Marines locate two missing men and coordinate rescue

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APRA HARBOR, Guam — Marines with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 of Marine Aircraft Group 36, Marine Aircraft Group 12, and Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18 banded together to successfully conduct a search and rescue mission June 6, 2012. The Marines were in search of two men, Juay Akhem, 32, and Bryan Mull, 24, who had been missing for almost three days. The Coast Guard had assumed command of rescue operations, and received permission from Marine Forces Pacific to receive aerial assistance from the Marines who were in Guam participating in Exercise Geiger Fury 2012.

“I heard about the mission last night and I can’t explain exactly how I felt, but I knew I had to be a part of the effort to find these two men in some way,” said Staff Sgt. Elliott Stanton MAG-12, section 6, search and rescue volunteer. “I couldn’t help but think what if that was me out there, floating in a little boat with no food or water. If it was me out there and the only thing I saw for days was a C-130 flying over me and painted on the side of it in bold letters, “Marines,” that is truly inspiring.”

MALs-12 says goodbye to lean, green MALs-12 Marine

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Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 said farewell to its outgoing commanding officer and welcomed its new commander in a change-of-command ceremony at the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar here June 12, 2012.


Redden’s illustrious career stretches across nearly 20 years within the Marine Corps, with stops in MALs-14, MALs-11 and a myriad of other places in between. Redden was regarded with high esteem by his subordinates and leaders, in particular, Col. Christopher J. Mahoney, Marine Aircraft Group 12 C.O., who remarked on the correlation of Redden’s deliberate pacing and interaction with his fellow officers and staff noncommissioned officers. He attributes this to Redden’s willingness to be involved with his command.

“You’ve got a command here that is leaving behind a tremendous product,” said Mahoney. “It is not by mistake. It is not by happenstance. It is by deliberate planning, engaged leadership and following up on all results.”

The evidence to support Mahoney’s

H&HS bids farewell to former CO

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Maj. Frederick L. Lewis, oncoming Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanding officer, took the place of Lt. Col. Michael R. Coletta, former H&HS commanding officer, during the H&HS change-of-command ceremony, which took place inside the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 hangar here June 11, 2012. After the ceremony, Col. James C. Stewart,
Mariners, found help rescue

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Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, June 19, 2012—A new C-17 cargo plane took the time to praise the former CHAPLAIN’s CORNER

Sgt. Joseph P. Caruso, CHAPLAIN

“Rejoice what is found”

For clarity and space. Letters will not be

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Eyth takes reins on MWSS-171, new CO in charge

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After the relief and appointment of the sergeant majors, Col. Christopher J. Mahoney, Marine Aircraft Group 12 commanding officer, took the time to praise his former sergeant major.

Mahoney touched on the importance of Benson's relationships with his family, junior officers, other staff noncommissioned officers and Mahoney himself.

"We're two very different people," said Mahoney. "You're level-headed. I didn't say opposite. You reason everything through and you've been an absolute great counterweight to my command philosophy and my command actions...That relationship has been crucial to the things we have accomplished as a group, most recently down in the Marianas and all over this theater in the past year and you have been a huge part of that..." He added, "Sergeant Major Benson, I appreciate all the good you were done to make us better in delivering combat power."

"Sergeant Major Reeves," continued Mahoney, "we tend to move quickly, we tend to bring a big hammer when we come and we tend to swing it. You come with a great reputation. We'll integrate you into the family very rapidly, and then we'll be ready. Welcome aboard, Sergeant Major Reeves."

"Taking the microphone after Mahoney, Benson gave words of thanks to all those who support him in his 13 months as the MAG-12 sergeant major and ended with words of encouragement to Reeves.

"In the short time we've gotten to know each other, I know you've done a great job here and you'll do well at your next command," said the Marines and sailors. "I look forward to seeing your sergeant major and working with you on your crew here at the Ready Group."
Corpsmen, we call them Doc, reflect on history of serving

“When a Marine goes down, everyone calls for a doc, but when a corpsman goes down, everything stops.” –Unknown.

Navy Corpsmen and guests gathered in celebration of their 114th birthday here at the Club Iwakuni Ballroom June 15, 2012.

“The overall mission of the ball is to help us remember what our heritage is,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Luke R. Pest, committee president and Robert M. Casey Branch Health Clinic preventative medical technician. “There are a lot of junior sailors here at the clinic, so it’s that one day a year to take time from the clinic and to reflect on everything that is related to the overall awesomeness of being corpsmen.”

The corpsmen displayed many traditions in their ball, including the bell to represent high-ranking officers entering or exiting the dock, a cake-cutting ceremony, an empty chair to represent fallen corpsmen and a recitation of the Corpsman’s Pledge.

