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SecDef orders voting inquiry

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William S. Cohen has asked the DoD inspector general to look into problems concerning military absentee balloting.

Cohen ordered the inquiry following reports that many absentee ballots from service members were not counted because they lacked postmarks.

"The secretary's goal and his instruction to the IG is to make sure we have a system that makes every vote count," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said Nov. 28.

He also said Cohen asked the IG to examine the process and recommend any changes to make it "more efficient, more fair, more inclusive and easier."

In his instructions, Cohen asked the IG to examine current procedures for handling military ballots, standard cancellation and postmarking, and how those procedures are actually implemented.

One problem that disqualified military absentee ballots in Florida, for instance, was that they arrived without a postmark.

DoD postal regulations require all mail be postmarked, including postage-free mail such as absentee ballots.

"Your review will serve as a basis for any changes that can and should be implemented by DoD in order to ensure that the voting rights of all U.S. military personnel are respected and that everything possible will be done to make sure that every vote counts," Cohen said in his written instructions to the IG.

There is no timetable for the IG to deliver a report.

CPL. MATTHEW E. HABIB

Artillery tradition

Master Sgt. Arnold E. Albrecht, operations chief, Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, is awarded the Ancient Order of St. Barbara by Col. Daniel C. O'Brien, commanding officer, 12th Marine Regiment. The Ancient Order is awarded to Marines for their sacrifices and dedication to the artillery field. See complete story, page 10.

Holiday season prompts antiterrorism warnings

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, issued antiterrorism and force protection warnings Nov. 27 via Marine Administrative Message 572/00.

"Since the attack against the *USS Cole*, we continue to receive terrorist threat information of varying credibility," Gen. Jones said. "Continuing unrest in the Middle East, the approaching Muslim month of Ramadan, our holiday season, and the end of the calendar year may provide a venue for continued terrorist acts against U.S. personnel."

Gen. Jones directed commanders to ensure that personnel receive antiterrorism awareness training, according to the message.

"Commanders will ensure that their Marines, civilian Marines and family members are continually aware of the threat of terrorism, whether in the rear or forward deployed, and any specific threat in their area of operation," Gen. Jones said. "Antiterrorism awareness training will be provided prior to deployment, temporary additional duty, commencement of liberty, or prior to taking annual/holiday leave."

In keeping with the Commandant's message, force protection officials in Okinawa are encouraging Marines to maintain a high sense of awareness.

Cato

"There are no credible new threats in our region," said 1st Lt. Robert E. Cato, antiterrorism officer, Provost Marshal's Office, Marine Corps Base. "Marines should not be frightened. We should all just make sure we are constantly evaluating our surroundings and be aware of any suspicious activity.

"Generally speaking the terrorist threat level here on Okinawa is low," Cato said. "There are countries where terrorist activities are more dangerous, like parts of the Middle East. But we should never become complacent."

Though the threat here is minimal, Cato urges personnel to be wary.

"Be sure to keep your mental faculties about you," Cato said. "Pay attention to what's going on around you and watch for boxes, packages, cars, or people that are out of place or don't belong. It's also important to let someone else know where you are going and know how to use the local phones in case you do get into trouble."

In addition to individuals maintaining a high state of awareness, all installations on Okinawa are exceeding the necessary precautions currently required in the Pacific region, according to Cato.

"We have been in threat condition alpha for a long time now," Cato said. "The installations here are exceeding the requirements for this condition outlined in the Department of Defense Antiterrorism and Force Protection Program.

"It boils down to common sense," he said. "If you see something or someone that is out of the ordinary, use common sense and take action if necessary by calling PMO."

III MEF safety office expands

Units focus efforts to prevent Oki mishaps

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Combat Correspondent

CAMP COURTNEY — Safety experts at III Marine Expeditionary Force have expanded their safety office in an effort to better protect those serving in Okinawa.

Unit safety managers throughout MEF commands and Camp Butler's safety office are focusing their efforts in the fight against mishaps and other safety concerns, according to Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Harris, safety chief, III MEF.

"The office deals with all areas concerning the safety of personnel assigned to III MEF," Harris said. "We are involved in many aspects of safety. Motor vehicle mishaps, which are currently our top concern and off-duty mishaps, such

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Recon doc top in field

Local corpsman named winner of the George Piercy Award for outstanding medical service

Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP SCHWAB — In 1961, George William "Doc" Piercy enlisted in the United States Navy. He spent most of his career assigned to the Fleet Marine Force. He died serving alongside Marines in the 1983 Beirut bombing.

"Doc" Piercy's services to the Marine Corps lead to the establishment of an award in his honor. Each year, a U.S. Navy corpsman or dental technician assigned to an FMF unit earns the Marine Corps League's "Doc" Piercy award. The doc earns the recognition by making an "outstanding contribution to increased medical combat readiness," according to the Marine Corps League website.

This year's top doc is recently promoted, Chief Petty Officer Tavita F. Saelua, a 14-year veteran with Marine Corps reconnaissance units.

Saelua, a 37-year-old father of two, earned the award for his ability to juggle the multitude of responsibilities carried on the shoulders of a recon corpsman. His efficiency and effectiveness in prepping 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion here for deployment throughout the year was recognized as outstanding by his Marine commanders.

"Really I just do what is expected," Saelua said. "We are expected to be ready in advance, so I keep my ear to the ground and try to stay ahead of the program."

Keeping a reconnaissance unit ready to roll involves the usual paperwork, vaccinations, dental care and other medical readiness responsibilities. But added to the tasks are the ongoing differences between the daily work of a corpsman and the special duties of a recon doc.

"We do the regular medical work expected of all corpsmen plus everything our Marines do," Saelua said. "The only difference between us and our Marines is that we are in the Navy."

Corpsmen who volunteer to become recon docs are trained through the "pipeline," the training system that reconnaissance Marines must go through.

Following his first stint of Naval training at the Great Lakes Recruit Training Command, Saelua said he met a reconnaissance representative asking for volunteers while attending the eight week field medical school. Those who volunteer move on to eight weeks of recon training alongside the Marines they will be taking care of in the FMF.

In addition to the Marine reconnaissance training, recon docs will go through jump school and dive school at some time during their recon career. They can also look forward to the Special Forces medic course taught by the Army.

The challenging training may be one reason some Navy corpsmen don't take the reconnaissance option. The six-year commitment following a year of intensive training may be another deterrent, according to Saelua.

