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UXOs Discovered

Two munitions dating from World War I were recently discovered during the clearing of unexploded ordnance at the Schofield Impact Area.

One 4-inch mortar round is fused and not considered safe to move for disposal. It poses a threat to personnel in the immediate vicinity of the round; however, it does not present any danger to the local civilian or military communities. It is currently protected and Army experts plan to dispose of the round where it is situated today.

The second munition was not fused and was safely removed from the impact area in a container specifically designed to store and transport recovered chemical munitions.

The health and safety of neither Schofield Barracks nor the neighboring communities is at risk; however, Army officials are coordinating with state and local officials to ensure appropriate procedures are implemented.

For more information, contact media relations at 655-8729.

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Fallen NCOs always gave their all

By Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen
CTF Thunder Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SALERNO, Afghanistan — "They died doing their duty."

Upon learning of a major problem in a remote base in Paktika province, Master Sgt. Edwin Matoscolon pulled his supervisor aside and said, "Sir, I will go."

A couple days later, another problem arose at a different base in Paktika, and Master Sgt. Barbaralien Banks said to the same supervisor, "Sir, I will go down there."

The two NCOs then went to solve those problems together.

To anyone who knew them, this was



Banks



Matoscolon

the ultimate testimony of who they were, said Maj. Dewey Mosley, Combined Task Force Thunder logistics officer and the two Soldiers' supervisor.

"They died doing their duty," Mosley said, "and I will miss them more than

Prayer Service
Main Post Chapel
Schofield Barracks
Today at 2 p.m.



words can say."

Matoscolon and Banks were among 18 Soldiers and civilians killed when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed near Ghazni, Afghanistan, on April 6, on its way back to Bagram Airfield.

The two were members of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Combined Task Force Thunder, and worked at CTF Thunder's Administration and

Logistics Operations Center at Bagram.

On Tuesday, Soldiers from HHB and other units at Forward Operating Base Salerno said goodbye to the two Soldiers during a memorial service.

Matoscolon, 42, of Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, was a mechanical maintenance supervisor who entered the Army in March 1984, and was assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in April 2004.

Banks, 41, of Harvey, La., was a senior food management supervisor who entered the Army in March 1988, and was assigned to Schofield Barracks in May 2003.

Sgt. Christian Monk, a member of

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Army's Vice Chief of Staff 'talks story'



Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody (standing) talks to 25th ID (L) Soldiers who recently redeployed from Iraq and Afghanistan inside F Quad's dining facility during his visit to Schofield Barracks, East Range and WAAF on Monday. Cody's first Army assignment was with the 725th MSB at Schofield Barracks in the early 1960s.

Story and Photo by
Sgt. Sean Kimmons
Editor

More than 40 years have passed since Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody reported to his first Army assignment in the 725th Main Support Battalion on Schofield Barracks.

On Monday, Cody returned to his old stomping grounds to visit Soldiers here, and also on East Range and Wheeler Army Airfield.

Following an UH-60 Blackhawk flyover of the division's training areas and briefs at the division headquarters, Cody traveled to the newly remodeled F Quad here.

There, Cody visited Army Reserve Soldiers who were attending a combat lifesavers course. The Reserve Soldiers are scheduled to deploy to the Baghdad

area in June.

Cody also saw the building he once worked in with the 725th MSB and mentioned how he used to play basketball at the gym in Building 649.

"A lot has changed since I served here in the early 1960s during the Vietnam War," Cody said about F Quad and Schofield Barracks. "All the changes are good, but I see better changes coming in housing, troops' barracks, as well as the new formations in equipment that we are going to bring to this great Division."

Cody then walked across to the F Quad dining facility where he spoke to about 50 Division and USARHAW troops who recently redeployed from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many of the questions asked by these Soldiers pertained to housing, transformation, new equipment, curtailments and future deployments.

"All of them have been tremendous ambassadors and warriors in this global war on terrorism," Cody said about all the redeployed division and USARHAW troops. "So, I came here today to walk around in this great division — the first division I ever served in — and just tell them how proud the Chief of Staff, the Secretary and I am of their service."

The next stop for Cody was the NCO Academy on East Range, where he spoke to about 100 future academy graduates. Cody addressed questions and told Soldiers how they will play a part in the largest transformation in the Army since World War II.

He talked about how six- to nine-month deployments may be possible in the near future.

"I think we will know the answer in 2006," Cody said.

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Army announces criteria for Iraq, Afghanistan campaign medals

By Eric Cramer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers can begin putting on the new Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals after the Department of the Army approved the final implementation rules for them April 8.

Soldiers are eligible for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal if they served in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom on or after Oct. 24, 2001, until a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of the operation. The area of eligibility includes all the land area of Afghanistan and all the air space above the land.

Soldiers are eligible to receive the Iraq Campaign Medal if they served in direct support of Operation Iraqi

Freedom on or after March 19, 2003, to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of the operation. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq, the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles and all air spaces above them.

Soldiers must serve 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days in either area, or be engaged in combat during their service and be wounded or injured requiring evacuation from the area.

The medals replace the former Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Denise Harris, assistant chief of the policy section, military awards, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, said currently serving Soldiers need no orders to receive the medals, and that

battalion-level commanders generally determine eligibility.

"Typically, the commanders will send a service roster of the award to the personnel center, and it will be included in the Soldiers' records," Harris said. "So, the commanders will make the recommendation."

Soldiers who already have the GWOT Expeditionary Medal, for service in Iraq or Afghanistan, may apply for the new medal in lieu of the earlier one, Harris said.

"All they have to do is take their orders to their personnel office, and the personnel center will change the records," she said.

Once the new campaign medal is received, the old GWOT medal cannot be worn, Harris said.

Harris said the ribbons for the new

See "New medals," page A-10

Flying 'V' farewells Jacoby, welcomes Bednarek

By Joy Boisselle
Staff Writer

The 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, honored two senior leaders in a Flying "V" ceremony Monday at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander, 25th ID (L) and USARHAW, presided over the day's event, which was held to farewell Brig. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby, assistant division commander (ADC), support, and welcome Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek, ADC, operations.

"What a tremendous turnout today to see this transfer of authority — and that's what this Flying V represents — from Brigadier General Chuck Jacoby to Brigadier General Mic Bednarek," Olson said as he thanked the numerous distinguished guests and more than 300 well-wishers for their attendance.

Distinguished guests included retired Gen. Frederick C. Weyand, former Army chief of staff; Gen. Richard Cody, Army vice chief of staff; Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, commander, U.S. Marine Forces, Pacific; and Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, commanding general, U.S. Army, Pacific.

Unique to the division, the Flying "V" ceremony consists of brigade commanders and colors down to battalion-level, posted in a V-shaped formation. A tribute to the in- and outgoing general officer division leadership, the observance is similar to the more familiar change of command ceremony.

Pointing out the division's recent successes in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as the "superb" home station support provided by U.S. Army, Hawaii, and U.S. Army, Garrison, Olson commented on the future of the 25th ID (L) and USARHAW.

"These are historic times; the challenge that faces us is to reset the force, and then immediately undertake the most aggressive, most ambitious transformation the U.S. Army has ever seen in its history," he said, adding, "We will transform not only to a Stryker brigade but a unit of action — that's the challenge that lies before us."

"I can say with confidence that we will be successful, because of the work that Brigadier General Jacoby has done to set us up for that success," Olson continued, "and, we will be successful aided by

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Foolish spending has a fat price tag

By Sharee Moore
Contributing Writer

Many Soldiers back from deployment may be struggling to maintain their financial footing — and not even know it.

Using credit cards, loans and other debt vehicles irresponsibly, is not only a poor choice, but can have serious consequences.

See if the following scenario sounds familiar: A Soldier is fresh back from Iraq and feels he or she earned the right to "live a little." After all, his or her life was on the line, the Soldier's been without many luxuries and a change is in order, they tell themselves.

So, Spc. Susie buys a new wardrobe and Maj. Joe wants a new car (preferably a convertible, red, of course). Soon, each needs the latest in technology — to catch up, so stereos, big screen TVs and iPods follow.

Before each knows it, the Soldier is spending money before the bills have been paid, dipping into the family emergency reserves. He or she begins planning a cross-country or interisland vacation — after all, they earned it, right?

From personal experience, I can tell you that these habits occur gradually over a short period of time. Before you know it, the \$5, \$10 or \$15,000 emergency savings has been replaced with a \$34,000 consolidated loan, so you don't have to keep up with six or more loan payments.

For the single Soldier, one immediate downside to poor spending habits is increased debt. You begin using credit as a second income — for those occasions when you don't have the money in your bank account. You whip out the credit card and purchase what you want anyway, and very quickly your amount of debt can become higher than your income.

Once you're unable to pay all of your monthly bills, your credit rating will take a beating. It will get slapped every time a payment is late. Then, later in life, when you're ready to purchase a home, get a major loan or even get married, you'll have serious problems to resolve.

Further, Soldiers are subject to letters of reprimand, denial of re-enlistment, administrative separation and punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice if debt results from irresponsible and foolish spending. For example, foolish spending includes signing for a \$500 car payment when you only make \$2,000 a month.

What about considering insurance, gas, maintenance, groceries, quality of life pur-

chases like clothes, cable television, a cell phone, movies, dinner, airfare, savings or your four department store card payments?

For the married couple, undisciplined spending can have even more serious consequences. In addition to unfavorable military actions, it is extremely stressful when a family is unable to function financially.

Money woes have been the cause of many a divorce, physical ailments, lack of intimacy and more. The stress of it all can literally kill a person.

For redeploying Soldiers, your spouse has been maintaining the budget and paying the bills for a year. He or she knows how much money needs to go in what pot. Can you see how it would cause a problem if you come home and make impulse purchases without consulting him or her?

Try putting yourself in this situation. How would you feel? Disrespected? Unappreciated? In the mood for love? Not!

A spouse may be struggling between wanting you to have a good time (after all he or she is thrilled you're home) and putting his or her foot down. The problem may go unresolved on the surface but manifest itself in some of the forms previously mentioned.

What's the solution? Establish a written budget — today — and seek outside help.

Army Community Service has resources to help you gain control of your finances. At least check ACS out and see if these finance professionals know something you don't know — though clever you may be.

Until your ACS appointment, here is some homework to get you started:

- 1) Stop spending until you and your spouse have established mutually acceptable terms and commit to sticking to them.
- 2) Try not to shut down communication with your spouse. Resort to writing letters if money-talk leads to arguments.
- 3) Attend the ACS money management class on Schofield Barracks on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call 655-2400 for more information. For the Fort Shafter area, call financial advisor Rick Raphael at 438-9285.

Plan, think smart and reign in those impulses today. Your financial well-being depends on it.

(Editor's Note: Visit www.armycommunityservice.org and click on "Financial Readiness" for more information about money management.)

Children share the pain of PCSing

By Staff Sgt. Terrence L. Hayes
Army News Service

FORT GORDON, Ga. — "Dad, why do we move so much," my 6-year-old son asked me before arriving here. "Why do I always have to leave my friends all the time?"

I guess Bill Cosby was right when he said, "Kids say the darndest things."

How do you respond to a question like that without choking up a little? At that very moment, I realized my children share the same pain I endure every time I PCS from one location to another.

In the military, we develop friendships, relationships and partnerships, only to see them fade away after a couple years or so. The same applies to our

kids. Over the course of my eight years of service and four years of marriage, my children have attended three different schools, lived in four different neighborhoods and probably had more than 50 or so friends they've had to say goodbye to.

And we thought we had it tough.

On the flipside, many times we want to PCS and get away from our current work situation. However, sometimes we fail to consider how that will affect those closest to us.

We've all wanted to move to another installation or into a new position just for change, but do our kids want to?

But back to my son's question.

I answered him by

telling him that he's in the Army as much as I am. I broke it down further telling him that it would only get tougher as he grew older and as my career progressed.

Eventually, after a long talk, he smiled and said, "I'll make new friends."

I guess kids can teach you a lot about life. I learned that I'm not the only one feeling the pain of moving. I also learned that if you listen to your children they can put things in a better perspective than many adults.

