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## Honoring those we lost



Sgt. Tara Teel

A memorial service for 14 Soldiers, a Marine and three civilians who were killed near Ghazni, Afghanistan, when their CH-47 Chinook crashed, was held April 15 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. A long line of service members and civilians paid their respects to each individual memorial following the service. Master Sgt. Edwin Matoscolon and Master Sgt. Barbaralien Banks, both from HHB, Combined Task Force Thunder of the 25th ID (L), died in the April 6 helicopter crash. See story on page A-10

## HAFAP gives attention to issues

By Joy Boisselle  
 Staff Writer

More than 75 delegates converged on the Nehelani Conference Center for the 2005 Hawaii Army Family Action Plan Conference held Monday and Tuesday. This year's theme, "An Army at War - Relevant and Ready at Home and Abroad," summed up the delegates focus for the two-day event.

In his welcoming remarks, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, thanked the volunteers for their participation and stressed the importance of the HAFAP process as an instrument of a change.

"I am a big fan of the HAFAP program - in my time here, the HAFAP process has been one of the most productive forums," Olson commented. "We can look forward to some very interesting and challenging times. And, our family programs are going to be more important than they have ever been before."

Robin Sherrod, Schofield Barracks, HAFAP coordinator, said, "This is an exciting journey, and we are fortunate that this command believes in this quality of life

program. HAFAP is a powerful tool giving Soldiers and families a voice and leaders real-time information."

The goal she added is to make the community even better than it is today.

After welcoming ceremonies and brief training, delegates separated into five work groups to begin the task of prioritizing more than 175 locally submitted issues for the command. Work groups divided into base operations, force support, family services, community services, and consumer services.

In each work group, the delegates' objectives were the same - discuss and consider all the issues, identify the top three issues in each group, identify the three most valuable services, and finally, identify the strengths and weaknesses of the deployment and reunion process, including family readiness group programs.

Although every group's list of valuable services and strengths and weaknesses were different, there was some common ground. For most valuable services, many groups selected med-

ical and dental, Army Community Service, the commissary and housing as the top benefits afforded Soldiers and families.

As for deployment and reunion strengths and weaknesses, responses were again varied. Strengths cited were the welcome home ceremony, community involvement and video teleconferencing. Weaknesses were the length of rotation, the lack of interpreters for English as a second language spouses and the need

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Joy Boisselle

HAFAP Force Support group members receive guidance from subject matter coordinator, Jewel Csiszar.

## Initiative addresses redeploying Soldiers

By Jack L. Gillund  
 Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Following the success of a pilot program in Europe, an Army initiative that provides informal support to Soldiers returning from deployments and their family members began in earnest this month.

The "Soldier and Family Life Consultants Initiative" offers free, anonymous reunion and reintegration support to active duty Soldiers, along with those from the National Guard, Army Reserve, and their families.

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center is responsible for administration and coordination of the program. Health Net Federal Services will serve as the contractor.

"The support will be in the form of individual and group training, consultation and referral services, and will augment existing Army services," said Jay Burcham, chief of Deployment Readiness for

See "Consultants," page A-10

## Corps of Engineers awards Silver de Fleury to Abercrombie

By Joseph Bonfiglio  
 Honolulu Engineer District.

WASHINGTON - Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock, the U.S. Army's chief of engineers, presented Congressman Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii) with the Silver de Fleury Medal, April 14, during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters.

The de Fleury Medal is named after the 1700s French engineer Francois Louis Tesseidre de Fleury who volunteered to serve with the

American Army in its fight for independence from Britain. The Silver de Fleury Medal is awarded to those individuals who have provided significant contributions and support to Army engineering.

During his 30-year career of public service, Congressman Abercrombie has been a strong supporter of the Engineer Regiment, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the nation.

While serving on the Armed Services Committee, as well as several key subcommittees, he worked to improve mission readiness capabilities and quality of life for all the members of the

armed services in the Pacific Command.

Specifically, Abercrombie initiated legislation for the Whole Barracks Renewal Program at Schofield Barracks, a 20-year program to upgrade enlisted quarters; secured construction, renovation or replacement work of approximately 1,000 military family housing units on Hawaii Army, Air Force, Marine and Navy installations; and led the effort to authorize public-private partnerships to build, maintain and operate family housing such as the Army's 50-year Residential Communities Initiative for 7,700 units.

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# OPINION & COMMENTARY

## What do we get out of this BRAC process?

U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure Office  
News Release

WASHINGTON — For many Soldiers and their families, their Army installation represents security and stability, and reinforces the sense of belonging to the unique culture of the “military family.”

Soldiers return from their deployments to an area that is familiar — to “Fort Home.”

For the local community, the installation represents economic interdependence and more. There is pride in being associated with and supporting our Soldiers, especially now when our nation faces undefined threats.

Some communities grew solely in response to the support mission for the flow of Soldiers and their families in and out of the installation. So, how can it be good to break these bonds and reestablish a new identity at a new base, when things are working so well at “Fort Home?”

A new round of BRAC may make that necessary as transformation changes the way the Army does business, but transformation is change and change can be for the better.

Traditionally, BRAC is designed primarily to gain efficiencies and save money. For BRAC 2005, the Secretary of Defense has added the goals of transformation and joint basing, training and operations to the BRAC agenda. Although this BRAC is shaping up to be more far-reaching, it is not new.

### Why do we need BRAC?

There have been four rounds of BRAC since the program's inception in the 1980s, saving taxpayers more than \$18 billion. In the 1990s, the Army alone closed 112 of its bases in the United States and realigned another 27, saving an estimated \$3.1 billion.

The Department of Defense leadership has determined that there remains a 20 to 25 percent excess capacity throughout its installations. DoD received congressional authorization for a new BRAC round in 2005.

Under the BRAC 2005 milestones, the president will nominate BRAC commissioners this month. After the commissioners review the facilities, their recommendations will go to Congress in November.

For DoD, BRAC can achieve several goals: eliminate excess infrastructure, reshape our military, pursue joint operations, optimize military readiness, and realize significant savings in support of transforming the Department of Defense.

At a minimum, BRAC 2005 must eliminate excess physical capacity, which diverts scarce resources from defense capability. However, BRAC 2005 can make an even more profound contribution to transformation by balancing the Army's structure with its defense strategy.

By creating joint organizational and basing solutions, the Army can ease joint missions, reduce waste, save money and free resources to recruit quality people, modernize equipment and develop the abilities needed to meet 21st Century threats.

BRAC provides the Army support to meet the challenges of today's world. As our fighting forces evolve to quicker, lighter and more mobile units, the support structure must also change.

### Will it be like previous BRACs?

Where prior BRAC rounds were primarily focused on saving money, the BRAC 2005 process is primarily focused on transformation and creating a more nimble and adaptable Army. Military value is the primary focus for analyzing installations. The selection criteria also consider potential cost savings, community support and environmental considerations.

In the past, “excess capacity” meant entire bases or large parcels of land. Now, the excess capacity of today's infrastructure is scattered “pockets” throughout an installation's holdings, most often in the form of underused or vacant facilities. These vacant or underused facilities can be made productive through joint use or sharing by several organizations.

### More Jointness?

BRAC 2005, unlike prior BRAC rounds, will also include potential realignment and closures of U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard facilities. The focus will be on consolidating and realigning such facilities to maximize savings, reduce footprints and enhance the mobilization process. As with the active component, the reserve component will look for joint stationing opportunities both within the Army and with other service reserve components.

### Implementing BRAC 2005 will be different?

The Army's implementation of the BRAC 2005 recommendations will be different from previous rounds of base closing and realignment in many ways: there will be more joint approaches and solutions, more public-private cooperation, more proactive communications and more interagency cooperation.

BRAC 2005 will provide effective stewardship of the taxpayers' investments at all levels of government by making better use of DoD property through shared use with stakeholders or return of property to the tax rolls or public use. Cost effective, local solutions will involve extensive public participation as BRAC properties are closed, realigned or sold.

The Army will work hard to communicate the BRAC 2005 goals and strategies to local redevelopment committees to ensure former military properties will be ready for new economic opportunities.

## Faceless e-criminals wreak havoc on all, especially kids

Parents, guardians must be ever vigilant using all means at their disposal

By Kirsten Tacker  
Contributing Writer

Today's youth, by means of the Internet, have created an interactive world absent from adult supervision and knowledge, allowing an E-criminal to easily attack.

A smorgasbord of hazards exists, to include Internet porn, cyber bullying, how-to-make bomb tutorials, sexual predators, cyber squatting, hackers and the list goes on and on.



The Internet has become a free-for-all, perpetuating a false sense of security and power.

Keeping kids safe online against the unsupervised cyber world, where anything is possible, is one of today's most difficult challenges.

According to an Internet safety study completed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program, OJJDP, in 2001, 24 million children use See “E-Crime,” page A-9

## Lightning Spirit

# Good Soldiers endure hardship

By Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Ferris  
Aviation Brigade

I'll never forget the “Doonesbury” comic strip that came out when Desert Storm was kicking off.

Two Soldiers were in their tent talking and one of them bemoaned the fact that he joined the Army — he came in for the college benefits, not to fight a war.

Similarly many come to faith under the false pretense of what they can get out of it: health, wealth and prosperity.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer gave no such illusion when he boldly declared, “When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die!”

The Apostle Paul gives no such illusion either. In 2 Timothy 2:3 he issues this command to Timothy, “Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

Granted, the quality of life for Soldiers has dramatically improved from 1st century Rome, but today's Soldiers still endure long hours and long deployments. The life of a Soldier is not one of ease. It requires discipline.

What makes us think the spiritual life is any different?

We in the Army are called upon to look and act like Soldiers. A “good Soldier,” according to Paul, is one that evokes admiration. We call it military bearing.

In context, good Soldiers endure suffering and hardship. More pointedly, Christians are called to endure suffering

and hardship, and they do it in such a way as to win the admiration of friends and enemies alike. They are “good Soldiers of Christ Jesus.”

The second principle of enduring hardship is found in 2 Timothy 2:4: “No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him.”

Commanders are constantly dealing with mission distracters, be it with circumstances or people. Few things are worse than a Soldier so absorbed in personal issues that he actually becomes a detriment to mission success.

Nothing cheers the heart of a commander more than to know his Soldiers are mission focused — they don't allow themselves to be distracted. Likewise, Christians endure suffering and hardship in order to please their commander, Jesus Christ.

Why go through all the trouble, all the heartache, suffering and hardship? Because, as 2 Timothy 2:10 says, “...for the sake of those who are chosen, that they also may obtain salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.”

Furthermore, in 2 Timothy 2:12 we read, “If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.”

As we often say during PT, no pain, no gain. The spiritual life is no different, so suck it up and drive on.

Look like a Soldier; act like a Soldier of Christ.

## Voices of Lightning: How were you disciplined as a child and who was the disciplinarian in your family?



“I was grounded, or if I did something really bad — spanked. It wasn't like today's society where you talk to your kids to help them understand it [reason for punishment]. We got a spanking, went to our room and were told to figure it out [in] there. My father was definitely the disciplinarian.”

Sgt. Maj. Dena Jiminez  
HHC, DISCOM



“Both my father and mother were the disciplinarians. They told me what they expected and that they would be disappointed if I didn't meet their expectations — I wanted to meet their expectations. Taking privileges was how they disciplined; I was never spanked.”