"Every training event, we must send out a corpsmen," Saelua said. "We juggle always being undermanned with the demands of the unit. We must go everywhere our Marines go."

For Saelua, that meant a recent deployment with LF CARAT. The time away from his family is one of the many sacrifices made by the highly deployable 3rd Recon Bn. and their docs.

"I just do what is expected – to be ready in advance. So I keep my ear to the ground and try to stay ahead of the program."

Chief Petty Officer Tavita F. Saelua

Saelua, who took over as 3rd Recon Bn. Basic Aid Station medical representative shortly after his Sept. 15 promotion, said while he will miss going to the field, the desk job will allow him more time with family and to pursue his college degree.

"I wanted to experience a different route, a different job the Navy had to offer," Saelua said. "With the recon Marines, I've gotten to experience new training outside of the BAS."

With all of the training, the commitment, the time spent in camouflage utilities versus Navy blues, it would seem that Saelua may as well have just joined the Corps. He points toward his doctor-father and nurse-mother as sparking his interest in the medical field and the Navy. The Marine Corps does not offer a medical military occupational specialty.

"Besides my interest in medicine, I have many relatives who joined the military," Saelua said. "Many joined the Army, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, but few joined the Navy, so between them and medicine, here I am."

Saelua and his family have lived on Okinawa for three years.

"I would like my family to be able to stay here because I know it is safe," Saelua said. "I'm comfortable leaving my wife and daughters here while I'm deployed. That's one less distraction affecting my work while I'm out with the unit."

The doc sees his exemplary performance as just "doing his job," but he said it takes more than just being a corpsman to survive and even prosper in a recon unit.

"Being able to be a corpsmen, first of all, is important," Saelua said. "But also they must be able to pick up and go at any time. They must always be prepared. And they must be able to do what is expected of Marines."

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as drownings and athletic injuries, are just some of the issues we are heavily involved with."

A good defense is the best offense, and trying to stop a problem before it arises is the best way to keep the Marines safe, according to Mr. John D. Williams, III MEF safety officer.

"Most mishaps investigated involve Marines that ask themselves afterward 'why did I do that?'" Williams said.

This is where the Operational Risk Management comes in. ORM in "safety speak" is the process of hazard assessment, identification, deciding, controlling and supervising safety-related concerns.

If used correctly, employing ORM raises the awareness of hazards to Marines, Williams said.

"Once aware of the hazards and risks, personnel can deal with implementation of controls and make the appropriate and correct decisions," Williams said.

The III MEF safety office also conducts monthly council meetings with subordinate unit safety managers.

"These meetings allow all members the opportunity to discuss a wide array of safety topics affecting their units, as well as provide training to our safety managers," Williams said. "They also offer the opportunity to exchange information and discuss safety trends we see beginning to form. This information filters down to our smallest unit safety Marine representatives and we can then pass that information on, hopefully preventing future problems before they begin."

Safety meetings began in October and have had positive results, according to Williams.

"Up to now, the meetings have been hosted by the MEF safety office on Butler," Williams said. "Beginning in January, the monthly meeting will be sponsored by a different MEF command each month and have a different safety training session taught by that particular organization's safety office," Williams said. "Anyone is allowed to attend these meetings to either learn new information or voice their concerns about safety issues. All we ask is for them to check with their chain of command and discuss their problem with their organization's safety office first."

"Every year, the Marine Corps loses the manpower equivalent to a Marine Expeditionary Unit and over $230 million due to safety mishaps," Williams said. "The majority of these mishaps could have been prevented. The best way to do that, is to train and educate our Marines in safety awareness and prevention. That's what we are here for, and that's why safety classes are given."

Williams said many mishaps happen when Marines push the limits a little too far.

While Marines are known to "work hard and play hard," there comes a time when they should stop and evaluate the safety standards of their situation, according to Williams.

"The best piece of advice I can give a Marine is to think about what you are doing," Williams said.

For any safety concerns or questions, Marines are encouraged to contact their respective unit safety office, or call Mr. Williams or Master Gunnery Sgt. Harris at 622-7763/7780.

SGT. NATHAN L. HANKS JR.

Drug busters

Mr. Masao Gabe, chief, Okinawa Regional Narcotics Control Office and Mr Haruumi Seto, intelligence officer, ORNCO, were among six ORNCO officers awarded by Col. Willie J. Williams, commander, Marine Corps Base, Nov. 27 for their work to prevent drug trafficking to Marines and their families. U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents in Okinawa work closely with ORNCO officers against drug traffickers. Kevin J. Naylon, supervisory special agent, NCIS, Okinawa, was awarded by ORNCO officers Nov. 16 for helping with a drug bust and apprehension of two LSD and Marijuana dealers.

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Education opportunities available to Marines who desire smarts

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CAMP FOSTER — Leathernecks who joined the Marine Corps to advance their education can find plenty of classroom opportunities right here in Okinawa. In fact, many may already have college credits and not even know it.

Marines are eligible for college credits depending on their military occupational specialty, schools completed, military correspondence courses completed and even boot camp, according to the American Council on Education's Guide to Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Forces.

Based on ACE guidelines, many colleges transfer such military training into college credit.

Marines can find out about such credit transfers by visiting education counselors on base.

Counselors can provide a form, known as Sailor and Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcripts, showing exactly what type of training the Marine has and how it translates into college credits according to the ACE recommendations.

By visiting with a counselor, Marines can build a plan to begin their pursuit of an associate, bachelor or master's degrees, and find out exactly what it would require to achieve them.

Some Marines are even surprised by the support for education in the Corps.

"When I first got to Okinawa, I really thought it would be hard for me to take classes," said Private First Class Lisbeth Mendoza-Ruiz, administrative clerk, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group. "But the hours of the education center are hanging right there in my office and my gunny is the one who keeps encouraging me to go and offering transportation to the office to find out information."

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Private First Class Lisbeth Mendoza-Ruiz, admin clerk, III MEF Headquarters Group, is just one of the thousands of Marines looking for ways to take advantage of the numerous education benefits offered by the Marine Corps and the many stateside colleges represented on Okunawa.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Program also offers Marines college credits through the College Level Examination Program and Subject Standardized Tests.

The testing-for-credit program offers students various subjects. Depending on the subject, a test can be worth anywhere between three to 12 credit hours.