The next time your child asks you why do you have to move again, pause before you speak and tell them that they're as much part of the military as you are.

It will make them feel better and feel like they're part of the team.

Lightning Spirit Who are we serving, is the real question

By Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Riggs
Deputy Community Chaplain
Schofield Barracks

The people of the world mourn the death of a champion, a champion of the poor and neglected.

Many world leaders and governments, including Cuba and China, have offered their condolences for Pope John Paul II to the Vatican.

We're finding that no matter how much people agreed or disagreed with the Holy Father, people admired him for his convictions and for his faith. He served the people of God through faith.

Many may remember the world also said goodbye to Mother Theresa of Calcutta, India.

Instead of a simple funeral, the Indian government conducted a state funeral with dignitaries and foreign leaders in attendance. They honored her work with the poor, and Pope John Paul II declared her a saint of the Roman Catholic Church.

A.T. Pierson, author of *The Truth*, talks about service. He said "whatever is done for God, without respect of its comparative character, as related to other acts, is service, and only that is service."

Service is, comprehensively speaking, doing the will of God. He is the object. All is for Him, for His sake, "as unto the Lord, not

as unto man." Hence, even the humblest act of the humblest disciple acquires a certain divine quality by its being done with reference to God.

The supreme test of service is this: "For whom am I doing this?"

Much that we call service to God is not such at all. If we are doing something for God, we should not care for human reward or even recognition.

Our work must again be tested by three propositions: Is it work from God, as given us to do from Him? Is it for God, as finding in Him its secret of power? Is it with God, as only a part of His work in which we engage as co-workers with Him?

Every day we serve God and his people. However, service to one another does not have to be through mighty deeds and gestures.

Even the smallest things can be a service. When we give directions to a lost person we serve.

Greeting each other with a smile is a service. Providing time for another to talk, cry or vent is a service. Giving way to another car in traffic is a service, and praying for other people is a service.

Actions done for personal gain result in temporary happiness. True long-lasting happiness and peace come as a result of doing for others for their sake. Not our own.

Voices of Lightning: What are unique challenges faced by military children?



"Not only do military kids have to deal with deployments, but they have to deal with PCSs. It's hard for them to cope with leaving old homes and transferring to new and different places where they have to start all over. The Teen Center offers a place for them to deal with transitioning."

Gloria Freitas
Program Specialist,
Schofield Teen Center



"With every PCS move a family makes, military children are expected to be resilient and flexible — that is a challenge."

Tamsin Keone
Youth Education Liaison
Officer



"I think reunion with a deployed parent is a unique challenge. There is a lot of excitement followed by a let down. We try to remind parents to keep their schedule as normal as possible and get back to routines. Routine is safety to a child."

Betty Moreno
Training and Curriculum,
Peterson CDC



"Separation from parents is a unique challenge, not just from deployments but field exercises, too. ...Coming to places like the Bennett Youth Center where we offer programs and a loving environment can help the child deal with the separation better."

Robin Moore
Assistant Director,
Bennett Youth Center



"One unique challenge facing military children is transitioning in and out of new places. They have to start new schools, make new friends and leave their old friends."

Kristina Noriega-Artis
Director, Youth Education
Support Services

(Editor's Note: April is the Month of the Military Child, and the Hawaii Army Weekly asked about the perspective of people who work with or in support of military children.)

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Capt. Kevin A. McQueary

Solomon Elementary School students and neighboring youth said they "totally enjoyed" climbing aboard the Army's equipment at the Fun Fest.

65th Engineers partners with Solomon Elementary

Fun Fest raises funds for equipment, programs

By Capt. Kevin A. McQueary
65th Engineer Battalion

Threatening skies couldn't quell enthusiasm when youngsters from throughout the community came to Solomon Elementary School on Schofield Barracks to enjoy the fun and festivities of the 4th Annual Fun Fest, April 1.

The event opened with slight precipitation and slow participation, but as the rain let up, the numbers picked up and children could be seen swarming at the various activities.

Volunteers kept things safe and in order, so the little ones could all enjoy what the Fest had to offer. Activities included inflatable bouncers, an inflatable slide, a rock-climbing wall, a spinning car ride and a helicopter ride.

A talent show offered dancing, hula and cheers. Charice Corbin, daughter of 1st Sgt. Carlos Corbin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, was a spectator.

"I liked the spinning ride, but the dancing was the best!" she said when asked about the Fest.

Exhibits gathered large crowds as well. Military policeman Sgt. Bell conducted a K-9 demonstration for children. First Lt. Justin Gorkowski of the 65th Engineer Battalion's Assault and Obstacle Platoon brought a squad out to exhibit one of their premier "toys," the Intermediate High Mobility Engineer Excavator, or IHMEE.

Sgt. Eliezer Cestero's 4-year-old son

the cockpit of the IHMEE and said, "I liked pushing the brakes."

Cestero, a volunteer from the A&O Platoon, said that the sound of the air rushing through the system when the kids pushed the brakes thrilled them all to giggles.

"They loved that," Cestero commented about the brakes, "and the way the seat swivels."

Raffles for prizes were donated by a large list of sponsors, including Jamba Juice, Ruby Tuesdays, Wal-Mart, McDonald's, Burger King, Anthony's Pizza, Cookie Corner and Consolidated Movie Theaters. Each child received a free raffle ticket for the drawings.

The Solomon Elementary School Fun Fest is a Parent-Teacher-Student Association fund-raising event used to raise money for next year's budget. Money raised goes into purchasing new TVs, VCRs, DVD players and playground equipment for the school.

It also supports special programs like junior police officers, providing them with new uniform T-shirts.

Selina Huggard, volunteer president of the PTSA, spoke of the special programs for which the budget is used.

"We help fund programs and activities that build morale and self-esteem for the students," she explained, referring to the "Welcome Home" banners created by students and then hung along the school fence line.

The Fun Fest was considered by all to have been a great success. Presale armbands topped out at 54, but Huggard reported that same-day sale numbers totaled about one-half of Solomon's student body.



Capt. Kevin A. McQueary

Youngsters craving for adventure readily tackled the rock-climbing wall at the Fun Fest, April 1. Many youth amazed their parents — and drained their energy — by climbing the again and again.

USARPAC aids Vietnamese keiki

By Sharon Mulligan
U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

There are no limits to what an educated child can do, and thanks to U.S. Army, Pacific, many Vietnamese disabled children now have no limitations on access to the opportunities education can create.

As part of a humanitarian assistance mission, USARPAC personnel worked with local construction and support contractors to build two new wheelchair-accessible school campuses in Quang Binh Province, Vietnam.

The schools will greatly improve the quality of life for children with disabilities in the surrounding areas, said Maj. Patrick Stogner, 412th Engineer Command (Forward), Hawaii, operations officer with the assistant chief of staff for engineering, U.S. Army, Pacific.

"The old schools were very overcrowded and difficult for many of the disabled students to access. With

these new facilities, the community will still be able to use the original buildings for elementary schools, while the new ones will be used to educate children with disabilities."

The schools feature modern conveniences, quality construction and upgraded furnishings. Each school was designed and built to U.S. standards for handicapped accessibility.

"This is something new to the area and meant so much to the teachers and students. You could see the excitement on their faces when they saw their new schools," Stogner said.

Other features include indoor rest room facilities, a kitchen area and a place where children can sleep during the week.

Humanitarian assistance missions are part of Pacific Command's "Theater Security Cooperation Program." This particular construction project marked the second U.S. Army Engineer effort north of the 17th Parallel, formerly North Vietnam, since the end of the Vietnam

Conflict.

About 100 children will attend school at the different complexes, which are located about 30 miles apart in an area about 500 kilometers from the capital city of Hanoi.

Quang Binh Province spreads along the northern part of central Vietnam and is the narrowest part of the country. This area has a population of more than 810,000 people.

"The new schools were built on existing school campuses so that they can be expanded to educate more children in the future," Stogner said.

USARPAC and the 412th Engineer Command (Forward), Hawaii, take projects like this one from the beginning to end.

Planning for humanitarian assistance missions like this one takes many months and involves coordination with various U.S. and foreign government agencies. The whole process takes about 12 to 15 months, with an actual construction time of six to eight

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Atop Pu'u Pohakuloa



Bob McElroy

Incoming Assistant Division Commander (Operations) Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek (right), 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, visited the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii last week to see the training areas and support facilities. Here, PTA commander Lt. Col. Fred Clarke provides Bednarek with an overview of the training area from atop Pu'u Pohakuloa.

Army celebrates Earth Day with Nature Conservancy

By Michelle Mansker
Directorate of Public Works

The Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is sponsoring this year's annual Army Natural Resource Earth Day project, which consists of conducting weed control at the Nature Conservancy's Honouliuli Preserve.

Earth Day volunteers will have the opportunity to hike to Pu'u Palikea, along the southern crest of the Waianae Mountains, and to help restore a native wet forest along the ridge.

The hike will offer views of Pearl Harbor, the Ewa plain and the Waianae Coast. Also, as native tree snails inhabit the forest, Earth Day volunteers may stumble on a rare glimpse of this native habitat.

The DPW has partnered with the Nature Conservancy staff at Honouliuli on projects related to protecting endangered plants, animals and native habitat since 1995.

Prior to that, the Nature Conservancy assisted the Army in developing a Natural Resource Program in 1993. These overlaps in program mandates allow both organizations to cooperate in stabilizing endangered plants and animals.

Currently, the DPW Environmental Division provides management assistance at Honouliuli to the Nature Conservancy staff, as many of the rare species found on Army training lands on Oahu

are also found at Honouliuli.

Staff from the Nature Conservancy and the Army share project ideas, natural resource management techniques and scientific information to further resource management in Hawaii.

The community is invited to participate in this year's Earth Day project, April 23; however, only 15 spots are available to the first 15 volunteers. Call the DPW's Natural Resource Office at 656-7641 or 656-7741.

Activities at Fort DeRussy

The U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center will present "Partnering in the Pacific," free and open to the general public, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities at the center will include Earth Day projects such as educational presentations, videos, exhibits and interactive activities.

Trolley rides will also be available to the Waikiki Aquarium for fish stocking and to the Hilton Hawaiian Spa & Resort (Kalia Tower) for culture and arts from the Bishop Museum Collection.

This initiative will provide schools and communities with resources to raise awareness and inspire action to address the challenges facing our planet.

This project will take place at Fort DeRussy, on the 2nd Floor of Battery Randolph Armed Forces Recreation Area (next to Hale Koa, Waikiki) and the Waikiki Aquarium.

For more information on these activities, call 955-7882.



News Briefs

TRICARE — Tripler Army Medical Center provided red, white and blue business cards with TRICARE Online, or TOL, information throughout the hospital and at Schofield Barracks Health Clinic a couple years ago. The toll-free number on the cards, however, has been disconnected and no longer works.

To sign up for TOL that offers some appointment times online and other health information, go to www.tricareonline.com.

Volunteer Recognition

Local volunteers will be recognized at the 2005 Hawaii Army Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Nehelani Ballroom on Schofield Barracks. The commander of 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, is honoring 2004 volunteers during next week's National Volunteer Week.

Registration for volunteers who are attending this event begins at 9:45 a.m. Volunteers will get the opportunity to have their photograph taken with the commander from 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Then the reception will follow the 11 a.m. ceremony.

All volunteers, their friends and family, commanders, managers and supervisors are encouraged to attend this event. For more details, contact Cathie Henderson, Army volunteer coordinator, at 655-2398.

Lewis Street Road Closure

Lewis Street at Schofield Barracks will be closed through April 29, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., due to road construction. During off hours, the unpaved area will be covered with steel plates and traffic will be restored to its original flow.

Caution is advised. Contact Hunjin Kye at 655-0441 for more details.

Retiree Appreciation Day

Schofield Barracks will host its annual Retiree Appreciation Day to bring retirees and their families up-to-date information on retirement benefits, privileges and entitlements, April 30, beginning at 9 a.m.