Maj. Shawn Klawunder  
HHC, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt.



“I was denied privileges and I was spanked — all the stuff we don't do nowadays. When I was younger, Mom took care of it, but as I got older, it was ‘wait til your father gets home.’”

Staff Sgt. Maurice Marshalleck  
25th Transportation Co.



“I was grounded, but never spanked. My Dad was the disciplinarian; he would give you the evil eye and you just knew...”

Apryl Schmidt  
AAFES employee,  
Family member



“Mom talked a big game, but Dad was the one you were really afraid of. Sometimes we got spankings, but mostly, we had to do chores. I was more scared of my Dad, but disappointing my Mom was worse.”

Pfc. Kurt Sommer  
71st Chemical Co.,  
Lifeguard

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# Col. McBride takes the reigns of DISCOM

Story and Photos by  
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Editor

Col. Michael T. McBride assumed command of the largest, most diverse brigade in the 25th Infantry Division (Light) — the Division Support Command — from Col. Richard G. Hatch in a change of command ceremony April 15 on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Life in the 25th ID (L) is nothing new for McBride, who started as the Division G-7 about two years ago.

"He superbly managed the myriad of tasks associated with getting transformation on track," Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander of the 25th ID (L) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, said during the ceremony of McBride's G-7 performance.

As if the G-7 position were not enough to prepare McBride for the DISCOM command, he later commanded the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, for the last six months when units deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Olson said McBride performed quite effectively as the commander. He squared away the rear detachment and kept the installation in great shape with the help of many in USARHAW, he said.

Olson then reassured 400 DISCOM Soldiers who stood in formation as part of the ceremony that McBride would be the right commander for them.

"Colonel McBride has shown he has exactly what it takes to meet the challenges that DISCOM



McBride



(From left to right) Col. Michael T. McBride, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson and Col. Richard G. Hatch, watch DISCOM Soldiers perform a pass in review.

will face as we transform," Olson said.

McBride also spoke to the DISCOM Soldiers. He said he would support them to the fullest.

"To the Soldiers of the Division Support Command serving here and serving around the world, I plan on leaving it all out on the map for you guys ... no tap outs," McBride said. "I'll take nothing back to the locker room at the end of each day. That's the way I am and that's the way it's going to be."

McBride replaces a Vietnam War veteran who has served 36 years in the Army.

"Colonel Rick Hatch truly has been an extraordinary commander. He is a visionary, a dedicated and determined leader who knows better than most how to get the job done," Olson said. "His suc-

cess is evidenced by the prepared and consistently high achievements of this great command that stands before us today."

Hatch has a long list of achievements and accomplishments as the DISCOM commander; during the ceremony Olson cited a few.

He was a standard bearer for the Division; his determination in converting units to the single stock fund program resulted in the best implementation performance in the entire U.S. Army, Olson said.

"His efforts ensured the logistics readiness of the entire Division was elevated to unprecedented heights in advance to our deployments," Olson continued. "He prepared for and flawlessly conducted near simultaneous deployments of his

units to Iraq and Afghanistan."

Col. Richard Hatch's wife, Vicky, also played a huge role in the 25th ID (L) and USARHAW.

"Vicky's energy, drive and focus were largely on quality of life improvements for our Soldiers and family members," Olson explained.

Vicky participated on boards for the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center, commissary and PX. She was an active member in the Hui O Na' Wahine.

"Vicky and I have been a part of the Schofield and Wahiawa community for nearly three years," Hatch said. "It has been hard to say Aloha and farewell, but our time for departing has now come."

Hatch then went on to talk about the organization he led during his time here.

"For almost three years, the DISCOM team has demonstrated its capabilities, resourcefulness and dedication, exceeding all my expectations," Hatch said.

The DISCOM Soldiers performed these tasks from around the world ... from Afghanistan to Iraq and from Europe to the United States, he added.

"You have proven your METL [Mission Essential Task List] and demonstrated your professionalism while setting the conditions for success in fighting the Global War on Terrorism," Hatch said.

Before ending his remarks, Hatch welcomed McBride to the DISCOM family.

"I know you have been waiting a long time for this day. Enjoy every moment because before you know it ... you too will be changing command," Hatch said.

Hatch moves on to become the 19th Theater Support Command chief of staff in the Republic of Korea.

# 322nd Civil Affairs deploys to 'center of gravity'

Story and Photo by  
Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

Amidst the ongoing welcome home ceremonies enjoyed by 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldiers and their families, Army units continue to deploy in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Such was the case Monday as 140 Soldiers of the 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade, 9th Regional Readiness Command (9th RRC) were bid farewell by fellow Soldiers, family members and friends at a deployment ceremony on Schofield Barracks' Sills Field. The unit activated April 1 at Fort Shafter and will begin a 12-month Iraqi tour this summer.

"Today, our Soldiers will begin their journey — one that will change them from inside out," began Brig. Gen. John Y. H. Ma, commanding general, 9th RRC. "Though the Soldiers of the 322nd may be new to Iraq as a unit, they are definitely not



The 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade stands tall at its deployment ceremony held April 18 at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

new to the conduct of real-world missions."

Citing the unit's participation in missions throughout its nearly 60-year history, Ma said, "Individually, Soldiers of the 322nd have traversed the globe; you've shown the rest of the civil affairs community that you are capable and ready when called upon to undertake the difficult mission."

The 322nd CA Bde., in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, will per-

form a variety of missions in support of its higher headquarters, the 18th Airborne Corps. Working with the Iraqi government at all levels, improving the infrastructure, and providing humanitarian assistance and security are a few of the missions the unit will undertake.

"This deployment means a lot. We've never deployed as a unit before, so this is a significant moment for us," said Col. Jose Uson Jr., commander, 322 CA Bde. "What makes

me proud is they've become a team.

"It is our intent to successfully complete this mission with God's help and your prayers," Uson added.

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander, 25th ID (L) and USARHAW, attended the ceremony and reflected on the importance of reserve forces in the war on global terrorism.

"They [reserve component] are extremely important to the war on global terrorism," he said. "There are a lot of capabilities in the reserve

component that don't exist in the active force in the kinds of numbers that we need. The civil affairs contribution to the fight over there is enormous — they [322nd CA Bde.] are going to be at the center of gravity."

Brig. Gen. Ma's closing words also stirred the emotions.

"Stand strong, be proud — it will not be easy ... what you are about to undertake is a defining moment in every Soldier and now, it is your turn to answer the call of duty."

Just another day at work

# Soldiers wear many hats to accomplish mission



Pfc. Marlon Seaton from Co. C, 2nd Bn., 5th Inf. Rgt. keeps an eye out for the enemy while on guard duty.

Story and Photo by  
Sp. Tiffany Levesque  
20th Public Affairs Detachment

FIRE BASE TYCZ, Afghanistan — The Soldiers of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, are fighting an unknown enemy one day, and are fighting to win the hearts and minds of the local villagers the next.

“Since Feb. 10 we’ve built wells, helped civil affairs hand-out stuff to children, rescued flood victims, and many other things to win over the local Afghans,” said Sp. Zachery White, an automatic rifleman with Charlie Co.

During our time in country we’ve also been rocketed, caught high value targets and found many improvised explosive devices,” said White

Although the company’s mission is to provide base security and conduct presence patrols, they are prepared to handle other tasks, added White.

“We’ve had to be very versatile in our role here,” said Sgt. Lester Estebes, a team leader in the unit.

Soldiers perform daily duties like standing guard in watchtowers around the base and patrols, said Estebes.

The Soldiers of C Co. also support the other military forces on base during missions and guard Afghans when they are brought on base

for questioning.

The Soldiers had to work outside their normal mission duties once more when the Bagram Surgeon Cell arrived March 22.

“The Soldiers handled the security for the surgeon cell’s cooperative medical assistance program, played with the children, chatted with the locals and helped out where needed,” said Estebes.

While on guard at night, Soldiers watch for suspicious activity near the base. They keep an eye out for people with weapons and those who might be planting IEDs, said Sp. Casey Kauok, an automatic rifleman.

“We’ve been very successful,” said Kauok. “There’s not been an attack since we’ve been here and we’re finding less IEDs.”

The Soldiers feel like they are making a difference not only in the safety for those on base, but in winning over the Afghans.

“This week I’ve been able to see the fruits of our work,” said White. “The locals are looking at us with less fear, and they are thanking us for all that we’ve done.”

In May, the Soldiers of C. Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Inf. Rgt., will be relieved by another group of Soldiers.

“When we leave we know that those who follow will be safer because of what we have accomplished,” said Estebes.

## News Briefs

**General Officer Assignments** — The Chief of Staff of the Army has announced several officer assignments, and one impacts U.S. Army Hawaii.

Brig. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, has been named the assistant division commander of 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks. He currently serves as the principal director for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.

**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), deputy commander for Clinical Services, Tripler Army Medical Center; director, Veterans Benefits Administration, Honolulu Regional Office; and the president of the 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.

**Hui O’ Na Wahine Scholarships** — Governor Linda Lingle will be the guest speaker for 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 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).

**National Day of Prayer** — Lt. Gov James “Duke” Aiona will be the guest speaker at the National Day of Prayer service at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel on Thursday, May 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The AMR chapel is located

at 1790 Bougainvillea Loop, Exit 2 from Highway 78, the Moanalua Freeway. Light refreshments will follow the service.

All are welcome to attend this service. Call 836-4599 for more information.

**Days of Remembrance Observance** — 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.

**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.

**WAVE** — The Wave meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Fort Shafter dining facility, Building 503-B.

**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.

# Indirect fire devastates enemy forces

Story by Sgt. Douglas Demaio  
20th Public Affairs Detachment

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SALERNO, Afghanistan — Not many units have the ability to reach out and touch the enemy as quickly as F Battery, 7th Field Artillery.

This unit from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, makes Bruce Lee's back-fisted punch seem slow.

"We make the enemy think twice before trying to come at us," said Sgt. David Cruz of the battery's 5th Howitzer Section.

After several months of being separated into supportive elements for Regional Command South, the unit moved to RC East in September 2004.

Upon arrival here, they were attacked by anti-coalition militia firing 122mm mortars.

The Soldiers of F Battery responded with 155mm projectiles and an M198 howitzer.

With an effective range reaching several miles, these artillerymen were able to put rounds downrange and knock the legs out from underneath the enemy.

"When we introduced the howitzers, we started shaking the ground," said battery commander Capt. Brendan Raymond. "We placed precision fires on an elusive enemy force and we have demoralized them."

The psychological and physical effect the unit has been able to inflict on the enemy has had a strategic effect on security in the region, Raymond said.

"F Battery provides a capability to a maneuver commander unlike no other," he emphasized, "because [the commander] has at his disposal a weapon system that will provide devastating effects on an enemy before he commits his infantry forces into a fight."

As field artillerymen, F Battery recognizes that they are all fire supporters.

"Without a doubt, the most effective way to have a devastating



Courtesy Photo

**Soldiers from 6th Section, F Battery, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, send 120mm mortar rounds downrange near Qalat.**

effect on the enemy is to synchronize air-to-ground and ground-to-ground assets to deny the enemy sanctuary," Raymond said.

It's like a puzzle coming together all at once, Cruz said. The components materialize into an unbeatable force.

