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## **2005 Marine Corps Athletes of the Year Announced**

MCB QUANTICO, VA – Sgt. Jeremy Brown and Sgt. Kristin Taft have been selected as the U.S. Marine Corps Male and Female Athletes of the Year for 2005.

The pair will be honored at the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon Ceremony at the Clubs at Quantico in Quantico, VA. The ceremony is scheduled for 28 July 2006.

Brown, the head of the Separations Section of the Consolidated Administration center at MCAS Miramar, CA, was a member of multiple All-Marine teams and the first Marine to cross the finish line at the 2005 Marine Corps Marathon. During 2005, Brown won the Silver Strand Half Marathon, Pacific Beach 8K, and several other events in Southern California. In addition, Brown was the top finisher of multiple 5k races at MCRD San Diego and MCAS Miramar. Brown finished the year winning the MCAS Miramar Cross Country Championship and captured his second consecutive title as All-Marine Cross Country Champion. For his accomplishments, MCAS Miramar named Sergeant Brown the Base Athlete of the Year.

Taft, a supply sergeant assigned to Headquarters and Services Battalion at MCB Hawaii, was the starting pitcher for the All-Marine Women's Softball Team and the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Female Athlete of the Year. During 2005, Taft was a

member of numerous local Hawaiian softball teams, leading the base Women's Team to an undefeated season. Selected to the All-Marine Women's Softball team for a fourth time, Taft led the team to a second place finish at the National Softball Association State Championship in Phoenix, AZ. In addition, Taft was also a member of MCB Hawaii's Women's Basketball team.

For more information about the Athlete's of the Year program or the Marine Corps Sports Hall, please contact Steven Dinote, HQMC Semper Fit, 703-784- 9542, or email: [steven.dinote@usmc.mil](mailto:steven.dinote@usmc.mil).