To take a CLEP test, Marines must visit their base education center on the scheduled monthly testing dates, pick a subject and take the test. Credits are awarded for those who pass the test.

CLEP tests offer more than 30 subjects ranging from general biology to English composition.

If the Marine is a little rusty on the subject, education counselors can provide students free study packages on all subjects.

"Since I've been in the Marine Corps, I see all these opportunities to get an education," Mendoza-Ruiz said. "I don't understand why more Marines don't take advantage of them, when there are so many choices. The Marine Corps is just giving it away and it's there for the taking."

While stationed at Okinawa, Marines have a variety of schools to choose from, at different times throughout the day to attend classes, different curriculums and free transportation for the Marines to get to and from classes.

Schools on Okinawa offering a variety of curriculum and schedules include: Central Texas College, University of Maryland, Michigan State University, Troy State University, University of Oklahoma and the Coastline Community College.

While on active duty, the Marine Corps pays 75% of the college tuition fees. Tuition assistance helps Marines with off-duty education without depleting their Montgomery G. I. Bill benefits.

For more information on education benefits, contact your base education counselor or call 645-7160/3486.

Group formed to help service members through adoption process

Support group shares experience with families waiting to adopt a child

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

CAMP BUTLER — The first meeting of the International Adoption Support Group was held here Nov. 27.

The group was started by Sarah Follstad, a military spouse, to provide information and share experiences as prospective parents work their way through the difficult and often confusing adoption process. Follstad is currently on a waiting list for an international adoption.

Follstad

"In February of this year, my husband and I started the paperwork process for adopting a child from Vietnam," Follstad said. "We had no idea who to go to or where to get information. Just finding a social worker to do a home study was difficult.

"By starting this support group, we hope to help others, who are beginning the difficult process, to find information and to draw from the experiences of those who have already gone through it," Follstad said. "My initial support was from the Internet, but you need to be able to talk to others."

Attendees were glad to have the resource available to them, according Linda G. Sammel,a military spouse who is starting the adoption process.

"To be able to have a resource to come to as we work through the mountain of required paperwork is great," Sammel said. "We're not the first ones to run into roadblocks while doing this. There are others who have been in the same situation and can tell us how they resolved the problem. It's great to have others to enlighten and teach us what do to."

In addition to sharing experiences of the adoption process, the group is designed to provide a forum for parents, who recently adopted a child to share their experiences as they welcome a non-English speaking child into their home, according to Follstad.

"As parents welcome a new child into their family, there are going to be issues to solve," Follstad said. "Parents who have already adopted a child can share ideas and work through them together."

At the first meeting, parents discussed issues like learning basic sign language to help break the initial language barrier and the importance to the children of being around other racially diverse families.

"It's nice to meet other families with children who are racially diverse," said Mary Mitchell, who adopted a 2-year-old boy from Hong Kong a year ago. "This support group is providing the opportunity for my son to see other families like ours."

As the IASP grows in the months to come, Follstad said its success is going to depend on how willing prospective and new parents are to share themselves with others.

"I don't know what people's expectations are, but this group is not going to be a bunch of lectures," said Follstad, who hopes to complete an adoption guidebook for service members on Okinawa. "I will try to have guest speakers from time to time, but the main goal of the group is to have people help each other by sharing their experiences."

The IASP meetings will be held the first Monday of each month, unless it falls on a holiday, at Pizza Inn. For more information on IASP, call 646-4844.

Alcohol-related NJPs
III MEF/MCBJ

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Nov. 25 to Dec. 1.

• Underage drinking

A lance corporal with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of $585 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 30 days.

• Drunk and disorderly

A lance corporal with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of $273 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

• Underage drinking

A private first class with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of $563 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

• Underage drinking, purchasing alcohol under legal age

Two lance corporals with Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, were found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking and purchasing alcohol under the legal age. Punishment: forfeiture of $273 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

• Underage drinking

A private first class with Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of $563 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

• Underage drinking

A private first class with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of $502 per month for two months.

• Underage drinking

Two lance corporals with 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, were found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of $563 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

• Drunk and disorderly

A sergeant with 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of being drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-4, forfeiture of $723 per month for two months and extra duties for 45 days.

• Underage drinking

A corporal with Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of $630 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 30 days.

• Underage drinking

A lance corporal with Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of $563 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 9 days.

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Holiday delivery

Nagamine Yoshiteru, Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee, stacks one of the 1,616 Christmas trees that were delivered from the states to the Home Traditions furniture store on Camp Lester Dec. 1. Varieties include Noble Fir, Fraiser Fir, Douglas Fir and Sheared Fir trees that went on sale Dec. 2.

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Post Office holiday procedures

Mailing deadlines

First class letters/cards	Dec. 10
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Holiday operating hours Nov. 18 to Dec. 23

Camps Foster, Courtney, Kinser and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma:

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9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays (full service)

For information on mailing packages with customs forms, mailing deadlines or holiday hours, call 637-2468.

Beating the Blues

The islandwide Beating the Blues briefs for this week are scheduled from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Dec. 8-10	Camp Hansen Theater
Dec. 11, 15	MCAS Futenma Theater
Dec. 12	Camp Kinser Theater
Dec. 13-14	Camp Schwab Theater

For more information on the Beating the Blues briefs call 645-2915.

NCO call

There will be a instructional brief for all NCOs of Bravo Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, at the Camp Foster theater today at 3 p.m.

Topics covered in the brief will include NCO responsibilities, duty NCO responsibilities and Core Values.

After the brief, there will be a question and answer period.

For more information, call the Bravo Co. office at 645-7181.

Camp Kinser power outage

A $3.5 million upgrade to electrical circuitry is slated to begin tomorrow and continue until late March to replace degraded electrical circuits here. The upgrade will replace a main trunk of 48-year-old wiring along Depot Blvd. and cause power outages to many buildings here except the tower and multiplex housing units.

Currently, power outages are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 9-11 and 15. Dec. 16-17 power will be out from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Questions and concerns can be forwarded to the Camp Services Office at 637-1886.

Want to get promoted?

You could help recruit future Marines for your Corps and accumulate points for promotion. 4th Marine Corps District is taking requests for Permissive TAD to help with recruiting. If you are from the 4th district, which includes Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Southern Indiana, and South Western Michigan, contact 4th Marine Corps District.