Retirees can renew past acquaintances, listen to guest speakers, obtain medical screening and stay abreast of the latest retiree benefits at this venue, taking place at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center, Schofield Barracks.

Speakers for the program include Brig. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, assistant division commander (Operations); Navy Capt. Kevin Berry, deputy commander for Clinical Services, Tripler Army Medical Center; Mr. Dennis Kuewa, director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Honolulu Regional Office; and retired Army Maj. Gen. William M. Matz Jr., president, National Association for Uniformed Services in Springfield, Va.

The program begins at noon, and guests may purchase lunch following the program.

Payment of \$15.95 per person is required at registration. For more information, call the Schofield Barracks Retirement Services Office at 655-1585/1585.

Army Emergency Relief

Consider making a voluntary contribution to your Army community AER fund. Your contribution is important to individuals with emergency needs.

Monetary donations are accepted at any time. For more information, contact your unit AER Fund Campaign project officer, or call 655-2383.

Hui O' Na Wahine Scholarships

Governor Linda Lingle will be the guest speaker at this year's Hui O' Na Wahine Annual Scholarship and Welfare Grant Dinner on Monday, May 2 at 6 p.m. at the Nehelani Club. Lingle will speak following the awarding of scholarships and community grants.

Spouses are welcome to attend this event, and there are no standing reservations. Cost is \$18.

To make a reservation contact your reservation chair by April 22 and give your dinner choice (beef or mahi-mahi).

Warrant Officer Briefings

Soldiers can learn all about the warrant officer program when the recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, discusses warrant officer qualifications and application procedures here in May.

Briefings will take place at Fort Shafter in Building T101, Room 101A, May 2 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and May 3 at 10 a.m. only.

Another set of briefings will be presented at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room, May 4 – 5 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and May 6 at 10 a.m. only.

For more details, contact Sgt. 1st Class Osborn at 536-0466 (DSN), 1-502-626-0466, or 1-270-304-9125 (cell).

Days of Remembrance

The 25th ID (L) and USARHAW will host this year's observance on May 6 at 10 a.m. in the Sergeant Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks. The guest speaker will be Dr. William Samelson, a Holocaust survivor.

The theme is "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice," and the community is invited to attend this event, which promises to enlighten and encourage.

For more information, call the 25th ID Equal Opportunity Office at 655-0053.

Hurricane Exercise

U.S. Army Hawaii units and installations will participate in the annual statewide Hurricane Exercise Makani Pahili 2005 from May 6-13.

For additional information, contact Ray Pack at 655-5253.

Olson Farewell

The aloha farewell for Vicki Olson will be held May 16 at the Helemano Plantation at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$11 per person.

Contact your family readiness group leader for more details.



Sgt. Sean Kimmons

Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek (podium), incoming assistant division commander (operations), makes his remarks during a Flying “V” ceremony Monday at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks. Brig. Gen. (P) Charles H. Jacoby, departing division commander (support), stands to the right of Bednarek.

Flying “V”

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the tremendous leadership and capabilities of Brigadier General Bednarek.”

Olson highlighted Jacoby’s three years of accomplishment with the division, first as the ADC for operations and then as the ADC for support.

He described Jacoby’s service as directly contributing to the success of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team in Iraq, home station and rear detachment operations, and the beginnings of transformation.

In Afghanistan, Olson credited Jacoby with the complete restructuring of the Afghan prison system as well as “personally reshaping” relations with Pakistan, a critical area in the war on global terrorism.

“Chuck Jacoby’s fingerprints are on everything that has gone right in this great command,” said Olson, concluding, “He has the most unbelievable ability to take the most complex issues and make

them simple.”

In his remarks, Jacoby said, “Thank you [Major General Olson] for the chance to be on this team for this extraordinary period of time, both in length and professional opportunity. I am the luckiest brigadier general in the Army to have served during these three years of transition, operations and transformation.”

With many “thank you’s” behind him, Jacoby ended his remarks saying, “I want to thank the average Tropic Lightning Soldier of all ranks ... the truth is, there is nothing average about them or any American Soldier for that matter.”

“I am lucky to have been here now to share in some small way the accomplishments of this generation of Tropic Lightning Soldiers. Thank you for the inspiration of your service and for adding a worthy story to the lineage of this proud division.”

Jacoby departs the division for Fort McNair, Va., where he will attend the

capstone General and Flag Officer Course.

Bednarek joins the division from Fort Polk, La., where he served as the commander, operations group, at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

In his welcoming remarks to Bednarek, Olson said, “I can think of no other officer in the general officer corps I’d rather have stepping up behind Chuck Jacoby than “Mick” Bednarek. He is the right guy at the right place at exactly the right time, and he is the most credentialed general officer in the area of operations in the United States Army.”

“It is a privilege and an honor to join the Tropic Lightning Division. I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve alongside battle-proven combat veterans,” said Bednarek. “This combat-hardened division has proven itself throughout history, and as we convert to a brigade-based modular force, the future remains to be our legacy.”

Vice Chief

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It all depends on the Iraqis and Afghanis taking more responsibility, he added.

Cody even told the cadets that the safety discipline they carried out in combat should be emulated in the rear, because of the number of Soldiers being killed in POV accidents.

“We all have to continue to be more disciplined, take better care of each other and preach safety,” Cody said. “All of us have to work harder at it.”

Right before Cody left the

academy, the cadets stood at attention and recited the NCO creed in thunderous voices.

“Now, I’m fired up!” Cody exclaimed as they finished.

Cody then headed back to Schofield Barracks to attend a Flying “V” ceremony for incoming Assistant Division Commander (Support) Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek.

When the ceremony finished, Cody headed to J Quad to visit more Soldiers and take an Aviation Brigade reset walk-through on WAAF.

Cody ended his tour with a Residential Communities Initiative windshield tour.

New Assistant Division Commander - Operations

Leader:

Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek

Birthplace: London, England

Alma Mater: Old Dominion University and Troy State University

Degrees: Bachelor’s in biology, Master’s in personnel management/administration

Commissioned: In the Infantry in 1975

Military Highlights: Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Underwater Operations (SCUBA) Course, Military Free Fall Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College

Tours of Duty: Army Military Personnel Center, Fort Benning, Ga.; 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Ga.; 3rd Bn., 325th Airborne Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy; 75th Ranger Rgt.; 9th Infantry Rgt. (MANCHU), Fort Lewis; 3rd Bn., 9th Inf. Rgt.; 1st Bn., 24th Inf. Rgt. (DEUCE FOUR); 2nd Bn., 75th Inf. Rgt.; 4th Training Brigade, Ft Jackson, S.C.; Joint Training Group, Joint Warfighting Center, U.S. Joint Forces Command; Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center, Ft. Polk, La.

Decorations: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit w/2OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/5OLC, Army Commendation Medal w/2OLC, the Valorous Unit Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Expert Infantryman’s Badge, the Master Parachutists Badge, the Pathfinder Badge and the Ranger Tab



Delarosa nabs honor as top counselor

By Sharon Mulligan
U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

A U.S. Army, Pacific, Soldier earned the title of U.S. Army Reserve Component Career Counselor of the Year by demonstrating the same confidence and competence that she uses in her job everyday at Schofield Barracks.

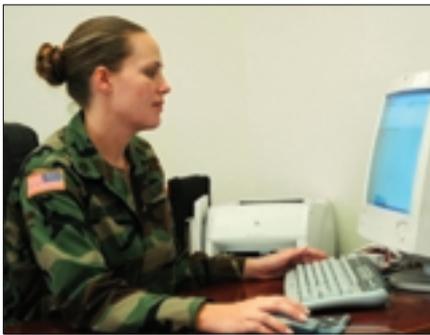
When Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne Delarosa began her military career 11 years ago as a 63B, light-wheel vehicle mechanic, she never dreamed that one day she would be part of a select group of Soldiers standing in front of a review board at the Department of the Army.

She and the other 15 highly qualified competitors represented their respective major commands as the tops in the field of active and reserve component career counselors.

"I became a career counselor because I like helping people," said Delarosa, who works in the Retention Office at Schofield Barracks. "Career counselors can assist them with information that can help them make decisions for their future."

Career counselors are charged with impacting the readiness and warfighting capabilities of the Army's retention program by assisting commanders in retaining high-quality Soldiers. They advise Soldiers about all areas of the Army's retention program including assignments and benefits.

Each step along her career path helped lay the foundation for success.



Sgt. 1st Class Suzanne Delarosa tackles her daily routine.

In addition to the skills and experience Delarosa gained as a 63B, she also held the military occupational specialty of 42A, human resources specialist. She took the leadership, values and team-building skills she developed there and applied them during her assignment as a recruiter for the National Guard Bureau.

It was during this time that she decided to become an active Guard Reserve Soldier. In February 2004 she began her profession of helping people as a reserve career counselor.

Delarosa believes the discipline required to train and study for the different levels of competition has helped to make her a more well-rounded Soldier and leader.

She said she was "fairly nervous" for her

first board appearance at the 25th Infantry Division (Light), and she said it was one of the hardest boards she stood in front of because "they could ask you anything." After each level of competition, though, she explained, her knowledge, confidence and commitment grew stronger.

Training and discipline helped alleviate the problems that travel fatigue could have created for her in the DA competition.

"I was so tired," she said. "It was a 12-hour flight to Washington, D.C., then the board appearance, followed by a flight home. I was surprised that I did so well, and don't think I would have, if it had not been for all the support I'd been given here."

While the isle Soldier was honored and humbled to be selected as the best in her career field, Delarosa is not one to rest on her laurels.

"People want to be part of something bigger than themselves and to make a difference," she said. "That's why I enjoy working here so much. Helping Hawaii's Soldiers with information for their careers helps the Soldier and the Army."

When a Soldier decides to leave the active service that isn't the end of his or her service to their country. Many join the reserves or National Guard, but even those who don't still represent the Army to their family, friends and neighbors.

"They take with them their experiences,

training and values and share them with their communities," she said.

Every Soldier "who leaves the state of Hawaii speaks with a career counselor," she said. "We know what units are looking for and can help them get the information they may need."

The road to this prestigious award was a challenge, both personally and professionally. In addition to being a full-time Soldier, Delarosa is also pursuing a degree while being mother to a set of 9-year-old twins and wife to a Soldier who was deployed until recently in support of the global war on terror.

Delarosa is only two semesters away from completing her degree and is expecting her second set of twins very soon.

"I attribute my success in a large part to the great leadership here," she said. "Everyone has been so willing to work with me and help me prepare for the boards. It made it much less nerve wracking to know that the leadership here was behind me."

The ceremony honoring her achievement and that of Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Richardson, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, who is the U.S. Army Active Army Career Counselor of the Year, is scheduled for sometime this month. That ceremony will be hosted by the Secretary of the Army, Dr. Francis J. Harvey.

(Editor's Note: For more information, contact USARPAC Public Affairs at 438-2662.)

Farewell

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HHB, CTF Thunder at the service. She said Banks was a strong female role model whose faith and motivation carried Monk through her toughest times during this deployment.

"I hope to take what I have learned from her and pass it on to my Soldiers," Monk said. "She was like a mother to us all. I am proud to have served with such a dedicated Soldier. She will be greatly missed."

Col. Gary H. Cheek, commander of CTF Thunder called Matoscolon a bundle of positive energy.

"He was a man of great enthusiasm, one who would take on any mission, any task," Cheek said. "He would always do it right and always do it to standard."

Cheek also said if you looked up the word mechanic in the dictionary, he's certain there would be a picture of Matoscolon beside it.

"If it had an engine, he loved it," Cheek said. "Vintage cars, motorcycles, Humvees — these were his passion, and he lived that in the United States



Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen

Soldiers pack the Forward Operating Base Salerno Chapel for a memorial service for Master Sgts. Edwin Matoscolon and Barbaralien Banks, Tuesday.

Army."

While every bit the professional Soldier, Cheek said everyone knew Banks as a quiet, calm and reserved person.

"But don't let that fool you — she knew her business, was devoted to her Soldiers and won the respect of everyone around her," he said.