The result of the coordinated effort has proven time and time again to be successful, said Spc. Mario Rasmussen, one of Cruz's

Soldiers in the 5th Howitzer Section.

"When the enemy comes at us, they get caught," Rasmussen said. "The rounds start going downrange, and the enemy is on the receiving end of the biggest guns in the country."

For all the firepower the unit possesses, the men's true testament of their worth came in October.

"The defining moment of our deployment was the success of Afghanistan's first national democratic elections," Raymond said.

The other major achievement of the unit was the duty the Soldiers performed during the first five months with RC South, said Sgt. Eduardo Delarosa, another member of the battery's 5th Howitzer Section.

"We came here performing a dif-

ferent [military occupational specialty]," Delarosa said.

Instead of working as field artillerymen, the unit was designated to perform the duties of mortar-men.

"The concept is pretty much the same," Delarosa said of the firing support system. "We used our knowledge of field artillery and applied it to the mortar systems we used."

Prior to deploying, some of the unit's men, and Delarosa traveled to Fort Benning, Ga., to receive two weeks of training on the mortar systems they used when attached to RC South.

"The training proved to be valuable," Delarosa said. "When we returned back to Hawaii, we taught the rest of our unit the things we learned at Benning."

With only a few weeks left before redeploying, being able to use different weaponry would be an area the battery commander intended to focus on in his after-action review, Raymond said.

"One day my Soldiers are artillerymen and the next they are provisional infantrymen," Raymond said. "It's imperative that the men are competent in their basic Soldier skills and the individual tasks, which allow them to perform their mission in combat."

Individual tasks support collective tasks, which support the mission-essential task list, he said. Having the confidence in their abilities and competence to conduct operations under any circumstance — and with any weapon — is what has made this unit successful.

As provisional infantrymen, F Battery Soldiers conducted vehicle check points, and mounted and dismounted security patrols in urbanized terrain.

Their success in Afghanistan is due to their preparation, and the unit will continue the tradition of training Fox Battery to be complete and competent warriors.

# Iraqis dedicate primary school to 2-11 FA officer

By Sgt. Sean Kimmons  
Editor

An Iraqi primary school in Northern Iraq's Shwan District was recently dedicated to 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery's Capt. Deron Haught, who played a critical role in supporting displaced Kurdish people within the district.

The 38-year-old Haught from Harrisville, W.Va., redeployed back to Hawaii from Operation Iraqi Freedom II in February after a 13-month deployment as part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

While in Iraq, Haught worked as the U.S. Army representative in the Shwan District, where he helped initiate 20 reconstruction projects valued at about \$700,000 from the Commander's Emergency Response Program. The projects assisted thousands of Kurdish people who moved back to 76 villages that Saddam Hussein's Army destroyed in 1988.

One of the projects was the \$50,000 primary school in Ismail Bagi, a village of about 5,000 people in the district. For all of Haught's efforts, Kurdish leaders felt it was only right to name the school in his

honor.

When the dedication was first mentioned to Haught, he presumed the Kurdish leaders were joking. Then, when they brought it up a different time, he realized they were serious.

"I told them I don't think it was really appropriate," he said about the dedication. "It wasn't like I was putting up the 50 grand myself.

"Then, they said 'you have done a lot for us and nobody else has. It's a small way that we can tell you that we appreciate what you did for us.'"

Since the 10-room school is named after Haught's last name, his family became thrilled about the school dedication.

"I have a very large, extended family so they were a lot more excited about it than I was," Haught said. "Now, they are collecting money and want to contribute it to the school - for school supplies or whatever they need."

Haught said he will coordinate with his old interpreter to purchase or deliver any supplies to the school.

About 200 Kurdish children are expected to attend the Haught Primary School this fall.



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Iraqis hold a dedication ceremony for the Haught primary school in the Shwan District's Ismail Bagi village. The 10-room school was named after Capt. Deron Haught, who helped initiate reconstruction projects for thousands of displaced Kurds in the district during his 13-month OIF deployment.



Courtesy Photo

Iraqi workers construct one of the school's walls.



Courtesy Photo

Haught and local Kurdish leaders pose for a photograph in front of the unfinished primary school.

# 65th Engineers 'just make it happen'

By Capt. Kevin A. McQueary  
65th Engineer Battalion

In only three days, the Assault and Obstacle Platoon of the 65th Engineer Battalion completed a site improvement construction project for Solomon Elementary School. Funding for the mission was courtesy of the Joint Venture Education Forum, self-described as "a cooperative venture between the U.S. Pacific Command military community and the Hawaii Department of Education."

The DoE says it facilitates "active military participation in Hawaii Public Education serving to advance the military community's responsibility in the pursuit of quality education for Hawaii's public school students."

The project involved creating a 25-by-30-foot concrete slab and a 36-foot stretch of sidewalk. The project would provide Solomon students an improved avenue of ingress/egress to classrooms, and a large surface for playing, working, assembling and more.

The project was executed in three phases over three days. On day one, the target area was cleared, dug out and shaped. All the digging was performed with A&O Platoon's workhorse equipment, the Small Emplacement Excavator, the SEE and the Deployable Universal Combat Earthmover, or DeUCE.

Day two involved refining the dig and laying a foundation. The platoon shot grade with a laser level and then cleaned the target site by hand with shovels. Once Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Justin Gorkowski was satisfied with the precision, he gave the go-ahead to put in forms and lay a two-inch gravel base.

Phase two ended after the gravel was compacted, and wire mesh and rebar were added to provide reinforcement.

Concrete was poured and finished on day three. Justin described the finishing process as the most difficult.

"First the concrete was skreeted and tamped," he explained, "then it was bull-floated and fresnoed. Finally, [the concrete] is broomed and edged."

Justin credited his platoon on the quality of a job well done.

"Specialist Billy Gaston was our resident expert on the project, providing expertise on the concrete process," he said.

The project was one of many in the storied partnership between Solomon School and the 65th Engineers. According to Kristina Noriega-Artis, school liaison officer and



(Above and below) Fresh cement is shaped into a 25-by-30-foot slab at Solomon Elementary School by members of the Assault and Obstacle Platoon of the 65th Engineer Battalion, in partnership with Eleomont since 1996.



school partnership program manager, since Solomon and the 65th Engineers started their partnership in 1996, "today it's stronger than ever. This is a two-way mutually beneficial

partnership," she explained.

The JVEF is an important means by which such partnerships are improved. JVEF is a source of funding for quality of education proj-

ects that benefit both volunteering service members and, more importantly, children.

JVEF began in 1999 when Hawaii Senator Daniel Inouye addressed the difficult issues military families were facing in Hawaii public schools.

Noriega-Artis commented on how JVEF resources have helped cement existing partnerships and create new ones within the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii.

"Since the mid-1980s, the 25th ID (L) and USARHAW has been involved in providing support to Hawaii public schools through the school partnership program," she explained. "Currently there are 44 schools partnered with military units. The 25th ID (L) and USAHAW school partnership program is a tremendous opportunity to get involved with Hawaii public schools and ultimately makes a difference in a student's life."

*(Editor's Note: To learn more about the Joint Venture Education Forum or military partnerships with local schools — and how you can use them to benefit your military community — visit the JVEF Web site at [www.pacom.mil/jvef/about.shtml](http://www.pacom.mil/jvef/about.shtml).)*

# HAFAP Conference Report Out

## Base Operations

**Issue:** Intercommunity Transportation

**Scope:** There are limited transportation options in Hawaii between military facilities. Current public transportation is insufficient. Soldiers and family members cannot conveniently reach all services.

**Recommendation:** Create a shuttle system linking all Oahu military facilities. Create a low-cost military taxi system.

**Issue:** Dangerous School Bus Stops at Aliamanu Military Reservation and Red Hill

**Scope:** AMR and Red Hill bus stops are unsafe. Nonregulation school busses are being used to transport children to and from school. Children loading and unloading at these locations are at risk of injury or death.

**Recommendation:** Educate the public via all means available. Employ a bus monitor that can operate as a crossing guard. Ask for an exception to policy for an official bus stop.

**Issue: Barracks Cooking Areas**

**Scope:** Current communal cooking facilities in the barracks are inadequate. Cooking areas are necessary due to limited dining facility hours and availability. The current ratio of one kitchen per 100 Soldiers or one per 200 Soldiers does not allow timely access.

**Recommendation:** Privatize DFACs to make services more available. Retrofit existing barracks to comply with new FY05 1+1 standards (allowing one electric range per each 1+1 unit). Amend current plans to comply with the new FY05 1+1 standards.

## Community Services

**Issue:** Recycle Station Hours

**Scope:** The recycle station hours are incompatible to most working families. The current time (7 - 10 a.m.) conflicts with most people's working schedule. It prevents the community from achieving its recycling goals and contributes to unsanitary conditions.

**Recommendation:** Survey communities for optimal hours. Expand collection hours to include week day evenings and weekends.

**Issue:** Resource Availability for Children

with Special Needs

**Scope:** Parents of children with special needs lack available resources to address their needs. Hawaii lacks sufficient resources to support more than 3,700 exceptional family members. This lack of resources causes an overburdening of the parents by not providing adequate learning skills.

**Recommendation:** Provide resources to Army Community Service to increase Exceptional Family Member Program support services. Increase EFMP marketing of information regarding the dissemination of what resources are available. Increase staff assistance to advocate and facilitate EFMP with the Department of Education.

## Consumer Services

**Issue:** On-Post Laundromats

**Scope:** Currently, Oahu installations have a lack of public laundromats, or they are in poor working order. Only one is available on Ft. Shafter, and it is in poor working order. None are available on any other post. Many Soldiers do not have access to a washer/dryer. With the appliance loaner program being eliminated, there's a need for public laundromats on each post.

**Recommendation:** Provide low-cost centrally located public laundromats on each post. Repair the existing laundromats on Ft. Shafter.

**Issue:** Quality of Food at the Commissary

**Scope:** Perishable items, particularly produce, are of poor quality at the commissary. Dairy, bread and produce items have fast-approaching expiration or have exceeded the expiration date. Fruits and vegetables that are rotten, bruised and turning brown are below standards and unacceptable.

**Recommendation:** Provide fresh perishables without a fast-approaching expiration date. Perishable items should be stocked as soon as they arrive.

**Issue:** Army Air Force Exchange Service Customer Service

**Scope:** Customer service at AAFES facilities is inadequate and needs to be improved. Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Shoppettes and Clothing Sales are under-

staffed. Many employees are not properly trained or unaware of the requirements for reliable customer service.

**Recommendation:** Provide staff who are knowledgeable in proper fitting and uniform wear and appearance in accordance with Army Regulation 670-1. Provide more staff at all AAFES facilities during peak hours. Management needs to ensure that training received meets or exceeds standards.

## Family Services

**Issue:** On-Post Day Care Availability

**Scope:** There is at least a one-year waiting period for on-post day care in Hawaii with no guarantee. This situation is due to shortage of qualified personnel and facilities and impacts the Soldier's productivity on the job, his or her state of mind and finances, especially when using local off-post day care.

**Recommendation:** Recruit more day care providers within the military community because they understand military needs. Offer more incentives besides pay such as free day care for providers themselves. Remodel/refurbish old housing into day care facilities

**Issue:** Off-Post Loaner Furniture

**Scope:** Newly arrived Army families who decide to reside off post are not authorized loaner furniture. As of Oct. 1, 2004, the off-post loaner program was terminated due to lack of funding, causing unnecessary financial hardships to Army families, which decreases morale.