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Future leaders deserve second chance

After more than a decade of so-called "zero tolerance" policies, Corps leaders have tried to convince the fleet Marines that not every mistake is a career ender.

For the past two years, Marine Commandant Gen. James Jones has told Marines that perfection is a worthwhile, yet unattainable, goal and leaders need to mentor Marines through mistakes.

Still, some Marines remained unconvinced. Sgt. Maj. Clifton Sisson, the top enlisted Marine for MEU Service Support Group-26, said in a September statement that leaders are too quick to take actions that ruin Marines' careers. "When someone has done something wrong, I don't want to ruin a career over it unless we absolutely have to," he said.

Sisson and Marines like him may find relief in the recent staff sergeant selection board results. In their report released Oct. 12, board members tapped 326 Marines with less-than-perfect records for promotion.

Nearly 10 percent of the 3,325 Marines selected had some "black" mark in their records: a weight problem, nonjudicial punishment, summary or special court-martial conviction.

Some may claim that's a sign of falling standards, but they'd be wrong.

During the drawdown, leaders took the mandate of "good order and discipline" too far, bypassed mentoring for NJP, and sacrificed some otherwise solid Marines in the process. Dispensing with zero tolerance gives Marines a second chance to do the right thing.

Some Marines deserve second chances, some don't... and leaders get paid to know the difference.

That's an important message for those 326 staff sergeants in waiting and the troops they will lead. What's more, it's good for the Corps.

It costs about $70,000 to train each Marine; more if you figure in the experience these sergeants have. And, as the E-6 board members found out, how the Marines recover from the mistakes — say, taking responsibility for their actions — can outweigh their misconduct.

Some Marines deserve second chances, some don't ... and leaders get paid to know the difference.

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Moments of stupidity permanently change lives

Cpl. Jose A. Figueroa

1st Marine Division

Recently, I had the honor of going to another safety brief at the base theater to receive the mandatory mass holiday safety lecture. Of course, like many Marines, I considered it to be an inconvenience because of all the work that I had piling up on my desk and all the people I had to interact with to get it done.

I expected to hear the same brief that I have been listening to for the past five years. But this portion was different. A California Highway Patrolman came out and shared his story about his partner getting hit by a drunk driver while on a routine call. The sadness in the patrolman's voice was evident, but he carried on and tried to educate Marines on the tragedies caused by drinking and driving.

When the video ended, Marines throughout the audience were silent. Marines who have children tried to fight back tears welling up inside of them. I'm sure several went home to hug their children that evening.

This made me think back to the time that I became a victim of drinking and driving.

I was attending school learning the skills of my trade when one day I picked up a copy of Marine Corps Times and read something that I would never forget.

Two of my friends were involved in a car accident and the culprits were stupidity, bad judgment and alcohol.

The two Marines, Lamar and Marlon, were out driving and having a good time with some girls they met earlier in the evening. While they were driving down a quiet, windy, unlit country road, Marlon stopped the vehicle to get out and relieve himself.

For some unknown reason, Lamar jumped into the driver's side and sped off as a practical joke. Although Lamar had a suspended license, for drinking and driving no less, and was intoxicated, good judgment would have told him it was a bad idea for him to be driving. But knowing Lamar, he probably thought he could see anything in front of him while he had his "beer" goggles on.

After some time away from Marlon, he turned around to look for him. Meanwhile, some odd miles away, Marlon decided to lay down in the middle of the road as a practical joke. Maybe he thought Lamar would freak out when he saw his buddy on the ground thinking he had been hit or died of a heart attack. Who knows why Marlon did it, but one thing was for sure — the joke would be on Lamar.

Apparently either Lamar wasn't watching the road or his "beer" goggles had a smudge on them and as a result he didn't see Marlon. Before Lamar even knew it, he hit something in the road, which became lodged underneath the vehicle. Lamar had no idea what it was and tried to back up, but couldn't. When Lamar got out of the car he found Marlon underneath. A panic attack came to Lamar and passing drivers stopped to help Lamar lift the vehicle to set Marlon free, but it was already too late.

Those "beer" goggles of Lamar's cleared up pretty quickly, and he realized what he had done. Marlon was pronounced dead of excessive chest compression and multiple massive traumas. Lamar had to face the trooper and registered a blood alcohol content of 0.09 percent, just one point above the North Carolina legal limit.

Lamar was charged with driving while impaired, driving with a revoked license and felony death by motor vehicle.

The tragic part was that Lamar had only a couple of months before he got out of the Marine Corps and started a new life in his home state of Alabama. Instead, his whole life was thrown away in a matter of minutes.

Here were two guys I knew very well and all of sudden a moment of stupidity changed their life and mine.

After coming to terms with the fact of Marlon being gone and Lamar ruined because of bad judgment, I was on the phone with the guys in my old platoon. Everyone was devastated about what happened, but they were all worried about Lamar, because he had to go through the rest of his life knowing he killed one of his buddies.

What was going through their minds on the night of the accident? No one knows.

In the end, Marlon was taken home by the first sergeant and buried with honors, as Marines back at Cherry Point, N.C. tried to get their lives together and sort everything out. Eventually, Marlon's parents forgave Lamar and pleaded that he be given leniency by the panel during his court-martial.

Lamar was shown leniency by the panel and was allowed to finish his term in the Marine Corps. He was given a punishment by the court-martial panel, but nothing will compare to the fact that he killed someone because of his irresponsibility, and that will be his eternal punishment.

How many more Marlons and Lamars have to suffer before we Marines start thinking about the consequences of drinking and driving?

If we all take an active role in preventing Marines from drinking and driving, lives will be spared. After all, aren't Marines supposed to protect life and stand up for what is right?

STREET TALK

"What do you think about some of the absentee ballots not being counted in the presidential elections?"

Gunnery Sgt. Saeed H. Rasool, H&S Bn.,3rd FSSG

"All the absentee ballots should be counted and the courts should allow the count to continue."

Larry Brantley, customer support rep, DLA

"As a Florida resident, the count concerns me, but I think the process is fair and in the end the results will be validated."

Staff Sgt. Cameron P. Evans, H&S Bn., 3rd FSSG

"Absentee ballots should be given special consideration because of service members on deployed status."

Lt. Diedrick A. Graham, 3rd MRB, 3rd FSSG

"It's unfair and it is dishearting to service members. This will cause them not to take the election seriously and dicourage them from voting."