Cheek explained that the command lost a few Soldiers and Marines during this deployment here, and said each one was tough to take.

"Regardless of whether you knew the person or not, the pain is felt by all," he said. "It's much tougher though when you know the person. In the case of these two, I think I can say we loved them very deeply."

Matoscolon is survived by his daughter, Evelyn. Banks, who was posthumously promoted to sergeant major, is survived by daughter Lashuwanta and son Kent.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.



Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen

Spec. Allison Urbatsch (left) and Staff Sgt. Victro Perez, personnel specialists for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combined Task Force Thunder, salute a memorial to Master Sgts. Edwin Matoscolon and Barbaralien Banks, Tuesday, during a memorial service at Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan.

Corps of Engineers celebrates the big 100

By Sarah Cox
Honolulu Engineer District
Public Affairs

The mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Pacific region has expanded exponentially since the unit's conception in 1905, the year Lt. John Slattery was designated as Honolulu district engineer on the island of Oahu.

The original mission serving the Twelfth Lighthouse District was to design and construct lighthouses for navigation, acquire land for military fortifications, improve the harbors and expand the Corps' services to other Pacific islands.

"The Honolulu District has been executing projects for the nation and its armed forces for a century," said Lt. Col. David E. Anderson, commander, Honolulu Engineer District. "From civil works projects — navigation, flood control and shore protection — to building and maintaining the infrastructure for our Soldiers and airmen, the Honolulu District is proud of our service."

"We have had a significant impact on the ability of our service men and women to fight the global war on terror. We have bolstered the region's economy, and in everything we do, we protect the environment."

Historical Milestones

In its 100 years, HED has supported the military in peace and in war, helped protect the island from enemies and forces of nature, protected the environment and wet-



HED file photo

Brad Scully (left) and Randy Kurashige from the HED, inspect recent renovations at Tripler Army Medical Center. Recent improvements include a new chemotherapy treatment center, a pharmacy and a labor and delivery room.

lands and added to Hawaii's economic growth.

Honolulu Engineer District's legacy includes the creation of Sand Island; buying the Fort DeRussy area in Waikiki; enlarging Honolulu Harbor; repairing Hickam, Wheeler and Pearl Harbor air fields after the December 1941 attack; creating the Kaneohe-Kailua Dam; building Tripler Army Medical Center; constructing the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, the Hale Koa Hotel and numerous other military and

federal construction projects; and providing disaster assistance and being stewards of the environment.

At the beginning of the 20th century, HED constructed six deep-draft harbors on the five major Hawaiian Islands and three crucial lighthouses for navigation.

Under Slattery's command, HED began transforming the swampy coral reef used as a quarantine station in Honolulu Harbor into what is now known as Sand Island. Slattery's contributions are honored today by the Lt. John R. Slattery Bridge, which connects Sand Island with the city of Honolulu.

Slattery later purchased the 74-acre Fort DeRussy area in Waikiki for just \$2,700 an acre, for use as a military fortification. At the time, the Fort DeRussy land was little more than a swampy parcel, though today the area provides a valuable green oasis in the heart of Waikiki.

By the time World War II ended, HED had constructed 69 miles of runways and taxiways and 2,700,000 square yards of aircraft parking area.

Although the District's workload diminished after the war, the post-war years were not quiet either. HED continued to supply engineering troops overseas and to dispose of real estate on the islands.

The Corps became busy with major endeavors like the construction of Tripler Army Medical Center, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, at Punchbowl, and flood control and shore protection projects.

Tripler Army Medical Center, commonly known as the "Pink Lady," was completed in 1948 at a cost of \$40 million. The 14-story, 1,500-bed hospital was an extensive project featuring 12 separate buildings — each constructed separately to make the medical center earthquake resistant.

During the '60s and '70s, new federal policies further expanded HED's duties. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 required the Corps to prepare environmental impact statements on all proposed federal actions affecting the environment.

The Clean Water Act of 1977 brought changes to the Corps' regulatory mission and required the Corps to issue permits for all dredged or fill material. The Corps became responsible for all the nation's water and wetlands — not just the navigable waters.

The Corps now serves as "stewards of the environment."

The '70s were also a time of internal change for the District. In '73, the functions of the Pacific Ocean Division and the Honolulu Engineer District were merged to form an operating division, from Fort Armstrong to its present location at Fort Shafter.

It was also in 1973 when HED began construction of the Hale Koa recreational hotel at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki. The original high-

rise hotel tower had 416 rooms and 15 floors; it was built for \$15.7 million.

The nearby Battery Randolph was transformed into the U.S. Army Museum. The second floor of the museum today houses the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitors Center.

The Corps' responsibilities were further defined in '80 with the addition of an Emergency Management Division, and HED continues to serve a variety of missions and construction projects in a region of 12 million square miles from Hawaii to Micronesia — an area of operations spanning five time zones, the equator and the international dateline.

"We are 'America's engineers in the Pacific,' and we look forward to continuing to serve our nation as we begin our second century of service," said Anderson of his command.



Nani Shimabuku

Engineer Research and Development Center scientist Dr. Linda Nelson and engineer Eric Lee of the USACE, inspect salvinia molesta at Lake Wilson. The invasive weed overtook Wilson Lake in Wahiawa in 2003.



Dino W. Buchanan

Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock (right), chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, listens as HED Civil Engineer Dale Barlow briefs the status of the C-17 Hydrant Fuel Project, at Hickam Air Force Base. HED is responsible for the planning, design, and construction of the \$153 million program.

Vast resources assure healthy keiki

By Rosemary Fox
Tripler Army Medical Center

HONOLULU — Babies are “wired” at birth to cry, and any well-meaning but harried parent of a 2 year old can tell you that toddlers can yell, “No!” and “Mine!” in at least three dialects.

Even your own mother might have told you that, when you were 5, she was afraid that your lips would be forever wrinkled because you pursed them so often to ask “Why?” Then, at 13, she may recall, you pushed the limits of her ability to be charming, with your frequent sorties into the land of “I am my own boss.”

It seems that from birth until adolescence, we push the limits of any caregiver’s sanity. The good news, however, is that many of our children and us are still thriving, healthy humans with strong will to survive, grow and give.

There is some sad news as well. Not all infants, toddlers, school-aged kids or teenagers will fare well in Hawaii this year. It is estimated that about 13,000 cases of child abuse or neglect will be reported to the state in 2005.

Children will die. A frustrated caregiver may shake a child or infant who has been unable to stop crying. But, babies sometimes have difficulty just getting the crying sound to stop. Still, many will suffer the effects of an inappropriate coping technique called shaken baby syndrome, or SBS, which causes severe brain damage, blindness or death.

In other cases of abuse, a toddler or older child could become a victim to a larger person (sometimes even a sibling or playmate) who doesn’t know that “Why?” or “I want to do it myself,” or “No!” are normal childhood responses.

Moreover, some children will suffer from lack of medical care, adequate nutrition and shelter or educational resources.

There is hope to stop this cycle of SBS and abuse. First of all, we must understand why babies and



children cry and act the way they do.

Why do babies cry (and cry and cry)? Crying is one of their more effective means of communicating. It is a response that usually means some type of discomfort: physical or emotional.

Try closing your eyes for a moment and imagine that you are 7 pounds of mostly soft material, on a new planet, on your back in a crib. Your neck may be stiff, your nose itch, your pants wet and your belly growling from hunger. You would cry too.

Maybe you are bored with the dancing, bubbly fish mobile that goes around over your head. Maybe you are afraid, and you just want to be safe.

A baby recognizes “safe” as where there are loving arms and a beating heart that soothes and nurtures.

Experts testify that it is impossible to spoil an infant less than 1 year old. We can hold, touch, rock, walk, feed, burp, play, scratch the itch, sing, dance and entertain that little one until his or her heart is content. These are the best investments we can give any child.

Here are more suggestions:

- Become informed. Get some basic information about how babies or children act and why (normal childhood development). If you know that a baby can give you cues to what is wrong, you can usually decrease hours spent in

crying (for both of you).

- Find a baby-mate. Connect with at least one other parent with a child the same age as yours. There is definitely comfort and perspective in numbers.

- Learn to take care of yourself. You are the center of your child’s world. If you are not OK it is much harder to cope. It takes planning to care for you and your baby. Get some help.

- Know emergency resources. Know local emergency numbers where those “experts” sit, just hoping you will call instead of hurting.

- Become a resource. Reach out with your good information to those around you and those coming behind you. There is no substitute for experience, and the willingness to share it.

Here are some available resources:

Army New Parent Support Program: 433-4864

Air Force New Parent Support Program: 449-0175

Marine Corps New Parent Support Program: 257-8803

Navy And Coast Guard New Parent Support Program: 473-4222

Armed Service YMCA Welcome Baby Program: 833-1185

Army Community Service: 655-2400

Marriage And Family Therapy Schofield Barracks: 433-8550

Parent Hotline: 526-1222

Social Work Services: 433-6606

Here are some parenting resources:

Infant Play And Learn: 655-2400

Armed Services YMCA Playmorning: 833-1185

Baby Hui: 735-2484

La Leche League: 735-2484

Here is a self-help resource:

Marriage And Family Therapy Schofield Barracks: 433-8550

Here are vital, emergency numbers you should post by your telephone:

Joint Military Abuse And Crisis Line: 533-7125

Parent Hotline: 526-1222

Oahu Poison Center: 941- 4411

Suicide And Crisis Center (24-hour): 521-4555 or 1-800-784-2433

Here are some volunteer opportunities:

Armed Services YMCA: 833-1185, 624-5645 or 473-3398

Army Community Services: 655-2400

Leilehua Complex Public Schools: 622-6500, ext. 298

American Red Cross: 734-2101

(Editor’s Note: Rosemary Fox works for the New Parent Support Program in Community Health Nursing at Tripler Army Medical Center.)

Signs of welcome



Joy Boisselle

Across U.S. Army, Hawaii, homes, cars and anything stable display “welcome home” wishes to returning troops.

Leaders guide Soldiers to responsible behavior

By Sharee Moore
Contributing Writer

Most battle-hardened Soldiers will struggle with readjustment after redeployment, so the Provost Marshal's Office has been tracking the top five issues they've encountered since troops returned to Schofield Barracks, which are driving under the influence, assault, alcohol-related incidents, illegal drug incidents and domestic abuse.

Top Five Army Hawaii Issues

DUI	15
Assault	26
Alcohol Related Incidents	28
Illegal Drug Incidents	5
Domestic Abuse	23

Despite how close-knit the Soldiers have grown, regardless of how supportive leaders want to be, all Army leaders follow one rule: There is a zero tolerance for illegal drug use, DUIs or violence.

"Everybody's goal here, in the leadership realm, is [to] model all these Soldiers like they're heroes ... as legitimate American heroes," began Lt. Col. David Miller, commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry "Golden Dragons."

"The last thing we want is for these great heroes to come home and have something bad happen that's going to destroy what should be a great time of reunion with families and friends and the community," he continued.

Miller's approach is to first, prevent Soldiers from behaving irresponsibly by using the tools available through Army Community Service, Chaplain Services and other programs.

Second, if a DUI, spouse abuse or drug incident does occur, Miller strives to minimize the negative impact and help the Soldier, family member and anybody else affected get through it.

"All these [Army] programs and everything are fantastic; they're great and they work, and we need to have them and keep them," Miller explained. "But, at the end of the day, the leaders get it done and [the] Soldiers take care

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The unit has had incidents in the barracks and domestic situations, but level heads seem to always prevail”

- 1st Sgt Joseph McCage

of each other," he emphasized.

Miller instructs leaders to know their Soldiers well and to help Soldiers develop plans that guide their actions. To accomplish this, battalion command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Clement Green, ensures leaders follow up typical "don't drink and drive" briefings with regular after-duty visits to the barracks. Green asserted that doing those things well is simple, but critical.

Reinforcing individual Soldier responsibility is another tool used by leaders to prevent behavior problems.