**Recommendation:** Accept furniture donations from PCSing Army families. Expand the ACS Lending Closet to include loaner furniture

**Issue:** Family Friendly ACS Hours

**Scope:** Families are limited in their ability to access ACS support due to decreased hours. As of March 2, 2005, Soldiers are still deployed; however, ACS has returned to its predeployment schedule. Families no longer have attainable community support after hours.

**Recommendation:** Return to deployment schedule.

## Force Support

**Issue:** Length of Deployments

**Scope:** Deployments greater than six months are too long. Deployments that are longer than six months negatively affect families, Soldiers, and morale and welfare. Re-enlistment and recruiting is down and that is a direct reflection of these lengthy deployments.

**Recommendation:** Shorten deployments to no longer than six months. Create a Soldier-specific deployment cycle that includes stabilization periods, at least equivalent to deployment length: six months deployed and six months home.

**Issue:** Annual Army-wide Basic Allowance Housing

**Scope:** The Annual BAH review is not frequent enough to address the fluctuating housing cost. Currently, BAH is only reviewed once a year. This annual review does not reflect current housing cost. The current review creates a price gap and places an unnecessary burden on Soldiers and families.

**Recommendation:** Review and adjust BAH rates semiannually, first and third fiscal quarters, to correlate with current civilian housing rates.

**Issue:** Promotion Criteria to E-5

**Scope:** Inexperienced E-4s are being promoted too soon without proper skills tests. Current command policies allow unskilled Soldiers to be promoted based on time and grade fulfillment. The current system sets up promotion for failure in order to satisfy vacant slots.

**Recommendation:** Implement better assessment tools to evaluate Soldiers' abilities to become a noncommissioned Officer, for example, Soldiers must complete a leaders development course before promotion (Primary Leadership Development Course, or PLDC). Restructure promotion criteria to include counseling, military occupational specialty, written testing developed by respected branch, and performance evaluation.

*(Editor's Note: This information was compiled by Joy Boisselle, staff writer for the Hawaii Army Weekly.)*

## HAFAP wrap

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for more frequent Soldier readiness processing.

Delegates selected 14 issues as the most important concerns facing Soldiers and their families. Included in the issues was a lack of intercommunity transportation, the lack of resources for special needs children, the need to improve the quality of food at the commissary and the length of deployments.

The delegate is the workhorse of the AFAP process and represented a cross section of the Army team including active duty and reserve Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilian employees.

First-time delegate Sgt. Marvin Reyna, Tripler Army Medical Center, said, "This is definitely an important process, and I am here to give feedback on the issues; a lot of good comes out of this."

Pfc. Robert Parrot, 13th Military Police Detachment, said, "I have been here for three years, and I want to make a difference in the com-

munity. This is an important process because it gives people an opportunity to speak out from the Soldier and family member point of view."

For two days, delegates worked hard to determine the most important concerns to bring to command attention. On day two, each work group briefed a complete synopsis of their efforts to Olson and other USARHAW leaders.

Olson said, "The best ideas on how to solve a problem — that small unit and individual initiative —the bottom-up approach is the most effective and efficient way to do business in our Army today.

"You have given us a good set of issues here. And, I commit to serious and focused deliberation on every issue raised. This was time well spent," Olson concluded.

*(Editor's Note: A complete recap of issues and recommendations can be viewed on-line at <http://www.mwarmyhawaii.com/>.)*

## E-Crime

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the Internet on a weekly basis.

Currently, there are approximately 45 million users between the ages of 10 and 17 using the Internet on a weekly basis.

Most importantly, OJJDP found many children use the Internet with no adult supervision.

In 2000, the University of New Hampshire Crimes Against Children Research Center conducted a Youth Internet Safety Survey using a random national phone survey of 1,501 youth, ages 10 through 17. Its findings were startling:

- 19 percent of young Internet users received unwanted sexual solicitations in the past year,

- 25 percent of the surveyed children received unwanted exposure to sexual material

- Only 18 percent of the most serious incidents were reported. In most cases, the incidents were not reported to the authorities - only to Internet service providers.

- 6 percent of the young people surveyed reported incidents of harassment.

The data was presumed to include the 24 million children who use the Internet weekly. It was also hypothesized that 6 million kids received sexually explicit material, 5 million children were sexually solicited, and more than 1.4 million were harassed.

Unfortunately, the e-criminal is cushioned behind freedom of speech, which protects the thought we like, just as much as the thought we dislike. This protection, however, does not include physical threats.

Possibly, the biggest issue is establishing who is behind the keyboard. E-crime is tough to investigate unless it crosses the line into death threats or other criminal offenses. In those instances, it is necessary to involve the police.

If a child is suffering at the hands of an e-criminal bully, safeguards are available.

Never give out personal information online, don't share user names or passwords and never answer harassing messages.

According to the Headquarters Counseling Center, other steps may

defend against e-crime:

- Call the local police department,

- Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-THE-LOST, or 1-800-843-5678,

- Contact your Internet service provider after contacting the authorities, and

- Save copies of the offensive e-mails or instant messages. For reporting purposes, it's helpful for law enforcement to have copies of the offense in case the communication results in charges being filed.

These days, the Internet is such a central part of teenage culture, youth and teenagers seemingly can't conceive of life without it. More so, parents must be aware and involved.

Parents and guardians must talk to youth about responsible Internet use and help their children develop their own sense of morality, so they will be able choose to behave ethically online.

Further, parents and guardians must learn everything about the Internet and what is happening online. Talk about sites explored and any engaging activities youth may be involved in.

Be proactive. Program the computer to be the computer administrator. This function gives adults complete control over the computer.

A computer administrator is a user that can manage the computer and be entitled to configure the system while regular users are limited in their activity.

Parents and guardians can create a limited account for each child.

Software like Windows XP Home Edition makes it easy to set up and manage user accounts for everyone who uses the computer. A limited user can create, change or remove their own password or change their picture, but that is all.

These are truly only a few of the many proactive things parents can do to protect the safety of a child's online computer experience — aside from purchasing filtering software.

No one's childhood should be interrupted because of a vicious attack from a faceless e-criminal. *Parent* is the final word on every child's Internet safety.

# What's illegal on government computers?

Compiled by Ed Aber-Song  
Command Information Officer

Computer e-mail is a tool used daily by almost all Army employees, whether military or civilian. The Information Assurance Program, or IAP, is committed to protecting U.S. entities from illegal or damaging actions — either knowingly or unknowingly — by individuals, and governs use of this important tool.

According to the IAP, it is every computer user's responsibility to know the guidelines and to conduct all activities accordingly. The System Security Awareness training for Certification Level I, Pacific LandWarNet, details prohibited or illegal activities that undermine readiness by violating standards of ethical conduct. Among them are the following:

- Using government computers for personal commercial gain;

- Sending, storing or propagating sexually explicit material;

- Threatening, harassing, political persuading, online gambling and file sharing; and

- Sending spam, unsolicited e-mail in the form of bulk mail obtained from e-mail distribution lists or discussion group lists, and/or hacking.

The list continues. There are still other prohibited activities:

- Participating in illegal activities;

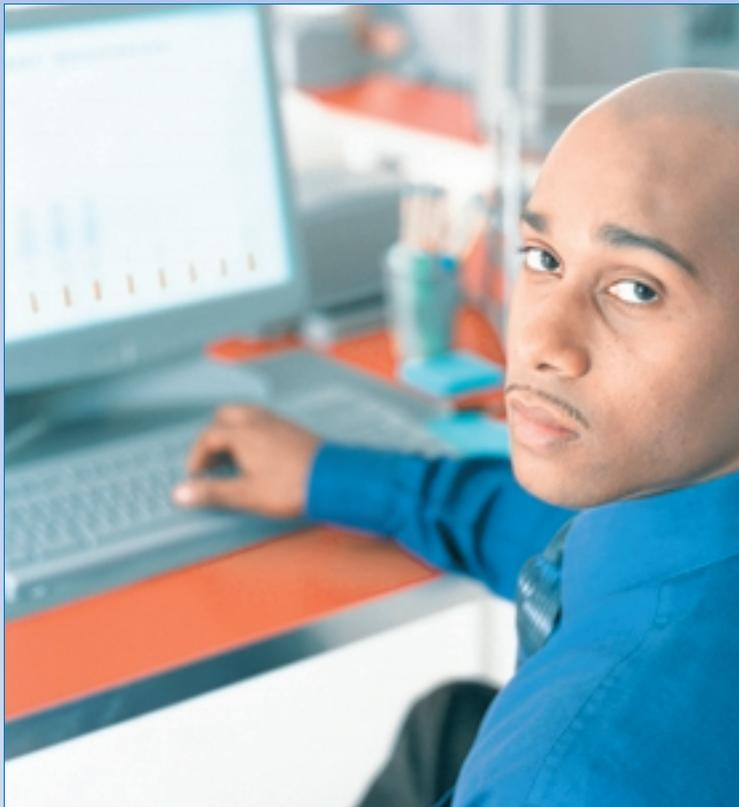
- Interfering with official duties;

- Permitting remote access capabilities by any individual or allowing others to use your login ID and password;

- Installing, configuring, or using government computers in any commercial or personal Distributed Computing Environments such as searching for extra-terrestrial intelligence or human genome research projects (as most contain Trojan horses)

- Releasing, disclosing or altering information without the consent or approval of the data owner, the original classification authority, the individual chain of command, the Freedom of Information Act, the Public Affairs Office or disclosure officers;

- Attempting to strain, test, circumvent or bypass security mechanisms; perform network line or keystroke



monitoring; modifying computers or software; or using computers for other than their intended purposes;

- Introducing malicious software code or using instant messaging (except AKO), Peer-to-Peer (P2P), virus or Trojan Horses;

- Allowing a group of computer users with the same networking program to connect with each other and directly access files from one another's hard drives (Napster and Gnutella are examples of this kind of peer-to-peer software);

- Relocating or changing equipment or network connectivity of equipment without proper authorization; and

- Disabling or remove any security or protective software or mechanisms and their associated logs

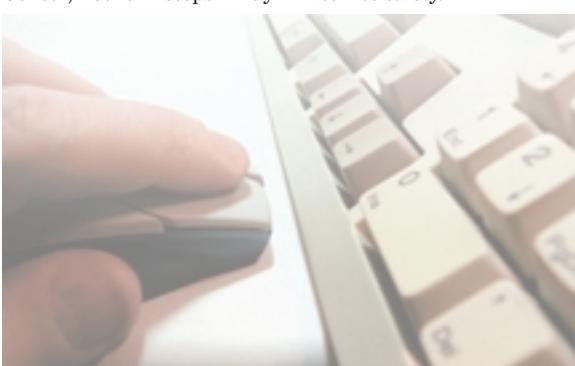
Military and civilian personnel can-

not under any circumstances engage in any illegal local, state, federal or international activity while using Pacific LandWarNet resources. Further, prohibitions address unauthorized copying of copyrighted material and other copyright laws.

Policy prohibits making fraudulent offers of products, items or services originating from any Pacific LandWarNet account.

In addition, a user cannot access data for which the employee is not the intended recipient and cannot provide information about or lists of Pacific LandWarNet employees to parties outside Pacific LandWarNet.

