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## Strykers to remain in Hawaii

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FORT SHAFTER – The Army announced Tuesday its decision to permanently station the 2/25th Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) at Schofield Barracks upon completion of its current deployment to Iraq.

Hawaii was selected after careful consideration of significant factors, primarily because it is best able to meet the Army's

strategic defense and national security needs in the Pacific theater. This decision considered the limitations in Hawaii in terms of training ranges, maneuver land, and impacts to sensitive environmental resources, as well as the other considered locations.

"Stationing the 2/25th SBCT in Hawaii sends a powerful signal to our friends and our enemies that we are committed to U.S. interests in this vital region," said Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commander, U.S. Army,

Pacific. "The Stryker brigade's capabilities significantly increase our ability to win any conflict in the Pacific. We know that Hawaii has limited space and beautiful natural resources. We will continue to protect them."

The decision was based on detailed analysis of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), public comments and the ability of each alternative to meet the Army's

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## Residents can expect gate delays

Antiterrorism exercise to affect traffic, parking

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) conducts its annual antiterrorism exercise Monday-Thursday. The annual requirement validates force protection plans and trains officials to better protect the community and installation assets.

Several mock terrorist attacks will take place, which may affect your areas of work, travel and parking.

Throughout the week, USAG-HI will use its Giant Voice System to announce the evacuation of various buildings within the exercise areas. If your building is designated for evacuation, you will be notified in advance.

• **Monday** – Force Protection Condition "Charlie" will be put into effect beginning the Monday afternoon until the Tuesday morning. This will affect Schofield Barracks' Lyman and Kawamura gates and Fort Shafter's Buckner Gate.

• **Tuesday** – Aleshire Avenue and the parking lots of Buildings 2083, 2085 and R2032, Schofield Barracks, will be blocked off to all vehicle traffic.

• **Wednesday** – The Fort Shafter Flats vehicle regulation, pass and ID office will be closed. Additionally, portions of Funston Loop, Mokumoa Street and the parking lots for Building 1599 and the track field, Fort Shafter Flats, will be closed to community members and vehicle traffic.

• **Thursday** – The 25th ID retention and 540th Quartermaster offices, Schofield Barracks, will be closed. The area surrounding the Sgt. Smith Theater, portions of Trimble Road, Fournier Avenue and Burr Place, and the parking lots of Building 585, Schofield Barracks, will be blocked to all vehicle traffic. Call 656-5397.

## MPs plant tree for fallen heroes

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Soldiers of 57th Military Police Company, the 8th MP "Watchdog" Brigade, honored their fallen comrades with a tree-dedication ceremony, April 10.

Though the tree was dedicated to all fallen Soldiers, Spc. Tyler Butler and Spc. David Armstrong, MPs who both died February 2007 in Iraq, were recognized.

The Armstrong family, from Ohio, attended the dedication ceremony along with Soldiers who served with both MPs while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Soldiers each took a turn planting the tree. One by one, they shoveled dirt into the hole to keep the tree in place.

"All of our fallen brothers are being recognized today by their sacrifices they have made to their country," said Spc. Jason Ambrose of 57th MP Co. "They lost their lives, but we are planting a tree, which is a symbol of life. These men will still live with us in our hearts."

Friends of Armstrong recalled the time they spent with him and how Armstrong's personality and character left an impression on their lives.

"David and I were best friends," said Ambrose. "We were always together; we spent our off-time playing video games, working out at the gym and helping each other out with some difficult times."

After the ceremony, friends and family reflected on their lives and discussed what Armstrong might have thought about the ceremony.

"David was not self-centered," said Ambrose. "I don't think that he would have wanted anything, but he would think that it was a nice thing to do."

"Armstrong did not care too much about publicity and self-recognition; he was more concerned about everyone else," Ambrose said.



(Right) Spc. Jason Ambrose and Spc. Tyler Takayanagi, both 57th Military Police Co. Soldiers, steady the tree during a tree dedication ceremony, April 10.

## AFAP conference kicks off at Schofield

Part One of a two-part series on the Army Family Action Plan, "Building the Future of Hawaii"

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Several dozen delegates from across the Hawaii Army community prepared to "Build the Future of Hawaii" at the opening ceremony of the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference, Monday.

Soldiers, family members, veterans, retirees and Department of Army (DA) civilians reviewed 53 active issues facing the Army community and presented some of the most pressing issues to Maj. Gen. Raymond Mason, commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Wednesday.

"This year's theme appropriately express-

es the focus and purpose of this conference," said Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, at the opening ceremony. "It acknowledges the importance of community well-being and recognizes quality of life as one of the garrison's top priorities."