"We started talking to our guys, probably around October or November, because we knew we'd eventually redeploy," began Capt. Bill Hampton, company commander, Company A, 1st Bn., 21st Inf.

The 130-man company spent 13-months in Iraq inside a patrol compound the size of the Schofield Barracks Post Exchange. They lived together, shared each other's lives and defended the isolated compound, Hampton said.

"The first sergeant says we're the band of brothers for what we've done, and there's no one else in the world who will know or understand what we went through — except for your guys on your left and right," Hampton explained.

"As leaders, we make sure Soldiers are doing what they're supposed to do," 1st Sgt. Joseph McCage said. "When you get down to the lower level, it's up to the Soldier ... he's got to have his own responsibility ... it's not something you can give; he's got to have it," he

emphasized.

"The unit has had incidents in the barracks and domestic situations, but level heads seem to always prevail," said McCage. He added that Soldiers have told him they think about what he has said about responsibility and have walked away from tumultuous situations as a result.

"We preach the buddy system, too. We used it in Iraq and we're going to use it here. Hopefully, if you have two or three guys ... someone can be a little more levelheaded and won't allow tempers to fly," Hampton said.

Another way McCage and Hampton support Soldiers is by not crushing them when they mess up. Coming up with creative punishments are favored over going directly to the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, or UCMJ, (except in the case of "zero tolerance violations") McCage explained.

However, when a Soldier makes a mistake — leaders must act promptly, said 1st Sgt. Kenneth Agueda, Co. A, 1st Bn., 14th Inf., first sergeant.

"Soldiers think to themselves, 'the last thing I want to do is [peeve] my first sergeant off, 'cause I know he's going to deal with me swiftly.' You have to balance it somehow," Agueda said. "We like to call it tough love," Agueda added, while smiling.

Before initiating a disciplinary action, Agueda said he always refers to post policies, Army guidance and his commander's intent. He follows that up with a basic counseling session.

"If I have something obvious to teach a Soldier — never to do that again — [I] go with remedial training [which] makes it a little painful for them, takes a little of their [free time away]," Agueda explained.

Examples include taking away weekend privileges, performing physically demanding activities, work after duty hours and more.

"I love these guys," Agueda said. "From day one, I look at them in the eye and say you have a new family; I'm going to take care of you. But you have some responsibilities, too. I think that's the key."

Fitting Punishments

Driving while intoxicated

If you guzzle or sip alcohol while or before driving, you will face:

- \$500 bail
- \$3,000 fine
- One night in jail
- Revoked license for 12 months
- Jail time up to 14 days, or 240 hours community service
- Insurance increase of 400 percent for first offense
- Letter of reprimand signed by the division commander

Drunk on duty – Article 112

If found drunk on duty, whether in field or garrison, one is subject to:

- Bad conduct discharge
- Forfeiture of all pay and allowances
- Jail time for nine months

Wrongful use of drugs – Article 112a

If a Soldier uses or even brings an illegal drug in or on armed forces property (without legal permission) they are subject to:

- Dishonorable discharge
- Forfeiture of all pay and allowances
- Confinement for two to 20 years, depending on the charge

Assault – Article 120

Any person who unlawfully intends or tries to cause bodily harm to another, even if he or she doesn't actually hit a person, can get saddled with a range of punishments:

- Three months in prison
- Two-thirds forfeiture of pay for three months, or
- Dishonorable discharge
- Forfeiture of all pay and allowances
- Three years in prison
- Five to seven years for assault using a loaded firearm

(Editor's Note: For detailed information about the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, view the Manual for Courts Martial. This information was compiled by Sharee Moore, contributing writer.)

Army gets keys to super high-tech truck



Courtesy of General Motors/Max Schulte

Brig. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander, U.S. Research, Development and Engineering Command, speaks at the unveiling of the Army's first fuel-cell-powered truck. It can carry up to 1,600 pounds, accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 19 seconds and has a top speed of 93 mph.

By Thomas Moyer
Army News Service

HONEOYE FALLS, N.Y. — The Army accepted delivery of the world's first fuel-cell-powered military truck, April 1, at the General Motors Corporation research facility outside Rochester, N.Y.

Marking the occasion were Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Brig. Gen. Roger Nadeau, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

A modified Chevrolet Silverado, the GMT 800 is equipped with two 94-kilowatt fuel-cell stacks, capable of generating 188 kw and 317 foot-pounds of torque, or roughly the same torque generated by GM's 5.3 liter V-8 engine.

Despite weighing 7,500 pounds, the GMT 800 accelerates similarly to the V-8-powered production truck, but produces no tailpipe emissions. Fuel cells chemically convert hydrogen into electricity and water. Three 10,000-pound-per-square-inch compressed hydrogen storage tanks will provide a driving

range of 125 miles.

"The relationship between the U.S. government and private industry is a tremendous win-win scenario because together this technology will come in better and faster, and will have an incredible impact on us in our civilian lives. And I know what it will do to our U.S. military forces," Nadeau said.

"My excitement is far beyond what we're about to do with this technology and well into what it's going to do for us as we continue to transform the U.S. Army," he continued.

The U.S. Army will evaluate the experimental truck until July 2006 at Fort Belvoir, Va. The vehicle will serve in a non-tactical mode while under evaluation and will not be used in ongoing operations.

The Army plans rigorous testing in different climates and locations around the United States to assess performance and give first-hand experience with hydrogen and fuel cells, officials said.

(Editors Note: Thomas Moyer serves with RDECOM Public Communications.)

On-post residents speak out through Army Resident Survey

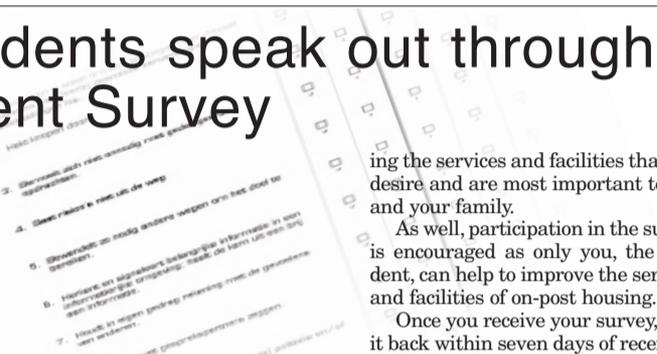
By Kelli Wilson
Directorate of Public Works

The official Army Resident Survey, conducted annually by the Military Housing and Lodging Institute, or MHLI, will soon be mailed to all Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) residents.

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) recognizes the importance this survey has in providing residents an opportunity to be heard and making positive changes in their military neighborhoods in Hawaii.

Beginning Monday through April 22, all on-post residents should receive their survey directly from MHLI in the mail. The survey is designed to let you and your families tell the Army and our housing partner, AHFH, how we are doing in meeting your on-post housing needs.

Everyone's participation is wholeheartedly encouraged, as your feedback is crucial to the success of the Residential



Communities Initiative (RCI) privatization project and the future of on-post housing in Hawaii.

Your responses will help to paint a realistic picture of current housing conditions and services. By providing your confidential responses you will guide the Army and AHFH in provid-

ing the services and facilities that you desire and are most important to you and your family.

As well, participation in the survey is encouraged as only you, the resident, can help to improve the services and facilities of on-post housing.

Once you receive your survey, mail it back within seven days of receipt to guarantee that your feedback is included in the results.

If you have any questions regarding the Army Resident Survey or if you do not receive one, contact Ms. Fran Nix, DPW housing management specialist, at 275-3127.

New medals

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awards are in the supply chain now, but the medals won't be available for issue until May 1.

"For the initial issue, the Soldiers should be able to go to their supply clerks, they shouldn't have to buy them out of their own pockets," Harris said.



The new Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals will be available May 1.

General 'cautiously optimistic' on Army recruiting goals

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's top personnel officer said he's "cautiously optimistic" on meeting this year's active duty recruiting goal, despite reports some parents of potential recruits are uneasy about military service for their children because of the Iraq war.

The Army hasn't achieved its recruiting goals in recent months, Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck acknowledged to reporters April 7 at a Pentagon roundtable. However, the general asserted, this year's mission of signing up 80,000 active duty recruits is doable.

"We're going to make that [number]," the

lieutenant general said.

And, Hagenbeck emphasized, the Army will not "sacrifice quality for quantity" in meeting its recruiting mission.

Currently, about 640,000 active, Guard and Reserve Soldiers have been mobilized to support operations in the global war on terrorism, Hagenbeck noted, with about 310,000 of those troops deployed to overseas locales in 120 countries.

The general surmised today's recruiting mission is becoming difficult because of the Army's high standards, noting more than 70 percent of potential recruits 17 to 21 years old aren't eligible for enlistment because of low entrance test scores, educational deficits or

criminal records.

"We have some very rigorous standards ... from educational to mental [and] physical standards" potential recruits are required to meet, Hagenbeck pointed out.

Another issue, he noted, centers on the attitudes of parents, teachers and coaches. Some of these societal "influencers," he noted, recommend that young people not join the Army because of ongoing hostilities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Yet the numbers of young people inquiring about Army service remain high, Hagenbeck reported, and recruiters report that most potential enlistees don't appear worried about being deployed to Iraq or other combat zones,

he explained.

"That's not one of their concerns at this juncture," Hagenbeck said.

In addition to adding more recruiters, the Army has recently said it will increase its efforts to convince parents that Army service is a good deal for young people.

The Army's retention picture looks bright, Hagenbeck reported, with re-enlistments at 102 percent of the service's target. He said the Army is predicted to "meet or exceed" its active duty re-enlistment goals.

In fact, Soldiers who enlisted after the 9/11 attacks on the United States "continue to stay with us at [higher] rates than they have in the past," he emphasized.

IRR problems 'miniscule,' stop loss 'will shrink over time,' says G-1

By Eric Cramer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Although the Army has not yet decided what to do about Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers who refuse service, their numbers are "miniscule," Lt. Gen. F.L. Hagenbeck, Army G-1 (Personnel), said April 7.

"We have the authority to recall 6,500 from IRR," Hagenbeck said during a media roundtable discussion, "so far we recalled 3,900. Fifty percent of those have reported and are marching out. We've had some requests for deferments. The number who have said they won't serve is miniscule."

Brig. Gen. Sean Byrne, director of military personnel management, who also attended the roundtable, said the Army is attempting to make major changes in the IRR to eliminate "ghost Soldiers" from the IRR.

"The plan for that is currently in the staffing stage. We're working to identify the people, validate that they have an obligation and determine who has a team obligation. We have a large number of people working on that," Byrne said.

Figures from Army G-1 indicate that 3,992 mobilizations have been

approved so far. Of those, 1,728 Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers have not requested a delay or exemption from service; 2,264 have requested delay or exemption and 1,914 of those requests have been approved. There were 81 requests that were not approved.

Although he acknowledged that monthly recruiting numbers are down, Hagenbeck said those shortfalls are not expected to keep the Army from reaching its annual recruiting goal of 80,000 new Soldiers.

"We will not sacrifice quality for quantity," he said. "It's not just a snapshot in time we're looking at, but at the total picture and the total time frame."

Hagenbeck said the active duty Army has no plan to increase the maximum age at which it will recruit Soldiers to 39, as has been done in the reserve component. He added that not everyone who is in the pool from which the Army recruits is eligible for service.

"If you look at the pool of potential recruits, especially those who are 17 to 21 years old, in that prime market, over 70 percent of those young Americans are not qualified to join the Army," he said. "About 41 percent are not qualified for educational reasons,

and the medical or morally disqualified is 23 percent."

Byrne said "medically and morally disqualified" are frequently people with prior civilian convictions.

"We're getting about the same number of young Americans who knock on our door," Hagenbeck said.

Hagenbeck said that although the numbers have not yet been acquired to prove it, anecdotal evidence seems to show that recruitment recovered slightly after the successful Iraqi elections.

Hagenbeck also addressed "stop loss" and its impact on recruitment.

"Stop loss will shrink over time," Hagenbeck said. "It was developed as a means of unit life cycle management. We think there will be little need for stop loss after four years, but that there will always be a need for it in specialized cases."