*(Editor's Note: For a detailed listing of the dos and don'ts, contact the Army Pacific IAPM Office at 438-2034 or 438-0969.)*



## Assigning users

- Click on the "start" button,
- Click "control panel,"
- Click the "user account" icon, and
- Click "create new accounts" and follow the computer prompts.

## Limited computer savvy

The Help and Support Center guides users through many tasks and is a very useful resource for instructions, definitions and troubleshooting assistance.

To find the Help and Support Center, complete the following steps; however, this feature may be in another location if the system isn't using Windows XP Home Edition:

- Click the "start" button,
- Click "help" and "support," and
- On top of the toolbar, click "index."

Another security precaution is to change Internet Explorer settings:

- Click on "tools" in the toolbar,
- Click on "Internet options," and
- Click on "content advisor," which allows blocking access to objectionable material.

Here's another alternative:

- Right-click any folder in "user profile,"
- Click "properties," and
- Click the "sharing" tab and select the "make this folder private so that only I have access to it," check box.

# Service members pause to say 'farewell'



Service members pay their last respects to those who were lost in the CH-47 helicopter crash near Ghazni, Afghanistan, April 6.



Story and Photos by  
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BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Hundreds of service members and civilian workers attended a memorial service April 15 to pay their respects to fallen comrades who lost their lives in the April 6 helicopter crash.

They came with heads hung low, some fighting back tears. Others braved the touching ceremony with stiff lips and long stares. From the lowest enlisted to the senior officers, nearly everyone who attended wrangled with emotions during the eulogies.

Fourteen Soldiers, a Marine and three civilians were killed near Ghazni, when their CH-47 Chinook crashed. All that was left to mourn were 18 pairs of boots, 15 rifles, 15

helmets, three flack vests and a 21-gun salute.

Seven speakers, representing the units of the fallen, talked about the lives of those they lost — who they were and what they stood for.

“We are better today because of those we honor, but their absence leaves a void that cannot be filled except with a firm assurance that their deaths were not in vain,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Claude Crisp during the Invocation.

“Today we salute and honor our fallen comrades who were lost serving in this noble cause of eliminating terrorism and bring peace, hope and freedom to the people of Afghanistan,” said Lt. Col. Tim McGuire, commander of the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry. “Each of our fallen comrades have left a mark on all of us, changed us for the better and made us a better

team.”

During the ceremony, Combined Joint Task Force-76 Command Sgt. Major Iuniasolua Savusa read from Scripture and then offered his condolences on behalf of the command to all of the family and friends who lost loved ones in the crash.

Attending the ceremony were Lt. Gen. David Barno, the senior U.S. commander in the country; Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, the CJTF-76 commander; and a representative from the U.S. Embassy, Dick Christenson.

“When the sun sets tonight off this Afghan landscape, and we remember these young Americans, all of them, let us not forget their great life stories,” said Maj. Craig Wilhelm, commander of Company F, 159th Aviation Regiment, who lost five crew members of his team. “Let us never forget them.”

## Consultants

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Family Programs at CFSC. “The reunion and reintegration period after an extended deployment is a critical time for a Soldier and families. The life consultants will provide the training and skills to make this period easier.”

While life consultants are not members of the Army, they are experienced in family matters, relationships, raising children, substance abuse, goodbyes and homecomings. Services offered include workshops, group discussions, personal consultations, activities and organization tips.

SFLC will work with Army Community Service offices on installations as well as with local communities to provide services to individuals in need. Health Net will provide licensed

social workers and psychologists who will offer informal support to assist units, rear detachment commanders, Soldiers and their families during pre-deployment and post-deployment phases.

“We need to make sure that we give our Soldiers and families all the support they need to make them successful,” said Delores Johnson, director of Family Programs at CFSC.

Installations taking part in the initial phase of the program are National Guard and Army Reserve units in Hawaii, Arkansas and Idaho; Camp Shelby, Miss.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Dix, N.J.; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico; Fort McCoy, Wis.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Riley, Kan.; and Korea.



# COMMUNITY & SPORTS



Friday

April 22, 2005



*“For where there is love of man,  
there is also love of the art.”*

- Hippocrates

By Kirsten Tacker  
Contributing Writer

Uplifting murals in the Pediatric Clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center take children on an exploration of color and culture.

Artist Nancy Miller from New York helped spread the “Explore the world through reading” theme from the entrance to the waiting room into the blank hallways of the Pediatric Clinic.

“We wanted the look to be inviting and not overbearing, so a child would be walking through a story book,” said Kelley Lee, child life specialist at TAMC. “[Each mural] encourages more interaction for the child, instead of [the child] being scared to death walking down a bare hallway.”

Ivan the Explorer searches around the world in each mural for his lost camel Humphrey, which helps soothe children as they help Ivan try to find him.

Each wall permanently wears the love of so many volunteer hands and hearts from all over the world.

“It was a big volunteer group effort that began at the end of August 2004. We had Navy chiefs, patients, Girl Scouts, families with their kids and coworkers from other departments that switched shifts just so they could help paint,” Lee explained.

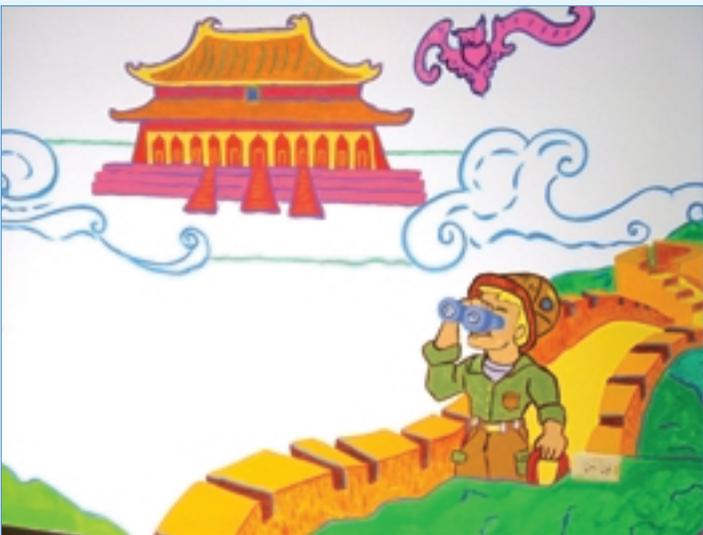
With the help of his family, an entire Samoan legend mural was painted by a patient from Guam as part of his therapy.

“The military has a lot of people from different cultures. We have these families walk in and the child starts pointing, this is where mom is from,” said Dr. (Col.) Alan Shoupe, assistant chief of pediatrics. “Parents will actually walk around the clinic with the child to find all the Humphreys. It encourages parent-child interaction.”

Each mural has a photograph displayed of an actual child from that particular cultural region and a children’s book cover, also from the same region.

It isn’t uncommon to hear in the spirited hallways, “Go to Africa and hang a right,” or “See the Great Wall of China and go left” — truly a unique way the staff at TAMC gives directions.

In the Pediatric Clinic, children get a colorful feast, a celebration of life and a trip around the world — all because they had to see the doctor for a medical appointment.



Whether hooking a right or dashing a left down the corridors of the Pediatric Clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center, children, parents and patients can delight in the artistry of Nancy Miller. The New York artist entices and intrigues, then sparks the imagination to travel along into the murals filled with adventure.





**April**

**22 / 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, "Underle" tonight and "Upstanding Youth" on April 29. Catch "Kapena" on May 6 and also enter to win a trip for two to Las Vegas.

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 on June 3, 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 more information.

**Starbucks at the Tropics** — Visit the Ono Isle at the Tropics and purchase hot and cold Starbucks specialties such as lattes, cappuccinos, mochas, hot chocolate and much more.

The Ono Isle is continuing to serve delicious pastries, desserts and smoothies.

Visit the Tropics in Building 589 on Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0002 for more.

**Fort Shafter Library** — New 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 they are 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. 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.

Participating children will receive custom Army PT shirts and enjoy a free continental breakfast. Call 438-9336 for more details.

**27 / Wednesday**

**Schofield Salvage Yard** — The Schofield Barracks Salvage Yard will be open in the afternoons from 1 – 4 p.m. on April 27 – 29. The salvage yard apologizes for any inconvenience this change in hours may cause.

For more information, call 655-2271.

**28 / Thursday**

**Spouses Night Out** — Interact with Dr. Faran on the topic of "Children and Reunion" 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.

To make reservations two weeks in advance call 655-2400.

**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.

**NAF Warehouse Sale**

Are you looking for office or home furniture, golf course equipment, kitchen appliances and gadgets, or more? Visit the Warehouse Sale at Fort Shafter Flats, Building 1598, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Receive \$1 off the Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet at the Hale Ikena with a warehouse sale's receipt.

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet**

Taste a traditional Hawaii style feast from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter, or at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person.

Call the Nehelani 655-4466 or the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 for reservations or information.

**30 / Saturday**

**Arts & 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.

**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, and the 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.

**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.

**3 / Tuesday**

**Right Arm Night** — Enjoy a Texas barbecue at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks, May 3 beginning at 4 p.m.

Listen to music from Dita Holifield and Charlie Garret and enjoy all you can eat pupus and lots of prizes.

Tickets are available now. Cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 on May 3.

Patrons must be 18 years or older to attend; no children will be allowed.

Call 655-4466 for more information.

**4 / Wednesday**

**Fourth of July Fund-raising** — Units and family readiness groups that are interested in fund-raising at the Fourth of July spectacular are encouraged to attend a meeting at 9 a.m. at the Kaala Community Activity Center on Schofield.

This meeting is for new FRGs who want to find out what fund-raising opportunities are available at this year's holiday event.

Another meeting will be held on June 8. Call 655-0111 or 655-0112 for more information.

**5 / Thursday**

**Cinco De Mayo Burrito Buffet** — Celebrate Cinco De Mayo at the Tropics on Schofield Barracks and enjoy a burrito buffet bar with soda from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Cost is \$7.50 per person. Call 655-0002 for more information.

**8 / Sunday**

**Mother's Day Brunch** — Treat mom to a delicious buffet at the Nehelani, or at the Hale Ikena, for Mother's Day. Reservations are currently being accepted at the Nehelani, 655-4466, and at the Hale Ikena, 438-1974.

**26 / Tuesday**

**Commissary Dash N' Grab** — Enter for a chance to win the next Commissary Dash N' Grab event scheduled for May 26 at 7:30 a.m. at the Schofield Commissary.

Entry boxes are located at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Army Community Service and Tropics.

MWR Blue Star Card members will be automatically entered for a chance to win.

Three finalists will be selected and notified as Dash N' Grab winners, and this contest — sponsored by Army Hawaii Family Housing, DECA and MWR — is open to active duty families and spouses.

**Ongoing**

**Army Emergency Relief** — This year's campaign, "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own," is seeking voluntary contributions. Call 655-

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**April**

**22 / 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.

One more workshop is scheduled on Friday, April 29 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 Aloha.linda.Bolosan@schofield.army.mil.

**Intercultural Day**

— Hawaii Pacific University will celebrate its 21st annual Intercultural Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fort Street Mall. The event spotlights diversity through cultural exhibits, a parade and lively

stage performances of traditional dance and music from around the world. Established in 1984, Intercultural Day has evolved into one of the largest intercultural activities in Hawaii — free and open to the public.