"In fact," he continued, "in September, I submitted to the entire garrison staff that this year would be known as the 'Year of Quality of Life' and that every goal and priority we established would be directly related to improving the quality of life for our Soldiers and families. Today's ceremony marks the opening of what I'm sure will be another very successful and productive conference."

"This conference is important to senior leadership," said Tracy Clark, Army volunteer coordinator. "This is their 'ear to the ground.' Major General Mason, Brigadier General Bednarek, Brigadier General Nixon and Brigadier General Brown are here because it's that important," she said. "They want to know what's going on in 'their Army.'"

Margotta thanked the participants for their willingness to represent the thousands of Soldiers and families in the community.

"Your task is to identify and prioritize Soldier and family well-being issues," Margotta emphasized. "It will assist the Army leadership in reshaping America's Army."

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## Community members discuss concerns at town hall meeting

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Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Subject matter experts (SME) and community leaders listened to members of the community, Tuesday, at the Oahu North Community town hall meeting.

At the start of the meeting, Lt. Col Mark Boussy, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu, reminded residents that the gathering was their chance to express concerns to people who make decisions and affect change.

SME's from the Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) and Army Air Force Exchange Services (AFFES) provided updates on issues community members raised at the last town hall meeting.

Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, brought two items of business to the community's attention; the destruction of recovered chemical warfare material at Schofield Barracks and the Utility Consumption Program.

During range clearance operations at Schofield Barracks between June 2004 and September 2006, Army officials discovered and identified several World War I, World War II-era weapons, Margotta said.



Tamsin Keone, Youth Education Support Services director, School Liaison Office, and community member Adriane Fitzhugh discuss student bus transportation at the town hall meeting, Tuesday.

The Army is using a state-of-the-art system called the Transportable Detonation Chamber (TDC) to safely and efficiently destroy the recovered chemical munitions. The destruction operation began, Tuesday, and officials estimate

it should take approximately 15 days to destroy all 71 munitions.

Margotta emphasized safety as the key component of the operation while focusing on the TDC's containment capabilities. "The TDC system is fully contained. What that means is that there is no harmful chemical release to the environment or surrounding area," Margotta said.

Margotta spoke about the Utility Consumption Program, which was established by the Office of the Secretary of Defense in September 1998. The mandate holds residents who reside in government-owned homes responsible for their own utilities.

"Meters will be placed on newer homes and over a year to year and a half we are going to establish a baseline for usage for what utilities are; averages taken from your neighborhood," Margotta said.

Residents who use more than the baseline may get a bill for the overage, and those who use less will get a rebate, he said.

The garrison will hold another town hall meeting, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at Sgt. Smith Theater, to educate the community about the new program.

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## Building leaders

Soldiers 'exercise initiative in the absence of orders' during training exercises.

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## Volunteer ceremony

The 25th Infantry Division Quarterly Volunteer Ceremony is 10:30 a.m., Thursday, at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room.

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## Commissary closure

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# Couples establish 'Strong Bonds'

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FORT SHAFTER FLATS – “Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks, but bears it out even to the edge of doom,” wrote William Shakespeare in Sonnet 116, a poetic description of his interpretation of love.

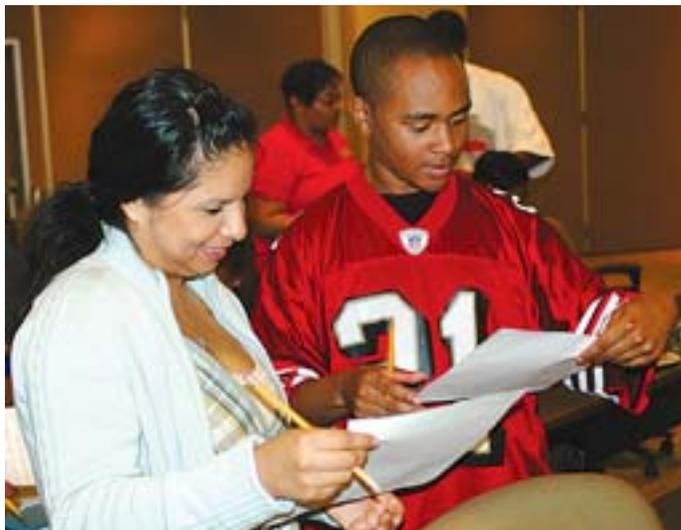
Unfortunately, the reality of love isn't always like Shakespeare writes it to be, filled with romance and everlasting perfection. For most people, strong relationships require effort, which is why the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) supports the Strong Bonds program by organizing relationship enrichment retreats.