Byrne pointed out that, in some cases where the Army expected a need for stop loss, increased retention efforts have forestalled the need.

Hagenbeck said stop loss was designed to keep units together for a minimum of 36 months.

"We want to build these teams so that they're not meeting and shaking hands on the battlefield," he said.

Humanitarian

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months, Stogner said.

Part of that time is spent determining what services and equipment are needed at the new facility as well as soliciting for and awarding contracts for needed items.

"There are two things I think I'll remember most from this mission: the faces of the children and the reaction from the community," said Master Sgt. Steven Walton, mission contracting officer for the Army Contracting Agency, Pacific Region. "Their smiles really touch your heart."

Stogner said that in addition to helping children, the experience gained through working with other cultures was an equally important lesson.

Humanitarian assistance missions allow Army personnel to gain experience working with foreign nationals and contractors.

"Through missions like this one we are able to build on relationships and foster cooperation between countries and people," he said.

These schoolhouses are the most recent examples of ongoing humanitarian missions in Vietnam. Prior to this, there have been eight medical facilities constructed in the Hue Province and a primary school in Dong Hoi.

(Editor's Note: For more information, contact USARPAC Public Affairs at 438-2662.)



Courtesy Photo

USARPAC personnel worked with local construction and support contractors to build two new wheelchair-accessible schools, like the one pictured, in Quang Binh Province, Vietnam.



Star of Honolulu

SUNSET DINNER CRUISES



Star of Honolulu Photo

A unique dining experience at a military discounted price

Sgt. Sean Kimmons
Editor

It may be an anniversary in need of celebration, a date worth the effort to impress or just for a memorable time to share with friends. Whatever the reason, Star of Honolulu sunset dinner cruises will cater to the event – big or small – and will provide its passengers with a one of a kind dining experience.

There's nothing like leaving the island and floating out to sea on Oahu's blue waters, where the island's true splendor can be seen in a panoramic view from the vessel's tables or observation deck.

"Star of Honolulu dinner cruises are one of the best ways to enjoy the beauty of the island," said Kamla Fukushima, projects manager for Paradise Cruise, Ltd., who owns the Star of Honolulu vessel.

"There's nothing like being off-shore," Fukushima continued. "[Oahu's] waters are bluer than any place else, the sunsets are more vibrant, the mountains are velvet green, and a lot of times we are accompanied by dolphins and turtles alongside our ship."

The sunset dinner cruise is not all about the natural beauty aspect. While out at sea, passengers are catered by a friendly staff that treats them to a fine dining and island show experience.

There are three different types of dining cruises offered on Star of Honolulu's four floors. One is the Star Sunset Dinner and Show cruise, which comes with a three-course crab and filet steak dinner, and one cocktail. This cruise costs \$60 for adults and \$36 for children.

If passengers are interested in a five-course lobster and steak dinner, they can purchase an adult ticket to the Three Star Sunset Dinner and Show cruise for \$88 and \$52 for children. A "champagne toast," two premium cocktails and live Jazz entertainment are included in the Three Star cruise.

The "My Hawaii – Lei of Memories" show, which is performed by the largest entertainment cast on island waters, follows the Star and Three Star dinners. "My Hawaii" presents 15 different island song and dances to cruise passengers.

For passengers who really want to treat themselves or make a huge impact on a significant other,

upgrade to the Five Star Sunset Dining Cruise for \$105.25 and \$140.25 with limousine service.

This cruise starts off with a private limousine service that will transport passengers to the vessel at Aloha Tower.

Once the "big-timer" passengers arrive to the vessel they will receive a champagne greeting at the Captain's welcome reception, a seven-course French style dinner, four premium drinks and live jazz entertainment in the vessel's fourth floor known as the Art Deco Nova room.

"The Star of Honolulu is very high in dinner and entertainment value," Fukushima said. "One hundred percent of our meals are catered on board the Star of Honolulu, and we have our own entertainment department."

Because of what the Star of Honolulu has to offer, they were awarded Hawaii's best sunset dinner cruise for two years in a row. (According to a reader's poll done by *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* and *Midweek* newspapers.)

The Star of Honolulu vessel even provides other cruise experiences such as Whale Watch, Hawaiian Cultural and Tropical Ocean Fun cruises.

What makes the Star of Honolulu vessel stand out from other cruise vessels on Oahu is its size. This four-floor vessel can handle up to 1,500 passengers and is the largest dinner cruise vessel on the island. It was also specially designed for Hawaiian waters and features innovative warts-type stabilizers and steady-ride deep vee hull for smoothness and comfort.

If Soldiers and their family members are interested in embarking on a Star of Honolulu cruise, be sure to first stop at the nearest MWR Information, Ticket and Reservation office to purchase discounted tickets.

"What we like to do for the military as our Mahalo back to them, is that we offer military discounts for our cruises," Fukushima said.

The MWR ITR offices also give discounted tickets to other dinner cruise companies such as the Starlet, Navatek I, Alii Kai Catamaran and Dream Cruises.



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The Star of Honolulu is the largest dinner cruise vessel on the island, which offers fine dining and live entertainment off the Honolulu and Waikiki shores.

Star of Honolulu dinner cruises

Star Sunset Dinner and Show
Adult: \$60 / Child: \$36

Three-course filet steak and crab dinner, one cocktail, "My Hawaii" show

3-Star Sunset Dinner and Show
Adult: \$88 / Child: \$52.80

Five-course whole Maine lobster and tenderloin steak dinner, champagne toast, two premium cocktails, live Jazz entertainment, "My Hawaii" show

5-Star Sunset Dining Cruise
Adult: \$105.25 / Adult with Limo service: \$140.25

Champagne reception, seating on the exclusive "Nova" deck, seven-course French dinner, four premium cocktails, live Jazz entertainment



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* For more information on the Star of Honolulu cruises, go to

www.starofhonolulu.com



Star of Honolulu Photo

Month of April

15 / Today Salute the Troops Concert — There's still time to enjoy live, local entertainment at the Tropics on Schofield Barracks, Friday nights at 8:30 p.m. — with no cover charge. Listen to "808" tonight, "Underle" on April 22 and "Upstanding Youth" on April 29.

Patrons can enjoy free entertainment, drink specials and food from MacGregor's Market. Also, guests can visit the Tropics and register to win a sport utility vehicle sponsored by JN Mazda.

Finalists are selected at each concert event, and at the end of the series (approximately June, date to be announced), finalists will select a random key that may start an SUV.

If your key starts the vehicle, you drive away in a new SUV. Visit the Tropics or call 655-0002 for information.

Library Closure — The Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter, Aliamanu and Tripler community libraries will be closed for staff training. Regular library hours will resume tomorrow.

Call your nearest library for hours of operation.

Build Your Burger Day — Select from a variety of condiments to create a burger to your liking for lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. — 2 p.m. and from 5 — 8 p.m. at Reggie's.

Cost is \$6.75. Call 655-0660 for more information.

16 / Saturday Parent's Night Out — Parent's Night Out is scheduled for April 16; however, reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served

basis at the Resource and Referral Office. Children enrolled in Parent's Night Out must be registered with R&R.

Call 655-8313 for more information.

18 / Monday "Wine and Dine" Deadline — Enjoy an evening — and a gourmet four-course dinner, which includes soup and salad, an appetizer, entrée and dessert at the Nehelani. Each course will be served with a selected wine.

Dinner starts at 6 p.m., and reservations will be accepted until Monday.

Cost is \$29 for adults. Call 655-0660 to make your reservation.

19 / Tuesday Family Spring — Have fun and win prizes playing a variety of bingo with the family at 6 p.m. Purchase two slices of pizza and a drink for only \$5.

Call 655-0002 for more information.

HAFAP Planning — The Hawaii Army Family Action Plan is designed to improve the quality of life in the U.S. Army, Hawaii, community by receiving input from community members. You can make a difference by submitting issues or comments online at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com, by e-mail to HAFAP@schofield.army.mil or by calling 655-2744.

Issues will be discussed in next week's HAFAP forum at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks; community members are invited to hear the final "report out" of issues Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Call 655-2744 for more HAFAP information.

21 / Thursday Waimea Valley Tour Deadline — Enjoy easy access to rare and endangered Hawaiian flora and fauna in lush Waimea Valley during the Waimea Valley Audubon Center Tour from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost for entry will be \$8 and includes transportation from Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter, \$6 with no transportation.

Registration and payment must be made by April 21 to the Tripler or Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Centers or to the Leisure Activities Office on Schofield Barracks.

Call 655-0111 or 655-0112 for more information.

Spouses Night Out — Listen to Chaplain Sneath's popular seminar "Combat Stress and the Effects on Families" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 655-2736 to sign up.

Also, MWR Blue Star Card holders will receive free child care from 6 to 9

p.m., by reservation only, at Peterson Child Care Center. Call 655-3929 by noon of the Tuesday before each Thursday event to make reservations.

Reservations can also be made two weeks in advance at 655-2400.

Fort Shafter Library — Temporary hours are in place as follows:

- Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.;
- Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. — 7 p.m.;
- Fridays and Sundays, 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.; and
- Saturdays, closed.

These Fort Shafter Library hours are only temporary and subject to change. Call 438-9521 for more details.

26 / Tuesday PT in the Park — Join the fun at the Fort Shafter Gym from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Participating children will receive custom Army PT shirts and enjoy a free continental breakfast.

This event features an exciting and high energy Disney Mousersize aerobic routine led by mouse instructors and is a truly fun event for the whole family.

Call 438-9336 for more details.

29 / Friday Lei Making — Youth can learn to make and take home a simple lei using a variety of supplies at 3 p.m. Cost for this class is \$2.

Call 655-0002 for more details.

30 / Saturday Arts and Crafts Contest — Enter your best artwork and compete for cash prizes before this contest entry deadline of April 30. Call 438-1315 or 655-4202 for additional information.

Month of May

1 / Sunday Lifetime Sports and Recreation — Hand in your stamp cards from the Lifetime Sports and Recreation Program by May 1st, for the next drawing for a weekend stay at Pililaau Army Recreation Center or Kilauea Military Camp.

Completed cards can be handed in to the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness or Schofield Health and Fitness Center. The winner will be notified.

Call 438-1152 or 655-8007 for more information.

Ongoing

Army Emergency Relief — This year's campaign, "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own," is seeking voluntary contributions from active duty service members, their families and retirees.

Contributions are important to individuals with emergency needs. Call 655-2400 for more information.

Quilting Classes — Bring your own machine or use one of ours to make pillow quilts, crazy quilts or other projects. Classes meet at the Arts and Crafts Center on Fort Shafter every Monday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and at Schofield on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$18 for the first session and \$4 for each additional session. Call 438-1315 or 655-4202 for more information.

Military Youth 4-H Club — The Army's CYS has incorporated 4-H clubs into its after-school program for the past four years. These clubs provide quality educational experiences using research-based curricula in photography, computer technology, arts and citizenship for military youth ages 5 — 19.

If you would like to participate in a military 4-H club, call 956-7196.

Sunday Brunch at Reggie's — Try a brunch buffet featuring French toast, eggs and waffles, along with other hot lunch entrees, every Sunday from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Cost is \$12.95. Call 655-0660 for more details.

Blue Star Card Program — The Blue Star Card Program for spouses of deployed Soldiers will end as Soldiers redeploy. Operation Iraqi Freedom cards, those with a blue background, are no longer being accepted.

Operation Enduring Freedom cards, yellow background, are valid until April 30. The program will continue for units returning after this date. Program end date will be publicized.

Green background cards issued for the 29th Brigade Combat Team and the 100th and 442nd Infantry Regiments are valid through 2006.

Visit your Installation Access Pass Office to receive your Blue Star card. Call 438-0572 or 655-1620 for more details.

Tropics April Food Specials — Patrons can purchase any breakfast burrito, biscuit sandwich or breakfast

croissant and add hash rounds for only 50 cents. Also, guests can receive cinobabies for \$1 with the purchase of any other item.

Call 655-0002 for details.