“When a corpsman graduates - a school, he recites the Corpsman Pledge and the pledge brings up everything that you need to do your job correctly,” said Pest. “Every year at the Corpsman Ball, we renew that oath that we took so it can remind us of what we need to do to accomplish the mission and fill the role of a United States Navy corpsman.”

Corpsmen all work toward the same goal, but perform a variety of tasks in order to complete their mission of keeping servicemembers healthy and mission capable.

“The corpsman rate is unlike any other billet or specialty in the military. Only corpsmen are trained to do all the different things they can do,” said Navy Capt. Shawn Niemann, Senior Medical Officer at Branch Health Clinic. “Being the largest rate in the Navy, they can do a multitude of tasks, from the most junior corpsman assisting providers in a normal outpatient call, all the way up to being the only medical provider on a ship or out with Marines and doing all kinds of sub-speciality type of jobs,” said Niemann.

Some of the sub-specialty jobs corpsmen perform include preventative medicine, pharmacist technician, radiology technician, and other specialties depending on where a corpsman is stationed and his or her training skill set.

A corpsman’s job will change profoundly depending on where they are in the field, meaning aboard ships, with Marines on the ground, or in garrison. It is the difference between a clinic, full-sized hospital or wherever they work alone, in a group, or a full team providing one vital mission, said Niemann.

The Corpsman Ball is an old tradition used to pay respects for their history and what every corpsman can accomplish on a daily basis.

“This ceremony truly represents the hard work that Navy corpsmen have done in the past and all the responsibilities we have to live up to,” said Seaman Seth B. Anderson, corpsman.

Andersen said it was great to see such a variety of people from around bases come out to show respect for what corpsmen do. “I had an amazing time being able to celebrate another great and successful year, not only for the clinic, but also for all the Navy corpsmen around the world, past, present and future.”
Greater Cleveland area poolees take oath of enlistment at Progressive Field

LANE OTL, MICHIELE FIERI, SPORTS WRITER, 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

CLEVELAND — Nearly 60 poolees from the greater Cleveland area took the oath of enlistment at Marine Night before the Cleveland Indians took on the Pittsburgh Pirates at Progressive Field June 15, during Marine Week Cleveland, which ends June 17. The first event of the night was Brig. Gen. Joseph L. Osterman, Marine Corps Recruiting Command commanding general, speaking in the soon-to-be Marine recruits. Then the Marine Corps Base Quantico Band performed, the Holy Angels Church Choir sang the national anthem and Sgt. Maj. Aaron Johnson, a poolee with Recruiting Sub-Station Maple Heights, stands at attention with Recruiting Sub-Station Maple Heights, Brittany Greenan, a poolee out of RSS Maple Heights, and Lance Cpl. Michelle Fierl, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, took the oath of enlistment at Progressive Field.

“Swearing in on the field was a great thing to represent and something amazing,” said Love. “I’ve known Love a long time,” said Robinson, prining son-in-law. “It’s a great opportunity to show patriotism and love for America.”

What a great quality the Cleveland city has opened with welcome-day, love. Cleveland continues to work hard to be a good leader.”

Brittany Greenan, a poolee with Recruiting Sub-Station Maple Heights, stands at attention during Marine Night before the Cleveland Indians took on the Pittsburgh Pirates at Progressive Field June 15, during Marine Week Cleveland.

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Throughout Marine Week, Love showed that willingness to stand out from his peers and lead the way by volunteering at the pull up bar challenge in Public Square for far longer than others. He was at the square from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

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**Sakura Theater**

**Friday, June 22, 2012**
7 p.m. Men in Black 3 (PG-13)
10 p.m. The Five-Year Engagement (R)

**Saturday, June 23, 2012**
4 p.m. The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)
7 p.m. Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)

**Sunday, June 24, 2012**
4 p.m. The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)
7 p.m. Prometheus (PG-13)

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura often for updates, or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

**General Admission:** Ages 12+ are $3/ Ages 6-11 are $1/ Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

**Mess Hall Menu**

**Monday:**
- Chinese chowder, Chinese barbecue pork, red pepper glazed fish, fried rice, orange curry chicken, andouille, fried cabbage, Chinese egg roll, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, bear claws, cream cheese calipuffs, blueberry pie, velvet pudding, buttercream frosting, chocolate cream pudding parfaits, Jell-O parfaits.

**Tuesday:**
- Corn chowder, sukiyaki, barbecue beef cubes, home fried potatoes, steamed rice, chikuwa parmesan, southern style green beans, cream gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, long johns, banana muffins, lemon merinque, Red velvet cake, chocolate cream, buttercream frosting, shortbread cookies, buttercream frosting, Jell-O parfaits.