Soldiers from the 94th AAMDC participated in a single Soldier retreat March 27-28, and a couples' retreat April 3-4, the first retreats of the year. Both took place at the Turtle Bay Resort where participating Soldiers learned skills relevant to their relationship status. They took the opportunity to mingle with fellow Soldiers and enjoy the resort.

“The Strong Bonds program was created as an empowerment tool for the total Army family,” said Capt. Michelle Toyofuku, battery commander, 94th AAMDC. “To help Army families, single Soldiers and couples endure the stress and fatigue that often comes with not only wartime deployments, but even the everyday challenges that life presents us – changes we all go through.”

“I think the purpose of the program is to lessen the stress on Soldiers,” said Spc. Roshia Everett, automotive logistic specialist, 94th AAMDC, about the Strong Bonds program.

Everett has attended two of the couples' retreats, including the most recent one, and believes the retreats help shift Soldiers' focus away from work and educate them on skills to strengthen their relationships. She said the retreats she has attended have helped her marriage by teaching her communication skills and ways to avoid arguments during conflicts.



Spc. Margarita Jacobo, automotive logistic specialist, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, and Spc. Justin Scales, human resource specialist, 94th AAMDC, look over each others' “have you ever” bingo sheets to see what they have done that they can sign-off on the sheet. The bingo sheets were part of an interaction activity at the single Soldier retreat March 27 at the Turtle Bay Resort.

The Strong Bonds program is designed to assist Soldiers at the unit level in building stronger bonds with loved ones through relationship enrichment training and activities. The program is coordinated by chaplains and funded by the Department of the Army. The Army Chief of Chaplains manages the grant program that assists commanders in implementing the program at available dates on the unit's training schedule.

“I think if you take the information given from the retreats to heart, and you apply those lessons learned in your life, it will help you with your significant other or your future significant other,” said Spc. Justin Scales, human resources specialist, 94th AAMDC, who attended the single Soldier retreat.

The program was introduced in 1997 and initially targeted married couples but later expanded in 2005 to include programs for single Soldiers, families

with children, and the special needs associated with deployed and redeployed families.

Col. Vance Theodore, 94th AAMDC chaplain, coordinates his command's events, which include Soldiers from other units in the area.

Theodore said chaplains attend training sessions in order to be properly educated on the curriculum that they plan to teach at the retreats. The Department of the Army chooses the curriculum based on what the service believes would be most useful to Soldiers.

“When life-changing events happen in the lives of our Soldiers, their spouses, and children, these events have an impact – sometimes positive, sometimes negative, and this program helps the family grow,” said Toyofuku. “We want them all to know that they have an entire command here to help them thrive and weather any storm.”

# Sexual assault can be prevented

**STEPHANIE RUSH**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – It is everyone's responsibility to help prevent sexual assault and Schofield Barracks is doing its part to raise awareness and educate the military ohana during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), held in April each year.

Sexual assault is against the law and incompatible with the warrior ethos and Army values. The Army is committed to combating sexual assault and participates in SAAM by holding events and programs aimed at making people aware of the issue and preventing sexual assaults from happening.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, one in six women and one in 33 men report being sexually assaulted at least one time in their lives. Even so, these statistics do not accurately depict the problem of sexual assault in the U.S., since many victims do not press charges or report the issue to authorities for fear of humiliation, retaliation or embarrassment.

The Army's policy on sexual assault is in line with and shares the same goals as the Department of Defense's (DoD) which is a comprehensive policy centering on reinforcing a culture of prevention, response and accountability that ensures the safety, dignity and well-being of all members of the armed forces.

This year's theme of SAAM is “Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask! Act! Intervene!” The theme was chosen to serve as a reminder that a person's actions can make a difference in someone else's life, according to DoD's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. Standing by and doing nothing can put a person's friends, families and co-workers in jeopardy.

“The 2008 SAAM theme captures the philosophy that as a community we all have an obligation to prevent sexual assault,” Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program Manager Cole Weeks said. “Soldiers and family members can support this theme by being actively involved in the welfare of friends, neighbors and battle buddies.”

There are several ways to be actively involved in your friends', neighbors' and battle buddies' welfare according to Weeks.

“Be aware of your surroundings, trust your instincts; if it does not feel right, leave,” Weeks said. “Don't let drugs or alcohol cloud your judgment, be assertive; don't let anyone violate your space.”