Bite Me Combo — Purchase a combo meal at the Fort Shafter Strike Zone Snack Bar and receive a peel card that could net you prizes. Call 438-6733 for more information.

Automotive Resale Lot — Place your vehicle in the resale lot on Schofield Barracks for \$7 a week. The only requirements are that you must have a government ID card, state registration, a license plate sticker, a state safety inspection and sticker, proof of Hawaii "No Fault" insurance, a base decal number and a power of attorney, if you are not the registered owner of vehicle available for sale.

Call 655-9368 or visit the MWR Automotive Center on Schofield Barracks for more information.

Community — Calendar —

Month of April

15 / Today Hawaii Employment — This workshop is the first step in helping you find the job you want.

Learn how to prepare for your job search process. Get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. See the reference materials, job listings, computers and other items that are available for use at the Army Community Service employment area.

Workshops will be held on Fridays in April, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Army Community Services (Building 2091), Schofield Barracks.

Call Alohalinda Bolosan, employment readiness program manager, at 655-2400 to register, or e-mail Alohalinda.Bolosan@schofield.army.mil.

17 / Sunday Kailua Town Party — Leeward is invited to crash the 13th Annual "I Love Kailua" Town Party, Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Kailua Road, fronting Macy's, Longs and the Kailua Shopping Center.

This year's event will include "A Taste of Kailua," featuring a wide selection of food from local Kailua restaurants, plus live entertainment; handmade crafts from windward artisans; live plants, orchids and native Hawaiian plants sale; keiki activities by Kama'aina Kids; an art walk; community information booths and free health screenings from Castle Medical Center.

The 2005 Kailua Town Party is a fund-raiser presented by the volunteers of the nonprofit Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle and supported by Kaneohe Ranch Company, Limited.

It is priced at \$3 per person in advance and \$4 at the event; children 12 and under are free.

For information on the bus schedule, contact 848-5555. For more event information, contact Amy Hammond at 234-0404.

18 / Monday NEA Writing Workshops — The National Endowment for the Arts will host Operation Homecoming writing workshops at Naval Station Pearl Harbor and at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, on Wednesday and Thursday; however, the registration deadline is Monday.

In conjunction with Hawaii Military Appreciation Month,

See "Community" Page B-4



Sgt. Smith Theater

Today
Man of the House
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Saturday
The Pacifier
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Sunday
Man of the House
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Thursday
The Pacifier
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Hickam AFB Theater

Today
Million Dollar Baby
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Saturday
Million Dollar Baby
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Sunday
Be Cool
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Wednesday
Diary of a Mad Black Woman
7 p.m.

Thursday
Be Cool
7 p.m. (PG-13)

HACN TV2 Schedule		April 15 - 21	
Morning		Evening	
6:00	Sign On	6:00	Community Focus
6:26	NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii	6:12	Welcome Home Redeployment Montage
7:38	Dash & Grab	6:47	Army Values Respect
7:51	What's Down the Drain	6:24	Safety Video
8:00	Army News Watch	6:30	NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii
8:30	Pentagon Channel		
9:00	Pentagon Channel	7:44	What's Down the Drain
10:00	Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 3	7:52	Welcome Home MG Olson
		7:56	Safety Video
10:05	Safety Video	8:00	NFL-100 Greatest TDs
10:09	Bulletin Board	9:04	Antiterrorism FP
11:00	Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 2	9:21	Safety Video
		9:25	Dash and Grab
11:06	Dash & Grab	9:35	Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 2
11:16	Hawaii Hidden Beauty, Hidden Danger	9:40	Bulletin Board
11:35	What's Down the Drain	10:26	NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii
11:46	Welcome Home Redeployment Montage	11:38	What's Down the Drain
		11:46	Youth Protection
11:50	Safety Video		
12:00	Pentagon Channel		
		Overnight	Pentagon Channel
Afternoon			
2:00	NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii		
3:13	Bulletin Board		
4:00	Pentagon Channel		

Tropics concerts entertain returning troops

By Joy Boisselle
Staff Writer

Don't mistake the source of live band music echoing over Schofield Barracks on Fridays as emanating from the popular, "outside-the-gate" nightclub Kemoo Farms. No, the music heard across post comes from none other than the Tropics Family Entertainment Center.

Through the efforts of the Directorate of Community Activities, the Tropics, and event sponsor JN Chevrolet, a local automobile dealership, Soldiers can enjoy live band entertainment at the "Salute to our Troops" concert series, without leaving Schofield Barracks.

"The 'Salute to our Troops' series is a great way for our Soldiers to see great bands and listen to great music without having to go to downtown Waikiki," said Sarah Holzwarth, Tropics program specialist.

Designed as part of welcome home activities for Soldiers, Holzwarth added that the event is free.

Every Friday, a new group takes the stage featuring a wide variety of music aimed at a diverse audience, Holzwarth explained. The groups perform everything from "Jawaiian," a Hawaiian-Jamaican fusion sound, to rock or modern jazz, to rhythm and blues.

The series began April 1 with local favorites "The Kaala Boys" and continued last Friday with "Primal Tribe," an alternative rock band. Tonight, "808," a seven-member group, will fill the Tropics with a mix of rhythm and blues and jazz.

Of this evening's entertainment, band member Malcolm Rolsal said, "Be ready to dance and have a good time — we come to put on a show."

Performing for military audiences is nothing



Sgt. Sean Kimmons

Chet Lauricio jumps off the stage during a song he and his band "Primal Tribe" performed April 8 at the Tropics on Schofield Barracks. Primal Tribe's concert was part of the Salute to our Troops Concert Series held every Friday at the Tropics.

new for "808." Over the years, the band has performed at numerous United Services Organization shows all over the world, including Honduras, Japan and Guam.

"Along with the rest of the nation, we wanted to do something to show our appreciation for Soldiers and the sacrifices they make for us. ...At every show, we thank our military for what they do," said Navy veteran Rolsal about participat-

ing in the concert series.

JN Chevrolet is also no stranger to supporting military events. Joseph Nicolai company president and chief executive officer, is an Army veteran who spent part of his service at Schofield Barracks.

In addition to the current concert series, JN Chevrolet sponsors the annual Schofield Barracks Fourth of July celebration fireworks

display. Last year, the company sponsored farewell luaus for deploying Soldiers, and this year the dealership is sponsoring the upcoming welcome home celebrations in May and June.

"We do it [sponsor events] because we want to and we support the military — period," said Ken Stanford, vice president and general manager, JN Chevrolet, adding, "We couldn't live the life we live without the sacrifices our military makes, and we appreciate what they do to make the United States strong."

In addition to financial backing, JN Chevrolet donated a \$22,000 Mazda Tribute and a \$1,000 trip for two to Las Vegas. For the car giveaway, Holzwarth said, "A name will be drawn [from a registration drop box] at every concert. At the last concert, the people who were drawn will be given a key to try and start the car; if it starts, they win."

So, tonight, gather a group of friends and head over to the Tropics. Live entertainment provided by professional musicians, an opportunity to win a car or trip, and good food are all within walking distance of the barracks.

'Salute to our Troops' Concert Series

Tonight — "808," R&B
 April 22 — "Ryan Enderle Trio," Jazz
 April 29 — "Upstanding Youth," Skaw, Caribbean
 May 6 — "Kapena," Jawaiian
 May 13 — TBA, Reggae
 May 20 — TBA
 May 27 — "Juke Joint," R&B, 60s
 June 3 or 10 — TBA
 All shows are scheduled at 8:30 p.m.

Chamber lists May's 'Military Appreciation' events

Compiled by Aiko Brum
Managing Editor

HONOLULU — The Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii recognizes the many contributions of the military and has designated the month of May as "Hawaii Military Appreciation Month." The program is designed to enable the business community to sponsor and host a variety of activities and events to show its appreciation and lift the

spirits of military ohana.

The theme for the 20th HMAM is "Welcoming Home our Returning Heroes, Honoring our Fallen Sons and Daughters, Praying for the Safe Return of Those that Remain in Harm's Way."

This year's activities include the following events.

Upcoming HMAM Events

May 1, "Salute to the Troops" at Bishop Museum will feature games, entertainment, food booths and dis-

plays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to the public, general admission is \$3; military get in for free.

May 7, the 9th Annual Twilight Tattoo is scheduled at Fort DeRussy, and will be hosted by the commanding general of 25th Infantry Division (Light), U.S. Army, Hawaii.

The traditional day-ending concert will feature the Army's Tropic Lightning Band, the Pacific Fleet Band, the Air Force Band of the Pacific, the Marine Forces Pacific Band and Hawaii's 111th Army

National Guard Band.

This event begins at 4 p.m.; it's free and open to the public.

May 14, the Combined Military Band Concert will kick off at the Hawaii Theatre at 7 p.m., hosted by AT&T and the Chamber.

Hawaii's top military musicians will perform in a rare concert of Broadway musicals, marches, classics and pops. This event is free and open to the public.

May 18, the Annual Military Recognition Luncheon will be held

at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, hosted by Alexander and Baldwin, Inc.; First Hawaiian Bank; and the Chamber. This event is the public's opportunity to welcome home returning heroes and recognize military community service awardees.

Luncheon tickets are available, and this event is scheduled from noon till 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to become a sponsor, call Brenda at 545-4300, ext 317.

Soldier support is high for Special Olympics athletes

Story and Photos by
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Editor

Positive support and applause thrived for the Special Olympics athletes who competed in the track and field area competition at Stoneman Field on Schofield Barracks all day Saturday.

Many parents and friends of the more than 170 Special Olympics athletes were there for the friendly competition. So also were about 150 Soldiers who volunteered their time to support and assist the athletes in 28 track and field events.

"The military always, always helps us," said Winston Ho, Special Olympics area director. "We've been out here for area competitions for seven years, and I've always had 100 percent of support from them."

The Soldiers, most of them dressed in their unit PT shirts, oversaw many of the events. On the track, Soldiers worked the starting line and held the finish line tape at the end of the sprint, walk, wheelchair and long distance races.

Spc. Jeff Wyman, a communications specialist, and other Soldiers with Company B, 125th Signal Battalion, supervised and assisted with the running long jump event.

"It makes me feel better by helping out the community and giving a hand," Wyman said. "That's what the Army is pretty much all about — selfless service."

Another Soldier thought it was necessary that he and other Soldiers volunteer their Saturday for the area competition.

"I think it's important that we all come out here to show that we care about our community and the people that we live with," said Spc. Nick Donahue, a communications specialist with Co. B, 125th Sig. Bn.

The weekend before, Soldiers supervised Special Olympics athletes in a weightlifting area competition at Martinez Gym on Schofield Barracks. On April 23, they will hold a softball area competition at the Wheeler Softball Field.

"It brings a sense of partnership when the community can come on [Army] installations and get a warm reception, supported by the Soldiers of the 25th ID (L)," said Sgt. Maj. Tim Stampley, G-3 sergeant major for 25th ID (L). "This is one way to show that we are behind them as much as they are behind us."

While deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, Soldiers received packages, letters and other items from Special Olympics organizations.

"The military and the Special Olympics are a good team," Ho said. "They have the manpower and I have the athletes. They show the love for my athletes, and the athletes love to be out there with them."

Area competitions are intended to qualify athletes for the 2005 Hawaii State Special Olympics, which will be held Memorial Day weekend at the University of Hawaii campus.



Scott Landrum (right) gets support from 125th Sig. Bn. Soldiers as he leaps over a sand pit in the running long jump event. Special Olympics held its track and field area competition Saturday at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks, where 150 Soldiers volunteered their time to assist the athletes. The Army will host a Special Olympics softball area competition at the Wheeler Softball Field, April 23.



Gino Domingo (right) races toward the finish line to meet the 50-meter run in the track and field area competition.



Soldiers from 125th Sig. Bn. measure a jump made by a Special Olympics athlete in the running long jump event at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks.

Community From B-2

author/veteran Richard Currey and actor/playwright Stephen Lang (of television's "Crime Story" and the big screen's "A Few Good Men" fame) will lead the NEA writing workshops for military and their families.

