

Hats off to...

1stLt. Errol L. Manor, Jr. 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines

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Lt. Manor was attending a family-day outing for the local military chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity when he overheard someone saying a boy was choking. Manor noticed the family trying to help their 6-year-old Okinawan child, including hitting him on his back while holding him upside down. Their attempts were unsuccessful.

“I looked over, and the situation appeared serious,” said Manor. “I noticed the boy’s lips and fingertips were dark. He wasn’t getting any air.”

Manor took the child from his father’s arms and performed two hard thrusts of the Heimlich maneuver. They were enough to dislodge the object in the boy’s throat. The boy took a couple of deep breaths and began to cough.

“I knew at that moment the boy was going to be fine,” said Manor.

The family began to shower Manor with gratitude. He said they spoke very little English, but he could tell they were saying, “Thank you” over and over.

Manor said he learned the Heimlich maneuver as part of his training in the Marine Corps. “Now I know the Heimlich maneuver really works. That training was worth every minute,” he said. ■