The Opinion Page welcomes submissions from servicemembers, DoD civilians and family members - let us know what's on your mind. Submissions should be addressed to: Editor, H&S Bn., Public Affairs, Unit 35002, MCB, Camp Butler, FPO AP 96373-5002; e-mails can be sent to: editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil

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Army/Navy Flag

Fans gathered at Torii Station Saturday to witness one of the year's most anticipated flag football contests, the Army-Navy game.

GUNNERY SGT. MATTHEW J. HEVEZI

"If we would have caught the ball, this would have been a different game."

— Navy Coach Bobby Hartzell

PFC. DAMIAN J. MCGEE

Navy's cheerleaders helped keep Navy fans in the game.

Army's Frank Hernandez jumps o hard after a 15-yard reception pla

PFC. DAMIAN J. MCGEE

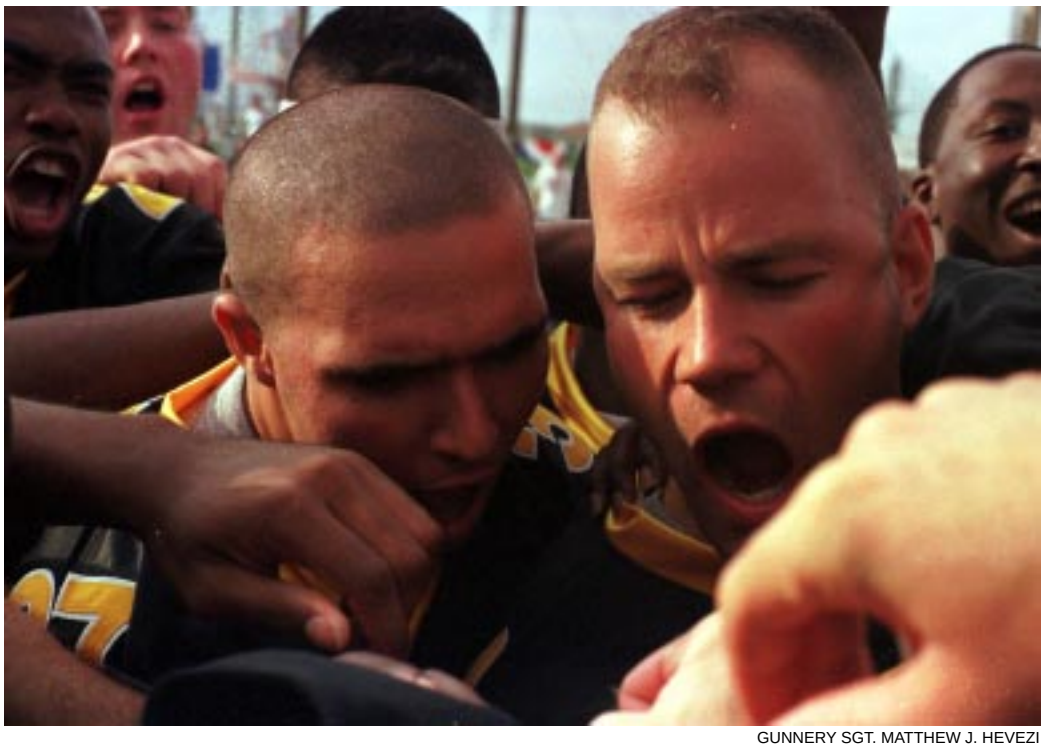
over John Turner who went down
y that resulted in a first down.

PFC. DAMIAN J. MCGEE

Edward Williams asks for a call clarification.

GUNNERY SGT. MATTHEW J. HEVEZI

Respect and sportsmanship prevailed on the field.



GUNNERY SGT. MATTHEW J. HEVEZI

Celebrating a hard fought victory, Army players joined hands near the 50-yard line after a gutsy fourth-down passing play late in the fourth quarter which gave Army the win and their second consecutive flag football title.

Marines use battle skills during leadership exercise

MASS-2 takes to their own backyard to do some training

Sgt. Jason Schaap

Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA — Fortunately for Leathernecks assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron-2 here, the running course surrounding the station known as the Habu Trail, contains much more than blacktop and poisonous serpents.

In fact, the trail boasts ideal terrain for a rope bridge, land navigation, an infiltration course, and hasty rappel area, all of which were separate stations during the squadron's Nov. 22 Small Unit Leadership Exercise, also known as SULE.

According to Capt. Aric A. McKenna, training officer, MASS-2, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, SULE was developed a year and a half ago to help the squadron's noncommissioned officers fine tune their leadership skills in hostile battle scenarios.

"We try to get the small unit leaders — from the newly-promoted corporals to the senior sergeants — to run a squad in an attack scenario where they have to be creative in devising a plan and executing it," McKenna said.

"As a support squadron, we do a lot of stuff in the field. But in the SULE, we try to make it more of a tactical, infantry-like scenario that forces them to go back to their battle skills training and individual training standards."

Cpl. William I. Johnson, electrical equipment repair specialist, MASS-2, is one of more than 70 Marines who participated in the five-hour exercise.

"(SULE) points out your weaknesses," Johnson said. "It shows what needs to be focused on in future training to remedy discrepancies."

Johnson said he wished the squadron did the SULE more often than twice a year because it not only benefits the NCO's, but the junior Marines who have to display their skills during the exercise as well.

"I saw Marines trying to remember stuff from boot camp and Marine Combat Training, which some of them recently graduated," said Cpl. Timothy M. Kramer, training clerk, MASS-2.

Kramer briefed squads at the rope bridge portion of the exercise. He said he saw a few teams learn from their mistakes firsthand when they sent the radioman over the bridge first.

"That's just a bad move," Kramer said. "If he gets killed by the enemy, how is the squad going to radio for help."

Kramer said he also saw the exercise as a confidence builder.

"It is not everyday the Marines are hanging on a rope over a ravine," Kramer said. "Some of the Marines (he saw cross the bridge) were afraid of heights."

According to McKenna, the squadron designed the exercise after other confidence-building exercises like the Crucible, the culminating exercise of Marine Corps recruit training. He said designing the exercise for the station was the hardest part of organizing the SULE.

"With the airstrip taking up most of the space, there isn't a lot of obstacles and training aids for Marines to run and be challenged on, so you have to be really creative and use what's available to you," McKenna said.