**Wednesday:**
- French onion soup, Swiss steak with brown gravy, mustard dill fish, steamed rice, parmesan roasted potato wedges, fried cabbage with chicken, mixed vegetables, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, rice, quick cherry coffee cake, brownie, chocolate cream, buttercream frosting, vanilla pudding parfaits, Jell-O parfaits.

**Thursday:**
- New England clam chowder, beef pot roast, pork adobo, pork fried rice, steamed pasta, quick steamed turkey, scallopini cream style soup, corn, peas with onions, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, broccoli, apples, croutons, bacon, creamed chicken, broccoli, creamed chowder, macaroni and cheese, chocolate cream, buttercream frosting, chocolate chip cookie, Jell-O parfaits.

**Friday:**
- Tomato soup, fried catfish, chili macaroni, grilled cheese, framiaca salad, meatballs, sausages, quick French coffee cake, blueberry pie, carrot cake, cream cheese, buttercream frosting, chocolate chip cookie, chocolate pudding parfaits, Jell-O parfaits.

**Chapel Services**

**Roman Catholic**
- Saturday: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:45 a.m. Religious Education
- 11:00 a.m. Weekday Mass

**Protestant**
- Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
- 10:30 a.m. Children’s Church
- 10:30 a.m. Church of Christ

**Monday**
- 7 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 9 a.m. Ladies’ Bible Study
- 5 p.m. Working Women Bible Study

**Tuesday**
- 10:30 a.m. Ladies’ Tea
- 4-5 p.m. AWANA (Bible)

**Wednesday**
- 10:30 a.m. Ladies’ Tea
- 12 p.m. Church Service
- 1 p.m. Contemporary Service
- 10:30 a.m. Roman Catholic Service
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The Iwakuni Time Machine

In the June 26, 1998, issue of the Torii Teller, Marines reported on the station changing its policy on helmet laws, crime watch, as well as a Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 Marine missing after being swept away in the flooded Ozegawa River near the Yasaka Dam. Marines also welcomed the new Marine Aircraft Group 12 commanding officer, Colonel Flock.

News

Corps crunches sit-up

by Cpl. Correll Heard
Torii Teller Staff

The Marine Corps will change its physical fitness test Wednesday. According to a recent message, the Corps is "crunching" the sit-up with the crunch.

The reason for the modified sit-up is to enhance evaluation of abdominal strength and reduce the potential to injure the lower back and neck.

According to the message, the time limit is still two minutes.

The starting position will also still have the Marines on their backs with shoulder blades flat on the deck.

The knees must be flexed with both feet flat on the ground, but instead of the hands behind the head, the arms are resting against the chest or rib area during the entire exercise.

According to the ALMAR, there can be no gap between the chest or ribs and the forearms.

A repetition is completed when the upper body has been raised from the starting position until the elbows touch the thighs and the shoulder blades again rest on the deck.

During the exercise, at no time can participants bounce or arch the lower back, and their feet must remain in constant contact with the deck.

They may, however, be assisted by having someone else hold their feet or legs below the knees.

Master Sergeant D. L. Anderson, H&HS training officer, said, "It's really hard to say whether or not the change will affect Physical Fitness Test scores. Some people are stronger on sit-ups while some are stronger on crunches. I think it all may balance out."

On the other hand, 1st Sgt. Thomas Miller, H&HS training chief, said it depends on the individual Marine.

"If Marines wait until the last minute in order to prepare for the PFT, it will catch up with them."

According to the ALMAR, to ensure fairness among Marines competing for promotion to corporal or sergeant, composite score computations for the periods July 30, 1998 to March ’99 will use PFT scores entered in the Marine Corps Total Force System prior to July 1, 1998.

However, effective April 1, 1999, composite score computations for all promotions to corporal and sergeant will include PFT scores recorded since July 1, 1998.

PSD-12 Change of Command

Major Patrick Noonan (left), PSD-12 commanding officer, receives the unit colors from Maj. Kirk Skinner, outgoing PSD-12 commanding officer, during the change of command ceremony Friday. Noonan’s most recent assignment was aviation maintenance officer and executive officer for the VMFA-212 Lancers.

'171 Change of Command

Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Anderson (left), outgoing MWSS-171 commanding officer, exchanges salutes with LtCol. Doarin Lewis, '171 commanding officer, during the change of command ceremony Tuesday. Lewis is coming from the United States Central Command, MacDill Air Base, Tampa, Fla., where he served as the Executive Officer to the Director, Logistics and Security Assistance Directorate.