The workshops will discuss "Writing the Wartime Experience," a unique program that documents and preserves the wartime experiences of men and women in uniform and their families.

"For the men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, these workshops will be an invaluable opportunity," said NEA Chairman Dana Gioia. "Guided by talented writers, they will have the opportunity to reflect, learn and write about their experiences."

The Pearl Harbor workshop will be Thursday at the Banyans from 9-11 a.m.; the K-Bay workshop will take place Friday at the Staff NCO Club's Fairways Ballroom from 9-11 a.m.

The writing workshops are free and open to active duty and retired military personnel, reservists, members of the National Guard and their immediate adult families. To register for the Pearl Harbor workshop, call 473-2924 by Monday; register for K-Bay's workshop at 254-7641, also by Monday.

21 / Thursday

April Luncheon — The Hui O' Na Wahine will hold its next luncheon on April 21 at the Nehelani Club. The guest speaker will be Feng Shui Master and

teacher Clarence Lau. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for shopping with many wonderful vendors, and lunch will be served at 11 a.m. Cost is \$12.

For reservations, call Judi at 624-8242.

Limited child care will be provided; call Central Registration at 655-8313 to reserve a spot.

25 / Tuesday

CPR classes — The American Red Cross Schofield Barracks Service Center is holding classes for standard first aid, adult CPR, and child and infant CPR, April 25 and 27 from 6 to 9:30 p.m., and April 28 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Month of May

9 / Monday

Pet Week — The Fort Shafter Veterinary will be celebrating National Pet Week from May 9 - 13. Visit the clinic for special deals that week on pet



dental care items, a raffle event and free giveaways for the children.

All pet owners who are eligible to receive services at the Ft. Shafter Vet Clinic are invited to participate in a photo contest too, complete with prizes for first, second and third place contestants. Winners will receive free heartworm and flea and tick prevention for their pet.

All entries will be posted on the clinic bulletin board. The theme of the photo contest is "Aloha Pets."

Non-returnable photos must be submitted to clinic staff before 4 p.m., May 12. The winners of the contest will be notified on May 13. Call 433-1975 for more details.

12 / Thursday

May Day — Shafter Elementary School, Fort Shafter, will be having its "May Day" performance at 9 a.m. Children will be performing dances and hosting a May Day Court composed of king and queen students who will prevail over the festivities.

Ongoing

Mothers of Twins Club — AMOM is a social and emotional support group for families with twins, triplets or more; it's one of the few places where having multiples are a common occurrence.

With membership in AMOM comes membership in the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Club (on the Web at www.nomotc.org), plus access to the members-only part of the organization's Web site and its bimonthly national newsletter.

Local club benefits include networking with other parents of multiples, monthly meetings, biannual clothing and equipment swaps and other activities.

Meetings are held at the Salt Lake District Park Gym at 7 p.m. and are normally the third Thursday of each month. Call 247-8946 for more information.

University of Phoenix — UOP opened its doors at the Town Center of Mililani in Spring 2004. Known for providing educational opportunities for working adults, classroom space has increased by 50 percent to meet demand for a college education.

"We've had to move to a larger building to meet the growing educational needs of the community," said Vice President and Hawaii Campus Director Grace Blodgett. "We are extremely pleased with the growth we experienced in the past year. Our students also enjoy the convenient location in the hub of Mililani."

Undergraduate and graduate degree programs are offered at the Mililani campus, as well as in Kapolei, Honolulu and Kaneohe. They include teacher education, criminal justice, human services, nursing or healthcare, business and technology.

For more information about programs or to enroll, contact a counselor at 536-2686.

Calendar Briefs — Do you have announcements of upcoming events or activities you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly? If so, e-mail your information to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

Military children experience PT in the Park

Story and Photo by
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Editor

An energized PT in the Park event was held for the children of military service members at the Bennett Youth Center Field on Schofield Barracks, April 5.

The 30-minute long aerobics workout that included animal characters and music was intended to celebrate April's Month of the Military Child.

The event kicked off at 6:30 a.m. — the same time Soldiers conduct their regular workday PT — and gave children an idea of what their military parents do before work.

The early morning exercise even provided Soldiers who participated a chance to interact with their children in a fun way.

"It's a good thing for the parents to get out there and get involved in their children's lives," said Bill Baier, Schofield Barracks' Youth Sports director.

Although it was not a very long event, Baier said the event was still effective as it showed that the military cares about the children of service members.

Staff Sgt. Christine Purnell, an intelligence analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, brought her 5-year old daughter Rosie to the event.

"It was fun and something different for her to do, so she doesn't hate going to school everyday," Purnell said.

Rosie's favorite part of the event was the marching in the



aerobics routine led by Mickey and Minnie Mouse instructors.

Children who participated in the fun and exciting aerobic routine received their very own Army PT shirt. They also enjoyed some free breakfast items following the workout.

The next and last PT in the Park event will be held April 26 at the Fort Shafter Gym from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

(Editor's Note: For more information, call 438-9336.)

Military children play with animal characters while their parents watch during PT in the Park at the Bennett Youth Center Field on Schofield Barracks, April 5. The next PT in the Park event will be held April 26 at the Fort Shafter Gym from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Army wrestling team dominates Armed Forces Championships

Story and Photos by
Tim Hipps
USACFSC Public Affairs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — All-Army wrestlers won 38 of 42 individual matches and captured the Greco-Roman and freestyle team titles in the 2005 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships, March 31 and April 1, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

All told, Soldiers won 10 gold medals and four silver. "I would say that's pretty close to dominating, but we've still got a lot of work to do," said All-Army coach Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis.

Army Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers led the way by winning gold in both disciplines of the 120-kilogram/264.5-pound weight class. Byers, the 2002 Greco-Roman heavyweight world champion who wrestled freestyle for the first time since 1997 here, won six matches by a cumulative score of 45-0.

Gold medalists in the Armed Forces Championships qualified to represent the United States in the 2005 Conseil du Sport Militaire Wrestling Championships Aug. 24 - 27 in Lithuania. The All-Army team's near-term sights, however, are set on the 2005 U.S. National Wrestling Championships April 29 and 30 at Las Vegas.

"We go into this tournament as a steppingstone to get to where we're trying to go, which is the World Championships [Sept. 26 to 28 at Budapest, Hungary]," Lewis said.

(Editor's Note: Tim Hipps writes for U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs.)



Army Sgt. Oscar Wood (top), a 2004 Olympian, locks down on Senior Airman Johnny Gunn in the 66-kilogram/145.5-pound freestyle division.



Army Capt. Eric Albarracin (right) wrestles for a gold medal in the 55-kilogram/121-pound freestyle division.



Army Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers (top), the 2002 Greco-Roman heavyweight world champion, defeats Air Force 1st Lt. David Hunter in the 120-kilogram/264.5-pound Greco division.

Sports Briefs

Month of April

15 / Today

Tennis Tournament Deadline — An organizational meeting will take place at the Kaala Recreation Center on Schofield Barracks at 1:30 p.m. for the 2005 Singles Tennis Tournament.

Active duty Soldiers are invited to participate in the tourney taking place at the tennis courts at the Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Building 488, Schofield Barracks, from Tuesday through April 22, at 6 - 10 p.m.

Divisions of competition include men's and women's open and novice. Competitors must have their own rackets; however,

game balls will be provided. The number of entries received will determine the tournament format; divisions may be combined.

The Sports Office must receive all entries, no later than close of business, today. Submit entry forms to the USAG-HI Sports Office, Kaala Recreation Center, Building 556, Schofield Barracks, Stop 112.

For more information, contact Peter Burke at 655-9914 or 655-0856.

22 / Friday

PBA Western Regional Bowling Tournament — The Schofield Bowling Center will host the annual PBA Tournament with some of the top bowling professionals in the United States from April 22 - 24. Mark your calendars for the following schedule of events:

- April 22, Pro Practice session, 3 - 5 p.m.
- April 23, Pro Qualifying Matches, 12 p.m.

•April 24, Championship Finals, 8 a.m. Admission is free. Call 655-0573 for more details.

Intramural Softball Deadline — Participate in this year's intramural softball season, getting underway May 2 - Aug. 26. Pick up applications at the USAG-HI Sports Office or Martinez Physical Fitness Center, and hand them in no later than April 22.

Call 655-0856 or 655-0101 for more information.

23 / Saturday

Hawaii Championship Wrestling — Watch the stars of Hawaii Championship Wrestling perform at the Tropics when doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show will start at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for 12 and up, \$3 for 12 and under, and free for 5 and under. Call 655-5698 or 655-0002 for more information.

Local Sports

Month of April

24 / Sunday

Dash & Splash Canoe Race — Competitors are invited to compete in the Kailua Canoe Club's 20th Annual Dash and Splash at 7 a.m. at Kailua Beach Park. The biathlon race will start at the Lanikai boat ramp and racers will run approximately 2.8 miles around Lanikai in the bike lane, then transition to an 800-meter swim parallel to the shore.

Athletes must pick up

race packets by April 23, anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Running Room at 819 Kapahulu Ave. in Honolulu. No "day-of-race-day" packets will be available.

Divisions will include men's and women's from ages 13 and under to 56 and over, as well as mixed-gender relays. Awards will be provided to top finishers in individual and relay categories.

The entry fee is \$25 for individuals and \$45 for relays. An additional \$10 fee will be charged the day of the race. For more details, contact Darryl Ferreira, race director, at 864-0392, or download an application at www.kailuacanoeclub.com.

Nemechek, Army get season's first top ten finish at Martinsville

Story and Photos by
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MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Soldiers are quite familiar with the Warrior ethos that says, "I will never quit."

In Martinsville, Sunday, the Army NASCAR team demonstrated that they, too, know how to battle through adversity and get the job done.

The victory belonged to Jeff Gordon, who posted his second win for the year. Following Gordon was Kasey Kahne, who for the fifth time finished second in the NEXTEL Cup competition. Rounding out the top five were Mark Martin, Ryan Newman and Rusty Wallace.

While Joe Nemechek finished Sunday's Advance Auto Parts 500 in the 10th position, the same spot where he started the race 263 miles earlier, it could have been a lot worse. All afternoon, mechanical and tire problems conspired to disappoint the team for the third weekend in a row.

"We ground our way to a top ten today," said Nemechek. "The Army car was strong early, and then it got really loose and we went the rear of the field. Once we put on four new tires, the car started to haul. We were on a move, and then the right front tire went down and I got into the wall. That was another setback that we had to overcome.

"But we stayed patient. The guys did a great job in the pits, and we managed to avoid any big trouble."

A caution at lap 493 led to a quick decision to pit for four fresh tires, a move that the team hoped would give them an advantage in the closing laps.

"We have fresh meat now,



The Army 01 Chevrolet rounds turn two at Martinsville during Sunday's Advance Auto Parts 500.

boys," Nemechek said over the team's radio. "We'll kick some butt right here."

With three laps to go, the Army car passed both Jason Leffler and Matt Kenseth, and was still moving to the front when the checkered flag fell.

Sunday's result was good news for the team and a personal victory for Nemechek.

It was the team's first top 10 finish of the 2005 NEXTEL Cup season. And it was Nemechek's career best on the famed Martinsville short track, where in his previous 21 races his best finish was 14th place.

"It was our best finish of the year, but not our best race of the year," said Ryan Pemberton, the Army Chevrolet's crew chief. "We raced really hard. We battled through a lot of stuff, and it's good fun battling through all that."

"The team worked real well together. Everybody on the Army team had a big part on the whole weekend."



Scott King, jackman on the Army Chevrolet, sprints to the driver's side during a four-tire stop in Martinsville, Sunday.

As the team packed up to return to their Concord, N.C., garage and prepare for this Sunday's Nextel Cup Series, Nemechek reflected on the impact of last Sunday's performance and the remainder of the season.

"Hopefully, those demons

that plagued us in the past four races have gone someplace else," said Nemechek. "This was a big lift from a team morale standpoint. This team has plenty of fight and character and there are going to be better finishes for the Army team as the season progresses."