**25 / Monday**

**CPR Classes** — The Red Cross Schofield Barracks Service Center is holding classes for standard first aid, adult CPR, and child and infant CPR, Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 9:30 p.m., and Thursday

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**This Week at the MOVIES**

**Sgt. Smith Theater**

*Today*

Diary of a Mad Black Woman 7 p.m. (PG-13)

*Saturday*

Diary of a Mad Black Woman 7 p.m. (PG-13)

*Sunday*

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

*Thursday*

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

**Hickam AFB Theater**

*Today*

The Ring Two 7 p.m. (PG-13)

*Saturday*

The Ice Princess 2 p.m. (G)

*Sunday*

The Ice Princess 2 p.m. (G)

The Ring Two 7 p.m. (PG-13)

Wednesday Hostage 7 p.m. (R)

*Thursday*

The Ring Two 7 p.m. (PG-13)

HAGN TV2 Schedule		
April 22 - 28		
<b>Morning</b>		
6:00	Sign On	4:00 Pentagon Channel
6:26	NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii	<b>Evening</b>
7:38	Dash and Grab	6:00 Community Focus
7:51	What's Down the Drain	6:12 Welcome Home
8:00	Army News Watch	Redeployment Montage
8:30	Pentagon Channel	6:47 Army Values Respect
9:00	Pentagon Channel	6:24 Safety Video
10:00	Welcome Home	6:30 NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii
	Redeployment Montage 3	7:44 What's Down the Drain
10:05	Safety Video	7:52 Welcome Home MG Olson
10:09	Bulletin Board	7:56 Safety Video
11:00	Welcome Home	8:00 NFL-100 Greatest TDs
	Redeployment Montage 2	9:04 Antiterrorism FP
11:06	Dash and Grab	9:21 Safety Video
11:16	Hawaii Hidden Beauty, Hidden Danger	9:25 Dash and Grab
11:35	What's Down the Drain	9:35 Welcome Home
11:46	Welcome Home	Redeployment Montage 2
	Redeployment Montage	9:40 Bulletin Board
11:50	Safety Video	10:26 NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii
12:00	Pentagon Channel	11:38 What's Down the Drain
		11:46 Youth Protection
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2:00	NSPS What to Expect in Hawaii	<b>Overnight</b>
3:13	Bulletin Board	Pentagon Channel

# Hawaii welcomes home returning troops

The month of May is teeming with activities, special offers, discounts all honoring the military

By Charlie Ota

*Vice President, Military Affairs,  
Chamber of Commerce of  
Hawaii*

HONOLULU — Most of the more than 12,000 Hawaii-based troops that deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan a year ago have returned home. Leading the way were the Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division (Light) on Schofield Barracks, the Hawaii Army National Guard, the 9th Regional Readiness Command, and Marines from elements of the III Marine Expeditionary Unit on Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe.

Hundreds of troops are still deployed on various other missions in the war on global terrorism. They too are continuing to return to their loved ones.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and its Military Affairs Council, recognizes the many important contributions made by local communities and businesses in supporting troops in winning the war on terrorism.

All reports indicate that Hawaii's residents and community groups "maxed out" in the "Adopt-A-Platoon" program, flooding the postal system with "We Care" packages and jamming telephone lines by donating phone cards.

Volunteers for USO Hawaii helped to send off more than 12,000 troops with pizza, chili, rice, spam musubi and lots of aloha a year ago. The USO is now welcoming them home as troops redeploy to Hawaii.

The Chamber enjoins all of Hawaii to welcome home its heroes and extend deep appreciation to every Soldier, Marine, sailor, airman and Guardsman for their unselfish service to the nation.

The theme for this year's Hawaii Military Appreciation Month (in May) does just that: "To honor our fallen heroes, Welcome home our returning veterans, and Pray for the safe return of those who remain in harm's way."

Generous sponsors and community well-wishers have gathered to provide the following activities and events in appreciation of Hawaii's military service members, reservists, retirees and all of their families.

Standard Buffet, Royal Alii Service and Deluxe Dinners, which include a mai tai greeting, arts and crafts, games, showers of flower, beach hula, the royal court procession, the imu ceremony and a show extravaganza.

Tickets are available at all military ticket offices.

## May 1

The Bishop Museum will host a "Salute to the Military Day," paying tribute to the military and their families from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fun-filled day will be made complete with games, contests, entertainment, exhibits, food booths and much more.

This salute will be an excellent opportunity for military families to visit the many treasures in Hawaiian history. Special admission is \$3 for the public, with free admission for all military with a valid ID cards.

## May 1, 4, 15 and 27

The Honolulu Academy of Arts will be providing several opportunities for service members and their families. Military will enjoy free admission on May 1; then on May 27, military will be extended a low \$5 rate for the popular "ARtAfterDARK" event.

This month's show is themed "Turkish Delights" and will feature live entertainment, zip-tours of selected galleries, and food and beverage purchases from 6 to 9 p.m.

The military is also welcome to visit the Academy on free admission days May 4 and 15.

## May 4 and 19

The Hale Koa Hotel will present a special showing of Tama and his "Night in Polynesia" show for military on May 4th at the Banyan Tree showroom at 6 p.m. The annual "Salute to the Military Luau" with discounted ticket price will follow on May 19 at the Luau Garden at 5 p.m. Both events will feature special door prizes and giveaways for military.

## May 7

The Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) will host the 9th Annual Twilight Tattoo at Fort DeRussy starting at 4 p.m. The Tattoo will feature performances by military marching bands representing the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Hawaii Army National Guard. The public is invited to this free event.

## May 13-14

The Polynesian Cultural Center will feature its "Military Days" program on

May 13 and 14. Military families will be treated to a fun-filled day at Hawaii's premier cultural center featuring its island shows, IMAX theater, buffet dinner and evening show.

Discounted tickets are available only at military ticket offices.

## May 14

AT&T sponsors the annual Combined Military Band Concert at the Hawaii Theatre from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Top musicians from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Hawaii Army National Guard will combine their talents to provide an evening of music ranging from patriotic themes to Broadway tunes.

This concert is open to the public. Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis starting Monday at the Hawaii Theatre and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

## May 18

First Hawaiian Bank and Alexander and Baldwin, Inc., sponsor the annual Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel from noon to 1:30 p.m. State government and business leaders, veterans and other residents are invited to join with the Chamber in welcoming home troops from Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Hickam Air Force Base, Pearl Harbor and other military units.

The keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. Eric Olson, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division (Light), redeploying back from Iraq and Afghanistan. Outstanding Community Service awards and the Chamber's Aloha Spirit



Photo Courtesy of the Bishop Museum

Service members, their families, tourists and the community at large all enjoy HMAM activities at Bishop Museum in 2004. This year, the museum's "Salute to the Military Day" takes place May 1.

Award will be presented.

Chamber members and the public are invited to purchase tickets now for this very special occasion honoring the men and women returning from the war on terrorism. Call Brenda at 545-4300, ext. 317, or e-mail bwatson@cochawaii.org for ticket and table information.

## May 21

The Hawaii Army Museum will host its annual "Living History Day" at Fort DeRussy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event features hands-on exhibits of military weapons, equipment and insignia used in different periods in history, from the U.S. Civil War to the present.

Visitors will see displays of restored, vintage military vehicles and field artillery pieces. Also, the Gallery of Heroes and the special exhibit on the life of Hawaii's own

Gen. Eric Shinseki, first American of Asian ancestry to be appointed as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, will be on display.

## May 21-22

The Wahiawa Lions Club will team with Hawaii Army Garrison and government, business and civic leaders to host a "Sunset in the Park" that welcomes home Soldiers, Marines and other service men and women who recently returned after completing combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This two-day event will be held on Wheeler Army Airfield and will include mega games and entertainment and ono food.

## May 30

Mayor Mufi Hannemann will preside over Memorial Day services at the National Memorial Cemetery of the

Pacific in Punchbowl at 9 a.m.

Governor Linda Lingle will preside over services at the Memorial Plaza of the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe starting at 1 p.m.

Grave sites will be adorned with lei gathered by the school children of Hawaii.

## May 30

The 50th State Fair will pay tribute to military on Memorial Day with its annual "Military Appreciation Day." All active and retired military members and their family members will receive free admission by showing their ID cards.

*(Editor's Note: The events of Hawaii Military Appreciation Month 2005 are made possible by The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the State of Hawaii, and many, many generous sponsors. For a full listing visit www.cochawaii.com.)*

## Governor, general to review Junior ROTC cadets at Ft. Shafter

By Sara Fishburn  
*U.S. Army, Pacific*

FORT SHAFTER — More than 800 Hawaii students from high schools on four islands will participate in the annual Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps parade and awards ceremony on the historic Palm Circle Parade Field here, Thursday morning.

Governor Linda Lingle will present the JROTC Appreciation Day Proclamation and awards to an outstanding cadet from each unit, 19 from Oahu and seven from neighbor island high schools.

Lingle and ceremony host, Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, commanding general, U.S. Army, Pacific, will also participate as the reviewing officers for the parade.

The JROTC students are cadets from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps

JROTC programs in the state.

"This is the highlight of the year for JROTC units in Hawaii," said retired Army Lt. Col. Ralph Simmerman, JROTC program manager for the state Department of Education. "About 100 of these cadets have parents or family members who are currently deployed, or [who] have recently returned from serving our armed forces in places like Iraq and Afghanistan in support of our Nation's Global War on Terrorism."

"There is a tremendous sense of pride among all of our cadets, and their families."

The audience of relatives, friends, educators, military and civic leaders are sure to witness an awe-inspiring ceremony and enjoy the music of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Band.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 11 a.m. The general public is invited.

# 725th Main Support Battalion makes a difference

By Capt. Jason Migliore  
725th Main Support Battalion

WAHIAWA — Back in March, on Monday the 28th at 2:17 p.m., to be exact, cool winds of 5 to 10 mph were coming out of the east when the 725th Main Support Battalion received a volunteer request from Division Support Command, or DISCOM.

"Team, we are asking for volunteers for the Earth Day event April 16th," said Capt. Robert N. Hoover of DISCOM.

Without hesitation, Maj. Mark C. Shade, battalion executive officer, said, "Sign us up; the local community needs us."

Staff Sgt. Scott L. Rohrbaugh and I immediately conducted a reconnaissance mission of Lake Wilson, along with Russell Wheeler of the Freshwater Fishing Association to assess the situation and to determine the amount of manpower we would need to help cleanup the bulky items discarded at the lake — urban blight, an eyesore.

Rohrbaugh and Wheeler traveled the lake with a gentlemen from the community who generously volunteered his time and boat for the recon.

"It was pretty bad out there," Rohrbaugh said after the boat tour of three particularly heavily trashed dump areas out on the lake.

Battalion meetings and briefings soon began; weekly gatherings preceded the buildup to what was called "C Day" [cleanup day], scheduled for April 16. These meetings informed the 725th MSB chain of command and all company commanders and first sergeants in the battalion of the "Lake Wilson situation."

The 725th MSB chain emphasized that C-Day was strictly voluntary, as participating Soldiers would be providing labor on their own time — taking time away from their friends and families.

Many of the 725th MSB Soldiers had just returned from Afghanistan or Iraq. A testament to the "U.S. Soldier," many came to clean up without any complaints.

