley saluting their fallen buddies during memorial services at the division's cemetery at Hungnam, Korea, following their breakout from the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The photo was taken Dec. 13, 1950.**

With the Chinese in command of the main supply route, all re-supplies were dropped into each occupied location by parachute, but bridge sections weighing 2,200 pounds each had never before been dropped by parachute.

Although only four bridge sections were needed, Partridge decided that a total of eight sections would be air dropped to ensure that the needed four sections would arrive safely at Koto-ri.

It was then discovered that there were four Army Brockway trucks at Koto-ri, each containing material for the new Tenth Corps command center, that had been planned for Hagaru-ri, but which was no longer necessary. The supplies were removed from the trucks to make way for the bridge sections.

The Army command in Hungnam, an allied secured area, was contacted to obtain the eight bridge sections. It was also arranged with the Air Force to test drop one bridge section to see if a parachute drop was feasible.

On Dec. 6, an Air Force cargo plane made a pass over the airfield at Yonpo and dropped a bridge section. The

parachutes streamed up unopened and the bridge section crashed to the ground heavily damaged.

The Air Force cargo officer, responsible for the drop, stated that larger chutes, and in greater number, were needed and they would be flown in from Japan that afternoon. He stated that there would be another test drop in the morning. With time running out for the forces trapped on the Chosin Plateau the Marine Corps engineering lieutenant told him, "We

have no tomorrow. Have those bridge sections properly rigged tonight and in the morning we will have them dropped at Koto-ri!"

The Air Force captain protested saying that he did not have sufficient personnel to rig the eight sections by the next day, so the Marines brought 100 Amphibious Tractor Battalion personnel from Hungnam to assist in the rigging of the chutes. Expert Army and Air Force personnel were also flown in from Japan to help.

Early the next morning, three C119 aircraft departed from Yonpo, each carrying a boxed, fully parachute rigged bridge section. The sections were successfully deployed over Koto-ri with all three sections landing within the Marine defensive perimeter. Almost immediately, the remaining five aircraft departed Yonpo and delivered their cargo at Koto-ri. A total of six of the eight sections landed safely on target.

On Dec. 9, with close air support and infantry units clearing the hillsides of enemy troops, the bridge sections were quickly moved to the bridge site, installed, and within three hours the bridge and road were again serviceable. Soon the division's rolling stock was crossing the spans.

Its commanding general, Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Smith, would keep the promise he had made two weeks earlier, that "The 1st Marine Division would come out of the Chosin (Chang-jin) Reservoir fighting ... with its men, its wounded, its dead and its equipment. They would come out as Marines ... or they would not come out at all."