Weeks added that people should be supportive of those around them and aware of potential risk factors, such as violent behaviors, inappropriate intimacy, targeting someone

who is visibly impaired or suggestive remarks. People should also know about the various community resources available for victims of sexual assault.

One such resource available to members of the Army community is the installation sexual assault response coordinator (SARC). Coordinators are stationed everywhere Army personnel are stationed, including garrison installations and deployed environments.

The installation SARC will assign an installation victim advocate or unit victim advocate to work with victims of sexual assault. The advocate supports victims through a number of services, including resource referrals as well as describing the different reporting options.

For more information about sexual assault awareness, call the installation's SARC office at 655-1718 or by attending any of the following events, being held as part of USAG-HI's SAAM program.

- April 17: Information Booth at Schofield Barrack's Post Exchange, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 23: Information Booth at Tripler Army Medical Center's mountainside entrance, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 24: Information Booth at Schofield Barrack's PX, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- April 26: 5K Fun Run/Walk at Hickam Air Force Base, 8 a.m. Free T-shirt with \$10 donation to Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Call Staff Sgt. Taveya Murphy at 448-3432.

The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's (USAG-HI) SARC, Brenda Huntsinger, works with Army Community Service to meet the Army's and DoD's commitment to eliminating incidences of sexual assault.

“Education and awareness are definitely a priority in my role as the installation SARC,” Huntsinger said. “Training on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program is a mandatory, annual training for all Soldiers.”

The SARC office isn't just for Soldiers. The office is staffed by trained professionals ready to answer any query or provide additional information on the Army's and DoD's sexual assault policy.

“I serve as a point of contact for the community in regards to sexual assault prevention and response,” said Huntsinger. “Commanders, Unit Victim Advocates and anyone in the military community are able to direct their questions or concerns to the SAPR program.”

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## LIGHTNING SPIRIT

# Life partners must be chosen 'W.I.S.E.L.Y.'

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Choosing a life partner is one of the biggest decisions you'll make in your life. But many couples enter into long-term commitments with little or no preparation at all.

Through the years, I've met with scores of couples for marital counseling, and I always ask them if they have received any premarital counseling. The answer has been unanimously no.

This response is usually followed by an expression that looks like a deer who has been “caught in the headlights” of an oncoming vehicle. These basic criteria may spark your interest and guard your heart for that special person when the time is right.

Who you date must be considered a potential spouse. The final outcome of any dating relationship could be marriage.

However, many potential “players” won't even bother dating a person who is serious about life and relationship choices. Yet, let's be real. Who wants to waste their time with a “player” anyway?

Involvement must be matched by the appropriate level of commitment. Couples often begin their relationships by becoming physically and emotionally involved without any long-term commitment. This pattern is followed by an infatuation that is easily mistaken for love.

Involvement may, by chance, become a successful lasting relationship, but the odds are working against you. Therefore, do yourself a favor: if you are over-involved without commitment, then bail out now before the cement is dry.

Seek some well-respected persons to validate your choice of marriage partner. Don't go it alone. Find a respected mentor, preferably one who is more spiritually mature than you and older, to whom you can go for guidance. I guarantee you'll never regret it.

Formal counseling from a chaplain, minister or a professionally trained marriage and family specialist will help you to properly evaluate compatibility. Discussions with a third party can expose potential pitfalls as well as provide accountability.

Counseling should at least cover the following topics: family background, religious and spiritual preferences, physical intimacy, finances and basic communication skills.

Edification should be the goal in dating and marriage. If you find someone of the opposite sex that stretches you and encourages you, then go for it. But that's a whole lot different from defrauding your partner by seeking to get what you can emotionally or physically from him or her.

Edification has a very different goal. A healthy edifying relationship will benefit you. It won't drain your heart of love and passion but will add strength and character to your soul.

Love is not self seeking. However, many couples say, “We just don't love each other any more” when they are struggling. However, this belief is really just a selfish decision. In reality, the couple has decided not to love.

Lasting love is not an emotion that ebbs and flows, rather, love is a conscious action. Secondly, seek a person who is not afraid to love. What we need today are more young men and women who are not afraid of being real, of being authentic, and of being committed to a lasting relationship.

Yoked equally, agreeably, is old school stuff, but it still makes sense. The issue of compatibility can't be overstated.

The major dating services target compatibility as the sole priority. However, I want to raise the level of importance on spiritual compatibility. Why would you want to be committed to another person who does not have the same long-term goals and spiritual values?

Take the time to seriously consider your attitude toward dating, and you will make a W.I.S.E. decision. Have fun and find a healthy balance between emotions and logical thought.