Some battalion leaders were shocked to find out their Soldiers would actually be going out on locally owned boats. The boat owners were also concerned community members who wanted to volunteer efforts or resources they could to assist with the clean up.

A few Soldiers at a time went out on each boat. Each picked up bulky items and brought them onto the boat. Debris and bulky items from baby strollers to surfboards to automobile tires were collected and taken back to the boat loading ramp.

Afterwards, the items were offloaded to one of the battalion's cargo vehicles for transport to Leilehua High School. There, a front-end loader was used to offload the trash and dump into appropriate recycling bins.

Bulky items that could be recycled included plastics, tires and metal items. Naturally, soda cans and plastic bottles were a substantial part of the catch too.

In all, more than 60 Soldiers came out to Lake Wilson. Each, said community and battalion leaders, "did a great job." Together with other volunteers from within the community, they were praised for all of their hard work and time.

The 725th MSB Soldiers repeatedly exclaimed that they "enjoyed this great event." They expressed hope that those who use the lake will enjoy it with less trash in it "for a very long time in the future."



Soldiers with the 725th Main Support Battalion dedicated their entire Saturday to clean up bulky items and other debris from Lake Wilson in Wahiawa.

Photos by Capt. Jason Migliore

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from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### May

#### 5 / Thursday

**Cinco de Mayo** — The Aloha Tower Marketplace will celebrate Cinco de Mayo at what could be Honolulu's biggest block party, beginning at 5 p.m. Festivities will include dance lessons, live music, free prize giveaways and a "Three Amigos" troupe performing throughout the Marketplace.

Participating restaurants will offer food and beverage specials as part of their regular menus, plus admission is free.

Aloha Tower Marketplace is Hawaii's premiere waterfront destination for shopping and dining, with more than 70 shops and award-winning restaurants. It regularly offers a variety of free activities such as ukulele lessons and live entertainment.

Aloha Tower is located next to the Hawaii Maritime Center, and validated self

and valet parking options are available. For more information, call 566-2337 or surf [www.alohatower.com](http://www.alohatower.com).

**Outdoor Circle** — Any Thursday in May is the time to get involved with the Outdoor Circle and your local community. Participate in a weekly, one-hour litter pickup session along Moanalua Road (fronting Pearl Ridge Elementary School) on May 5, 12, 19 and/or 26 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Call 488-0268 for more information.

#### 9 / Monday

**Pet Week** — The Fort Shafter Veterinary Clinic 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 Fort 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.

#### 21 / Saturday

Applications are now available for charities that are interested in receiving funds from the upcoming May 21 Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association Visitor Industry Charity Walk. Charities may request applications from the association by mail or fax and should include the name, address and contact person of their organization.

Completed application forms should be submitted to the HHLA Honolulu office by 4 p.m. on May 31.

To request an application on Oahu, write Tina Garcia,

Hawaii Hotel and Lodging Association, 2250 Kalakaua Ave., Suite 404-4, Honolulu, HI 96815. Send faxes to 924-3843.

#### 22 / Sunday

**Spring Concert** — Members of the HPU International Chorale and Vocal Ensemble are gearing up for their third annual Spring Concert, "Birds, Beasts and Bugs." This concert will feature music from around the world, including Africa, Samoa, Venezuela, Guatemala, Japan, Great Britain and Hawaii, showcasing some of HPU's best voices.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this free event at 4 p.m. at Kawaiahao Church on the corner of King and Punchbowl.

### Ongoing

**Hickam OU Campus** — The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics and a Master of Public Administration. Non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months during once-per-week classes in the university's very TDY/TAD [temporary duty and tempo-

rary additional duty) friendly environment.

Contact OU at 449-6364 or at [aphickam@ou.edu](mailto:aphickam@ou.edu). Visit the OU Web site at [www.gou.ou.edu](http://www.gou.ou.edu) for more details.

#### 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, 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 offered at the Mililani campus, as well as in Kapolei, Honolulu and Kaneohe, 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.

#### 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](http://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.

#### Community Calendar Briefs

— Do you have announcements of upcoming events or activities? If so, e-mail your information to [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com) at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

# Mother Earth calls all volunteers

Fort DeRussy will host Earth Day activities and rides via trolley to sites

By Dino W. Buchanan  
Honolulu Engineer District

## HONOLULU

Interactive activities, seminars, exhibits and video presentations will abound as part of Earth Day at the Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy, Saturday, just prior to stewardship of the lands at several sites in the Ala Wai watershed area.

Free trolley rides will scoot interested volunteers to a total of seven sites from the turnaround in front of the U.S. Army Museum at Fort DeRussy, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with the Ala Wai Watershed Association, state environmental offices, 25 local civic organizations and more than 400 volunteers, thus far, have committed to rally to the seven Earth Day activity sites and steward the lands.

The general public is invited to be a part of the Earth Day celebration.

Here's a look at just some of the activities taking place tomorrow.

### At the Pacific Regional Visitor's Center

Informational (speaker) presentations at the Visitor's Center will include "Partnering on Stewardship: The Ala Wai Canal Project" at 9 to 9:10 a.m. and "Alien Algae Invaders" at 9:10 to 10 a.m.

### At the PRVC Video Presentations

10 a.m., Partnering in the Pacific  
 10:15 a.m., Ala Wai Watershed Association  
 10:30 a.m., Water For Life, Malama O Manoa  
 10:45 a.m., Keiki o ke kai  
 11 a.m., Partnering in the Pacific  
 11:15 a.m., Waikiki Aquarium and Coral Reefs  
 11:30 a.m., U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Environmental Program  
 11:45 a.m., Stormwater Quality Management in Waikiki  
 Noon, Partnering in the Pacific  
 12:15 p.m., Ala Wai Watershed Association  
 12:30 p.m., Malama O Manoa  
 12:45 p.m., Keiki o ke kai  
 1 p.m., Partnering in the Pacific  
 1:15 p.m., Ala Wai Watershed Association  
 1:30 p.m., Water For Life, Malama O Manoa  
 1:45 p.m., Keiki o ke kai  
 2 p.m., Partnering in the Pacific

### At the Work Sites

The public is invited to an array of Earth Day activities taking place in the watershed areas from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As well, activities take place at Kaimuki, Manoa, Palolo and Makiki Streambanks, all from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

In addition, the Bishop Museum in the Hilton Hawaiian Village Kalia Tower is offering free admission from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Earth Day.

•Provided courtesy of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Follow the journey of a drop of water from the mountain to the sea and check out the Kaneohe-Kailua Dam 3-D map, exhibits on flood survivors, wetlands, navigation and shoreline protection.

Learn more about the "Partnering in the Pacific on the Ala Wai Canal Project" and find out where Hawaiian sand comes from through a display provided by the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Coastal Geology Extension Program.

•Provided courtesy of



Army Garrison, Hawaii's Environmental Program: Enjoy Hawaiian crafts, display board and handouts on the Cultural Resources Program, which continues to work closely with Native Hawaiians to use traditional cultural resources on Army properties.

The Army has been conducting tours at Makua Military Reservation since November 2004.

•Provided courtesy of the Board of Water Supply: See the watershed display, water tattoos and information on developing renewable water supplies like recycle water, seawater desalination and deep ocean water supplies that will afford a foundation for sustainable economic development.

•Provided courtesy of the City & County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services: Get some public education on ways to reduce water pollution, including information on storm water quality management in Waikiki.

•Provided courtesy of the Natural Resources Conservation Service: Take the wheel for a spin on various soil erosion topics.

•Provided courtesy of the State of Hawaii Department of Health: Immerse yourself in interactive activity to measure the turbidity of salt water, including information on Hawaii's beach water quality monitoring program.

•Provided courtesy of the State of Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources: Get great information on protecting and improving the condition of our forests, which benefit our water supply, as well as information on conservation, fire wise, recreational and educational programs.

•Provided courtesy of the Waikiki Aquarium: View colorful Hawaiians in the sea display, a hands-on petroglyph rubbing activity, and a fun fishing quiz.

Reef check follow-up training will provide a lay public level of education in basic coral reef ecology, fish identification skills and training in the reef check methodology of surveys.

Local students, sponsored by the State of Hawaii DLNR and Avenue Fisheries Fish, will restock Moi from 11 a.m. to noon, between the Natatorium and Aquarium.

### At the Trolley

Pick up and drop off will take place as follows:

•At the Hilton Hawaiian Resort and Spa; Tapa Tower

Bus Depot on Paoa Road

•U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center, in the turnaround in front of the U.S. Army Museum

•Waikiki Aquarium on Kalakaua Avenue, in front of the statue

•Kaimuki H.S. Streambank, near Date Street bridge

•Manoa Streambank, near Kahaloa Street bridge

•Palolo Streambank, near Ahe Street bridge

•Makiki Streambank,

Jack in the Box parking lot, corner of South King and Kalakaua, next to Washington Middle School

•Trolley hub at Washington Middle School parking lot, next to Jack in the Box.

*(Editor's Note: For more information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Earth Day activities log onto the Web site at [www.poh.usace.army.mil/ind ex.asp](http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/ind ex.asp).)*

# City & County shifts National Car Care Month in high gear

Department of Environmental Services  
City and County of Honolulu

Throughout April's National Car Care Month, the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Environmental Services is driving the initiative by encouraging residents to "Be Car Care Aware" through proper car care and maintenance to protect Oahu's waters.

The promotion is happening throughout the month and includes eye-catching, point-of-purchase displays that carry a bold statement: "Oil and Water Don't Mix."

All Oahu NAPA, CarQuest, Midas and Checkers locations are distributing to purchasing customers an informational flyer with simple car care tips for "backyard" home mechanics, as well as to car owners in general.

"When car fluids like motor oil wash down our storm drains, the pollution goes directly into our streams and waterways, and harms our aquatic environment," said Eric Takamura, director of the Department of Environmental Services. "Our message is to remind the public that by caring for their car, they are also caring for our waters."

The City highlights the following tips on the car care flyers.

- Never let car fluids wash down storm drains.
- When changing motor oil, use an oil change box that can be disposed of with the trash.
- Get regular car maintenance checks done on time and fix any leaks immediately.
- Remember to turn in your old battery at the same time you are purchasing a new one.
- Wash your car with plain water, or use soap sparingly.

"The City is grateful to our partners in the automotive industry for their support on this important effort," said Dr. Takamura.

The City's Clean Water campaign is part of ongoing public education and outreach under its Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, as mandated through the Clean Water Act.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services manages and operates the City's wastewater and disposal system, the collection and disposal of solid waste, and the storm water program. As the lead agency for environmental management, it also develops and implements the City's environmental policies and programs.

*(Editor's Note: For more information, check out [www.CleanWaterHonolulu.com](http://www.CleanWaterHonolulu.com) or call the Environmental Concern Line at 692-5656.)*

# Post Sports

## April

### 22 / Today

**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, today through Sunday. Gather round for the following events:

- Friday, Pro Practice session, 3 – 5 p.m.;
  - Saturday, Pro Qualifying Matches, 12 p.m.; and
  - Sunday, Championship Finals, 8 a.m.
- Admission is free. Call 655-0573 for more details.

### 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.

### 29 / Friday

**Intramural Softball Deadline** — Hand in your intramural softball season application by April 29. The season gets underway May 9 – Aug. 26.

Complete your application at the USAG-HI Sports Office or Martinez Physical Fitness Center. Call 655-0856 or 655-0101 for more information.