Besides using points at every section of the Habu Trail, SULE organizers had to make use of other common station features. For example, squads searched for mines beneath the sands of a volleyball court and crawled through a long drainage tunnel that runs in front of MASS-2 headquarters.

Many Marines agreed getting through the tunnel in a hostile environment scenario provided one of the most difficult parts of the training.

"You have to keep quiet, you are cramped, and you are using muscles you don't usually use," Johnson said. "You get frustrated."

One of the "coolest" parts of the training, according to Johnson, was that Marines discovered parts of the station they never knew existed.

"The jungle here is thicker than I ever expected. I saw a spider in there this big," Johnson said, holding his hands together to form a circle the size of a grapefruit. "I saw snails that looked like they could crawl up your leg and suck your knee cap off."

MASS-2's creative use of the limited training areas on the station is proof that any unit can develop their own SULE, McKenna said. With the squadron's third SULE completed successfully, he said they plan to continue the semiannual exercise with small modifications.

SGT. JASON S. SCHAAP

Lance Cpl. Jonathan V. Davis, Marine Air Support Squadron-2, races down a hasty rappel at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma's Habu Trail during MASS-2's Small Unit Leadership Exercise Nov. 22.

Marines gather together to celebrate St. Barbara's Day

Cpl. Matthew E. Habib

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Marines from the 12th Marine Regiment and guests gathered Dec. 2 at the Camp Butler Officers' Club to celebrate St. Barbara's Day.

The night started with skits, written and performed by Marines of 12 Marine Regiment. One of the more popular skits, a narration of the 'Genesis of Artillery,' is a yearly tradition at the celebration. The skit relates a parody of the Marines' version of God's creation of artillery.

The comedy skit says, 'In the beginning God created the grunt, but he was stupid and needed help. So God created the tanker, but he was too big and got bogged down in the mud. In a bid to help again, God created the LAV, but inside the steel belly, the grunts got disoriented. God then created pilots, but they were too cocky and afraid to fly in inclement weather. The grunts, tankers, trackers and pilots all went to God, beseeching him for help. God listened and created artillery: smarter than the grunts, more mobile than the tanks and an all-weather force with which to be reckoned.'

Other skits incorporated the holiday season. The lieutenants of the regiment's Battery K sang about the joys of artillery training in a Christmas-carol style.

The guest of honor, Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, commanding general, 3rd Marine Division, praised the artillerymen for their support of ground forces.

Three medals were also awarded during the celebration; medals which are only worn on St. Barbara's Day. The Honorable Order of St. Barbara is awarded to those who contribute to the artillery community.

The Molly Pitcher Award is given to a wife of an artilleryman who contributed to the artillery community.

The Ancient Order of St. Barbara is given to those who make lifelong commitments to the field of artillery. Tradition names St. Barbara as the patron saint of artillery. Worldwide, St. Barbara is also known as the patron saint of firemen, weaponry, gun powder and masonry.

St. Barbara's story has many versions. Here is one:

Old tales say during the Seventh Century, St. Barbara was the extremely beautiful daughter of a wealthy heathen known as Dioscorus. As Barbara grew older, so also did her beauty and her father's jealousy of his daughter. Fearful that someone would try to claim her as a bride, Dioscorus built a tower, and locked his daughter away from the outside world.

Dioscorus still loved his daughter, and tried to make the tower as comfortable as possible. He ordered lavish rooms built inside.

One day, while Dioscorus was away on a journey, St. Barbara heard of Christ's teachings. She began to contemplate the meaning of God and Christ's life.

Soon, she fully accepted the Christian faith. As the builders finished her new bathhouse in her tower, she ordered them to design and install a third window. She then traced a marble cross into the bath.

Upon his return, Dioscorus visited his daughter to inspect her new bathhouse. When he saw the new window, he was puzzled and asked his daughter why she wanted it. She replied that it symbolized the Christian holy trinity. With rage, he turned away, only to see the cross traced into the bath. He turned once again, and drew his sword to strike down his daughter for her religious disobedience.

Barbara fell to her knees and cried out to God. Before Dioscorus could strike, she was miraculously transported to a faraway mountain. Here, she met a Shepherd whom she confided in. Upon hearing that Dioscorus was her father, and man of wealth, he betrayed her and brought her back into his clutches.

This time, Dioscorus dragged his daughter in front of the prefect of the province, who decreed that Barbara be tortured and beheaded. Her father decided that he himself would behead his own daughter. When the time of execution did come, St. Barbara still refused to revoke her faith, and after being gruesomely tortured, her father did behead her. Almost instantly after he was struck down by lighting.

Thus the legend of St. Barbara was born with deadly accuracy and rounds on target from afar.

CPL. MATTHEW E. HABIB

Master Gunnery Sgt. Jeffery L. Hancock, regimental operations chief, Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines, dressed as "Moses" to narrate the Marine version of "Genesis," and how the artillery unit came to be.

Lance Cpl. Manual Cruz, Battery G, 3rd Battalion 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, gets a hug from a new friend.

"My father was from an orphanage, so it was good to go out there and help the kids."

— Cpl. Joseph E. Okos

Building friendships

one child at a time

Seaman Eric M. Morgan, corpsman, Headquarters and Service Company, 3/3, masters the teeter-totter with the help of some children from the orphanage.

PHOTOS BY NAVY LT. VINSON W. MILLER

Marines, Sailors paint Naga orphanage to establish good relations with local community

Navy Lt. Vinson W. Miller

3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment chaplain

NAGA, Japan — In the desire to build upon 55 years of good relations with our host nation of Japan, it is easy to forget "friendship" is the primary reason Marines and Sailors continue to take on community relations projects.

On Oct. 27, a new friendship was established with Seishin-Yougoen Orphanage here. Marines and Sailors representing all members of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, joined those of Battery G, 3rd Bn.,12th Marine Regiment, 3rd MarDiv., to make the first visit to this orphanage by U.S. military personnel in more than three years.

During the two days, more than 30 personnel participated in giving the orphanage's 455 feet of retaining and compound walls a new coat of paint.

The Marines and Sailors helped fix the children's soccer goals and painted some playground equipment.

The precise quality of the work resulted in the orphanage's unexpected request for the rest of their walls to be painted.

However, it wasn't all work, as the 40 orphans and 90 students rapidly bonded with Marines and Sailors.