## May

### 2 / Monday

**Summer Camp at Schofield Teen Center** — If you're interested in meeting

new people, going on field trips and loads of fun, then the Middle School Teen Summer Camp is just what you're looking for.

Registration begins May 2 at the Resource and Referral for the June 13 – July 8 camp. Cost is only \$25 per week and a waiver is required.

Call 655-0451 for details.

### 3 / Tuesday

**Youth Soccer Clinic Deadline** — Registration will be underway until May 3 (to youth born any year from 1989 to 2000) for the Youth Soccer Clinic at Aliamanu Military Reservation on Wednesday, May 25, and the clinic at Schofield Barracks, Friday, May 27.

Cost is \$12 and includes an event T-shirt. For more information, contact your area sports director at 655-6465, 438-9336, 836-1923 or 655-0883.

### Youth Sports League

**Deadline** — Registration will be underway through May 3 for youth born any year from 1989 to 2000 for Youth Soccer. Practice will begin around May 30, and the season will run from June 25 to Aug. 25.

Cost is \$40. For more information, contact your area sports director at 655-6465, 438-9336, 836-1923 or 655-0883.

### 7 / Saturday

**Pitch, Hit and Run** — This free program allows children ages 7 to 14 to showcase their pitching, hitting and running abilities. Boys and girls will compete in four different age groups.

In each group, the all-around pitching, hitting and running champions from local competitions get the opportunity to advance in further competitions.

On-site sign ups will be at Wheeler Army Airfield base-

ball fields on May 7, and at the Aliamanu Military Reservation baseball fields on May 14. Both sign-ups will be from 1 – 4 p.m.; participants can only sign up for one local competition.

Parents of players eligible to advance will be responsible for expenses. Call 438-9336 for more information.

### 14 / Saturday

**Fitness Expo** — Visit the Health and Fitness Center on Schofield Barracks for a morning of fun on May 14 from 8 a.m. till noon. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 8 a.m., Hatha Yoga;
- 9 a.m., Step and Core Class;
- 10 a.m. – noon, Body Composition Testing with a question and answer session with personal trainers; and
- 10:30 a.m., New Balance shoe and foot clinic.

All events are free and all participants will have a chance to enter to win fitness door prizes. Call 655-8007 for more information.

## Ongoing

**Cardio Kickboxing** — A new cardio kickboxing class is now available at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center. This class is offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., and its cost is \$2 per class.

Get a 12-class punch card for \$11. Call 438-1152 for more information.

**Okinawan Kenpo Karate** — Designed for ages 5 through adult for the development of their mind, body and spirit, Okinawan Kenpo Karate is held at Aliamanu Youth Gym (836-0338), Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center (438-1152), Helemano PFC (653-0719) and the Bennett Youth Center (655-4641).

Cost is \$35 for individuals

with a multifamily member discount. Days and times differ at each location. For more information, call your nearest facility.

**Summer Learn to Swim Program** — Learn to Swim takes participants level by level from their first step into the water to relative ease and proficiency with standard swimming skills.

Registration for Level I, "Introduction to Water Skills," is underway now at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cost is \$40 for nine, 45-minute classes, and registration is first-come, first-served. Call 655-9698 to confirm your spot.

The Tripler, Helemano and Aliamanu pools will also hold Level I and other courses. Registration at these locations begins in June. Call the pool nearest to you for more information.

**Golf for Food and Fun** — Get a team together any Tuesday from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Nagorski Golf Course on Fort Shafter, and then play golf for only \$15 per person.

Cost includes a nine-hole green fee, a foursome platter of pupus, a pitcher of beverage, a lucky door prize entry and a chance to win other prizes.

Call 438-9587 for more information.

**Intramural Bowling** — MWR is seeking teams from units, sections or directorates in the Fort Shafter area for intramural bowling. Call 438-6733 if you're interested.

**Richardson Pool** — The pool on Schofield Barracks is open Mondays through Fridays for active duty physical training from 6 – 8 a.m., and for open swim from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Plus, enjoy open swim on the weekends from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Call 655-1128 for more

information.

**Leilehua Golf Pro Shop Specials** — Visit the Pro Shop after 6 p.m. for "Leilehua After Dark" specials and get 10-percent off all merchandise. Additionally, for every \$50 you purchase in merchandise, receive a free range balls token and free use of training aids for the driving range.

Call 655-4653 for more details.

**Post Gyms** — The Fort Shafter Gym is closed on Sundays, and the Aliamanu Gym is open on Sundays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Call 438-1152 or 836-0338 for more information.

**Water Exercise Class** — Participate in this class at the Richardson Pool, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. – noon. Cost is \$2 per class, or you can purchase a punch card for 10 classes for \$15.

Call 655-9698 for more details.

**Spinning Class** — Spinning is the newest group exercise class available at the Health and Fitness Center on Schofield Barracks. Patrons can hop aboard deluxe "Revmaster" stationary bikes under the tutelage of certified instructors, and then be guided by imagery to "climb hills," "sprint" or take in the "scenery" for a challenging workout.

Call 655-8007 for more information.

**Driving Range** — The golf driving range at Leilehua Golf Course is open late, "til 9:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Call 655-4653 for details.

**Coaching** — Youth Sports is looking for volunteer coaches for basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, flag football and cheerleading.

If you're interested, call AMR at 836-1923; Fort Shafter, 438-9336; or Schofield Barracks, 655-6465.

**Ladies Golf Clinic** — Want to learn the game of golf for free? Visit the Leilehua Golf Course Driving Range the first Sunday of every month, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

## Local Sports

## April

### 23 / Saturday

**Wrestling** — All ages, as well as Soldiers, are welcome to participate in the Schofield Tropic Lightning Wrestling Tournaments at the Helemano Gym, Helemano Military Reservation.

A Freestyle Tournament is scheduled for tomorrow; a Folkstyle Tournament will take place May 7.

Weigh-in begins at 8 a.m. and wrestling starts at 10 a.m. for both tournament dates.

Team trophies will be awarded. For more details, contact Coach Larry at 391-0067.

### 24 / Sunday

**Dash and 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 tomorrow, 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.

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# A football star, a U.S. military hero



NFL players Warrick Dunn (background) and Larry Izzo (foreground) throw autographed footballs to troops at the opening ceremony of the Pat Tillman USO Center at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan on April 3.

## Pat Tillman honored with USO center dedication

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**BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan** — The United Service Organizations and the National Football League teamed up to open the doors of the Pat Tillman USO Center in a dedication ceremony April 3.

The ceremony was held in honor of the former football-player-turned Soldier, and was attended by service members stationed at Bagram Airfield and NFL players Larry Izzo and Warrick Dunn.

“Pat Tillman was a true American hero,” said Izzo. “This center is a symbol of his toughness, pride, intelligence and passion.”

The Pat Tillman Center is the first USO center in Afghanistan and features a lounge, game room, service bar and TV rooms on the first and second floor. The building also has a patio and an outside barbecue deck. A jersey of Tillman’s — that he wore during his time with the Arizona Cardinals — hangs on display over the mantle of the center.

Dunn said that the center will serve to remind troops of

Tillman’s life.

“This is a guy who walked away from millions of dollars to support his country,” said the Atlanta Falcon running back. “He stood for what makes America great.”

In addition to being on-hand for the ceremony, Izzo and Dunn also took time to visit troops throughout Afghanistan. The players had the opportunity to fire military weapons, ride in helicopters and spend some one-on-one time with service members.

“I have a huge amount of respect for what all of you are doing out here,” said New England Patriot Izzo. “Everyone back home does. You all are the real patriots that make our country safer for generations to come.”

After the dedication, the players signed autographs and took pictures with service members. The efforts of Izzo and Dunn were not lost on the gathered troops.

“This is a great way to honor Pat Tillman and thank the troops,” said military policeman Sgt. Jamhea Cromwell, 690th MP Company. “Celebrities like these coming out here let people like me know that they haven’t forgotten about us back home.”



Military policeman Sgt. Jamhea Cromwell (right) receives an autograph from NFL player Warrick Dunn during the opening of the Pat Tillman USO Center.

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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 Darryllyn Ferreira, race director, at 864-0392, or download an application at [www.kailuacanoclub.com](http://www.kailuacanoclub.com).

#### 28 / Thursday

**Corporate Challenge** — The Downtown Planet is accepting entries in its first-ever Corporate Challenge showcasing Honolulu’s urban and business environment, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Bishop Square in Honolulu.

You’re invited to put your colleagues up against the best Hawaii has to offer and test team skills in

leadership, trust, communication, decision making, problem solving and group work — all for a good cause. All proceeds will go to the Children’s Alliance of Hawaii, Inc., which provides assistance to physically and sexually abused children and adolescents on the island of Oahu.

Teams of six people will compete in a series of six different team-building exercises that inspire employee motivation and productivity. The top three teams will receive awards — the primary a large Corporate Challenge Cup with placards of your company’s or organization’s team name, which can be placed in your organization for one year, when the cup will be up for grabs in 2006.

All team members will receive an event jersey and competitor medal. An annual license or one-day license fee of \$8 is required of each athlete. No other advanced preparation is needed to compete in this event.

The awards ceremony will follow with music, food and many prizes;

for more information, surf [www.adventureracehawaii.com](http://www.adventureracehawaii.com) and click on the Adventure Corp. logo.

### May

#### 3 / Tuesday

**SAME Golf Tourney** — The Society of American Military Engineers, or SAME, will host its Annual SAME Scholarship Fundraising Golf Tournament May 10 at the Mamala Bay Golf Course.

The Honolulu Post will award four \$2,500 scholarships this year to local students pursuing their education in engineering and/or architecture. Over the past years, SAME has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving individuals.

The tournament will be supported by approximately 150 players, local businesses who have graciously donated prizes, and numerous past sustaining members — companies that have pledged their dollars and time to support the nonprofit’s charter.

For more information, contact

Dennis McGee, SAME Golf Committee, at 438-0607, or e-mail [dennis.mcgee@us.army.mil](mailto:dennis.mcgee@us.army.mil).

SAME is a national nonprofit professional engineer association with a charter to 1) bring together professional engineers and those in engineering-related fields, 2) improve and increase the engineering capabilities of the nation, and 3) exchange and advance the knowledge of engineering technologies, applications and practices.

Membership includes military from all the armed services. For more about the organization, visit [www.same.org/honolulu](http://www.same.org/honolulu).

### July

#### 2 / Saturday

**Ewa Beach Patriot Run** — It’s official; this run is now an annual event, and organizers have already begun to prepare for the second round. State House Representative Kymberly Pine, who represents Ewa Beach, Puuloa and Iroquois Point communities in District 43, invites the district and surrounding

community residents to the Annual Patriot Run, to be held July 2 at 8:30 a.m.

This event will honor all men and women of the armed forces, past and present, and bring our community together to celebrate being American.

The run/walk is a one or 3-mile course around the Ocean Pointe community. Other activities planned include jump rope and relay race contests for keiki, and free health screenings for those who are young at heart. Additionally, raffles will net great prizes, food and T-shirts to commemorate the event.

This event is free, but T-shirts must be purchased for \$10. Make checks out to Hale Pono Boys and Girls Club of Ewa Beach.

### Ongoing

**Local Sports Calendar Briefs** — Do you have sports announcements of upcoming events or activities? If so, e-mail your information to [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).