By late morning on Oct. 28, the painting supplies were stored away and the playing began. Whether it was rock, scissors and paper, dodge ball, or balancing a string of children on a teeter-totter, the out-numbered Marines and Sailors left no child out of the fun.

"The whole project was just awesome. My father was from an orphanage, so it was good to go out there and help the kids," said Cpl. Joseph E. Okos, Co. L, 3/3. "I taught one of the kids how to throw a baseball... something I took for granted as a kid. It was the highlight of my day."

Mr. Tadahiro Yoshikawa, the director of the orphanage, and son of its founder, hosted a picnic for the volunteers and children on tatami mats. They were offered various traditional Japanese dishes and fire-baked Japanese sweet potatoes.

As a measure of the new friendship established, Mr. Yoshikawa invited a reporter of the Shizuoka Herald to take pictures and interview the children about their experience.

The word friendship emerged, as noted in an article published on Oct. 30: "Marines sought out this orphanage from the east part of Shizuoka Prefecture and visited. This is because they want to deepen their friendship with local people during their duty away from their own family and home. Children said, 'I had fun with them, We could be friends.' and 'I want them to visit us again.'"

As the day drew to a close, Lt. Col. Mark H. Bean, commanding officer, 3/3, presented a certificate of friendship to Yoshikawa.

A friendship has been forged.

Sgt. Luke A. Shipperd, mortarman, Weapons Company, 3/3, gets one of the day students to laugh.

Marines and a Sailor from 3/3 start painting an outside wall at Seishin-Yougoen Orphanage, Naga, Japan.

Triathletes gather to support Toys for Tots

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

CAMP COURTNEY – Fifty-nine triathletes from across Okinawa came together to support Toys for Tots 2000 by competing in the first Toys for Tots Triathlon Nov. 25.

The triathlon, which was held to help collect new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots 2000 campaign, consisted of a 500-meter swim, 10-mile bike ride and five-mile run.

"American and Okinawan athletes have come together in support of this great cause," said Steve E. Hazlett, who helped organize the event. "They've all brought a toy or cash donation in place of the normal registration fee."

Not only was this the first triathlon held in support of Toys for Tots, it was the first triathlon held on Camp Courtney, according to Hazlett.

"I've been looking forward to being able to have a triathlon on Camp Courtney," Hazlett said. "Even though the distances are relatively short, the hills keep us honest and make it very challenging."

The hills were not the only challenge presented to competitors as the previous night's rain made corners wet and more difficult to maneuver, according to Shirley Rivera, who was participating in her fourth triathlon.

"It was quite hilly and the rain made the roads a little slick," Rivera said. "Going up those hills during the second five-mile lap on the bike was very difficult. I didn't mind the challenge though as it's in support of a good cause."

Hazlett and his wife Shinano took first place in the men's and women's categories with the finishing times of 58 minutes, 56 seconds and 1:15:46 respectively.

The event organizers and participants all felt Toys for Tots is a great cause, worthy of their support, said Camp Courtney Chapel's Coordinating Chaplain, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jairo Moreno, who helped Hazlett organize the triathlon.

"Everyone here truly believes in the spirit of giving," Moreno said. "The athletes have come together as a team saying we want to help. They all realize it's better to give than receive."

Toys collected here will go to deserving children throughout the Pacific region, according to Marine Reserve Staff Sgt. Kara L. Cox, assistant director, Toys for Tots Program, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Distribution of toys will begin Dec. 18 and continue on through Dec. 22. For more information on Toys for Tots 2000, call 636-3418.

PHOTOS BY SGT. ROBERT J. ANGUS

Competitors begin the 500-meter swim portion of the Toys for Tots Triathlon on Camp Courtney Nov. 25. Fifty-nine competitors showed up for the event, which cost them a new, unwrapped toy.

Steve E. Hazlett, overall winner of the Toys for Tots Triathlon, crosses the finish line with a time of 00:58:56.

PFC. DAMIAN J. MCGEE

T.J. Bostick, sophmore, goes up for a shot during Kubasaki's season opener.

Kubasaki struggles in season opener

Varsity basketball team loses to second-ranked school

Pfc. Damian J. McGee

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — The Kubasaki varsity basketball team struggled in their season opener, losing 87-54 to Konan High School of Okinawa.

Konan, currently the second ranked team on the island, exploded midway through the first half and never looked back.

"This is a good team," said Tim Smith, Kubasaki coach. "They were applying a lot of pressure defense and we're still trying to learn our offense."

Initially, both teams seemed to be equally matched with Kubasaki keeping the score within 10 points for most of the half. But with approximately eight minutes left in the half, Konan began running circles around Kubasaki; and running away with the game at the same time.

"They were faster than we expected," said Michael Camp, guard and forward for Kubasaki. "We kind of planned for the way they were going to play, but we were just getting tired way too fast."

Led by Sho Makiya, who scored 22 points in the first half, Konan took advantage of the situation and outscored Kubasaki by nearly 20 points in the first half.

Kubasaki takes no credit from Konan on their performance, but said that their own readiness had more to do with the outcome than anything.

"We've only practiced for a little less than two weeks before this game," Smith said. "When they pressured us, we didn't know what to do. We stood too much. We weren't sure of ourselves and we got frustrated."

The players agreed that their frustration caused them to make too many mistakes.

"We had way too many turnovers," Camp said. "We were trying to hustle, but we were tired and we got sloppy."

Kubasaki players said they are not dwelling on their performance and are looking forward to the rest of their season.

"This is not unusual. In fact, it always happens," Smith said. "It will take the players a little while to get the hang of the type of offense I run. But, once they do, I guarantee we'll be a much better team than we were tonight."

RE-CREATING THE *Middle Ages*

SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM BRINGS MEDIEVAL LIFE TO OKINAWA

Staff Sgt. Abrahm S. Polaski prepares to deliver a final blow to an opponent he's already brought to his knees with a leg shot.

Matthew Hatcher and Staff Sgt. Abrahm S. Polaski fight each other during a weekly meeting of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Story and photos by Sgt. Robert J. Angus

A fighter dons his armor as he prepares to answer his baroness' call to arms. He fastens the metal gorget collar around his neck, pulls his helmet over his head, puts on his leather gloves and slides his hands into his gauntlets.

Fully dressed, he looks through his armory of shields and weapons and chooses a great sword. It's a fine two-handed sword that has seen many battles.

Polaski

Prepared to fight, he enters the battlefield to face his opponent.

Like a scene from medieval England, this happened at Kadena Air Base Nov. 26 when 12 members of the Society for Creative Anachronism on Okinawa gathered for their weekly meeting.

The SCA is a group dedicated to researching and recreating the Middle Ages in the present. They dance, talk, study, learn, revel and fight one another with duct-tape-wrapped rattan weapons. SCA members study calligraphy, martial arts, cooking, metalwork, stained glass, costuming and literature concentrating on the Western European High Middle Ages, according to the SCA homepage, *www.sca.org*.

"If they did it before A.D. 1600, somebody in the SCA does it now. We just like history," said Morag A. Polaski, a military spouse known in the SCA as Baroness Olwen De Montgomery. "To recreate the Middle Ages we make our own clothing, musical instruments, weapons and armor. We try to be as realistic as possible."

The SCA's roots sprouted at a college party more than 30 years ago in California. As the students graduated and moved around the world, the society spread with them, according to Polaski.

"The SCA was created in 1966 by a group of college students in Berkeley," Polaski said. "They were science fiction and fantasy fans who wanted a theme party. Following the party, the idea of a medieval recreation and reenactment group came about."

The group, which is open to anyone, now has 24,000 active members in 13 countries and many more active participants. This feudal society is divided into sixteen kingdoms, according to Polaski.

"The group here falls under the Kingdom of the West," said Polaski, who is a 13-year veteran of the SCA. "There are many service members involved in the SCA and chances are there is an active group near every installation."

The society is a tight-knit group that stick together and help each other both on and off the battlefield, Polaski said.

"If there is a group wherever you are, you have family," Polaski said. "You have a network of friends that will welcome and help you."

Members of the SCA join for different reasons, but usually have an interest in some aspect of the Middle Ages, said Frank J. Doherty, mechanic, 18th Transportation Maintenance Squadron, 18th Wing.

Hatcher

"I first heard about the SCA in the 80s when I saw it on an episode of "Ripley's Believe It or Not." I didn't join the group until eight years ago," said Doherty, also known as Fighter Colin MacGregor in the SCA. "I had an interest in making chain mail armor and I like the attitudes behind the society. The respect, chivalry, politeness and the learning of history all drew me in."

Whether someone likes to study history or is just looking for a good time, the SCA offers an interesting approach to both, said Matthew Hatcher, a military spouse known as Constancius of Lincolnshire in the SCA.

For more information on the SCA, call 646-6988 or check out the group's website at *www.battlerock.homestead.com.*

The Marketplace

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1986 Toyota Town Ace SE — JCI Nov 02, $2,100. Enrique, 646-4364.
1988 Toyota Laurel — JCI Aug 01, $750 OBO. Mack, 636-3679.
Suzuki GS1000 — Needs JCI, $300 OBO. Joey, 098-956-7216.
1986 Honda Vigor — JCI May 01, $350 OBO. John, 090-7477-9499.
1994 Nissan Skyline — JCI April 02, $5,000 OBO. Tim, 0907-445-0661
1987 Toyota Hilux 4X4 — JCI Sep 01, $2,500. Doug, 090-1874-3144.
1998 Kawasaki Ninja ZX7R — $7,000. Scott, 623-5345/7451.
1988 Toyota — JCI Nov 01, $600 OBO. 637-6994.
1989 Honda CBR 400RR — JCI Feb 02, $2,500. 936-6824, or 637-2150.
1991 Nissan Prairie — $1,200 OBO. 090-9785-5108.
1987 Toyota Surf — JCI Jun 02, $3,500 OBO. Mike, 637-0058.
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1991 Nissan Prairie — JCI Nov 02, $2,500 OBO. 646-3045.
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Miscellaneous

Computer — Dell Optiplex 100 w/ 15" Samsung monitor, $1,200. crypticcypher@aol.com
Misc. — A variety of decorative items, including an Encyclopedia Britannica set, a bedroom set and oil paintings. Call 646-8441.
Lost cat — Orange/tan male cat. Last seen in Chatan housing area. If you have information, call 646-6833.
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Misc. — Large dog kennel/carrier, used once, outstanding condition. Asking $400. Call Louis or Mary at 646-2627.
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Sat	Little Nicky (PG13); 1:00, 4:00
Sat	Men of Honor (R); 7:00, 10:00
Sun	Little Nicky (PG13); 1:00, 4:00
Sun	Men of Honor (R); 7:00
Mon	Kings of Comedy (R); 7:00
Tue	Kings of Comedy (R); 7:00
Wed	Bait (R); 7:00
Thu	How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)

Fri	Rugrats in Paris (G); 3:30, 7:00
Sat	How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG); 1:00, 5:00, 8:00
Sun	Bring it On (PG13); 7:00
Mon	Closed
Tue	Closed
Wed	Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13); 7:00
Thu	Closed

Futenma (636-3890)

Fri	What Lies Beneath (PG13)
Sat	Hollow Man (R)
Sun	Godzilla 2000 (PG)
Mon	Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13)
Tue	Closed
Wed	Little Nicky (PG13)
Thu	Closed

Hansen (623-4564)

Fri	Lucky Numbers (PG13)
Sat	Lucky Numbers (PG13)
Sun	Kings of Comedy (R)
Mon	Space Cowboys (PG13)
Tue	Space Cowboys (PG13)
Wed	Bait (R)
Thu	Bait (R)

Call Hansen for start times

Keystone (634-1869)

Fri	Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13); 6:30, 9:30
Sat	Closed
Sun	Closed
Mon	Kings of Comedy (R); 7:00
Tue	Closed
Wed	Closed
Thu	Closed

Kinser (637-2177)

Fri	Bring it On (PG13); 7:00
Sat	Space Cowboys (PG13); 3:00
Sat	Kings of Comedy (R); 7:00, 11:30
Sun	Bait (R); 7:00
Mon	Closed
Tue	How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG); 7:00
Wed	Rugrats in Paris (G); 7:00
Thu	Bait (R); 7:00

Schwab (625-2333)

Fri	Hollow Man (R)
Sat	Hollow Man (R)
Sat	Bring it On (PG13)
Sun	Hollow Man (R)
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Mon	How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG)
Tue	Scary Movie (R)
Wed	Scary Movie (R)
Thu	Space Cowboys (PG13)

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