Finally, begin today by praying for your future spouse. Someone is out there somewhere, even if you have never met.

One last piece of advice: I married my best friend, and time has proven that I chose W.I.S.E.L.Y.

(Editor's Note: The Web site familylife.com was a source for this article.)



Weaver

## 31 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 4/16/08.

# Voices of Lightning: What can parents do to ensure children grow up in a positive environment?



“Ensure that you teach your kids good morals; always be honest.”

**Capt. Christopher Dickinson**  
Lifeguard Richardson Pool



“Talk to their kids, get to know their kids.”

**Spc. Anabella Fernandez**  
HHC, 8th STB



“Be a positive influence and make sure they don't make the same mistakes you did.”

**Staff Sgt. Ferdale Huey**  
94th AAMDC



“Be involved in their lives.”

**Sgt. Olanda Thompson**  
HHC, 8th STB



“Always be there to answer any questions, no matter what.”

**Spc. Monice Viel**  
HHC, 8th STB



Spc. Brian Pierce | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

## Special glasses

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Capt. Michael Chambers, fits an Iraqi child with makeshift glasses to protect his eyes during a combined medical effort in Nahala Village in the Taji Qada, northwest of Baghdad, April 7. Chambers is a physician's assistant assigned to C Company, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

# Iraqis learn how to spot IEDs

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Story and Photo by

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Multinational Division-Baghdad (MND-B) Soldiers take to the roads daily around here to search for improvised explosive devices (IED) and ensure the safety of Iraqi security and coalition forces and the people of Iraq.

Soldiers from the 66th Engineer Company, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, who conduct route-clearance missions, took steps April 5-6 to teach their Iraqi army (IA) counterparts what it takes to make their own roads safe.

"We're incorporating the Iraqi engineers into our engineers, and we're showing them the basics of what we do on a route-clearance mission on a dismantled level," said 1st Sgt. Jonathon White, 66th Eng. Co. "We're responsible for the route-clearance mission for the entire [2nd SBCT], so our goal is to integrate the Iraqi army into our route-clearance packages and have them take part in our route-clearance operations."

The end goal is to train the IA soldiers to assume full control of route clearance, White added.

The two-day course, which incorporated 10 IA engineers, taught the basics of route-clearing operations, with the end goal of having the Iraqi security forces (ISF) join MND-B engineers on the roads during missions.

"We took the engineers from the IA and brought them out here to a training site and showed them ways to identify specific types of IEDs and indicators that surround them," said Sgt. John Yost, team leader and course instructor, 66th Eng. Co.

Iraqi soldiers also learned how to determine



Sgt. John Yost (center), team leader with the 66th Engineer Company, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, instructs Iraqi army engineers during an IED lane exercise.

the location of IEDs based on changes in the environment and how to properly react when an IED is found.

The crucial instrument of the training was its in-depth physical atmosphere. Soldiers from the 66th Eng. Co. took available land and resources to construct the training area, which is not far from their company headquarters, and used available resources to build mock IEDs and hostile environments, said White.

"To put this package together, [we used] just resources we had internal to us and a good piece

of ground," he added. "This isn't a PowerPoint type of training device. This is hands-on, hands-in-the-dirt, teaching them the grind of what it takes to be successful."

Getting the space and tools together to conduct training on such a level was merely one of many obstacles the Soldiers had to overcome to conduct the training.

"The language barrier is a little difficult, but once they grasp the concept, they're hungry to learn and they want more. It's a little disappointing we can only train one group for two days," said Yost.

While the Iraqi engineers only had two days to learn and practice proper dismantled route-clearance procedures, the simple notion of participating in the training was more than enough to get Iraq soldiers on the right path toward conducting their own missions in the future.

"We're showing progression. As long as we're taking one step forward, that's a step in the right direction," said White. "It's all about the small steps, and small steps lead to bigger steps, and this is one small step toward progression."

The Iraqi soldiers want to achieve their goal of completing the training, and the Soldiers from the 66th Eng. Co. provided them the opportunity to take a huge step forward with the training.

"As soldiers, they have to learn and they have to achieve their goal," said Sgt. Kassim Obaid, the group noncommissioned officer of the Iraqi soldiers, through an interpreter.

While U.S. Soldiers currently conduct all route-clearance operations, training exercises such as the one set up by the 66th Eng. Co. will open the door for the IA engineers to overcome the deadly threat of roadside bombs.

# Soldiers train to fight pirates, terrorists

Story and Photos by  
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HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE – Ready to defend their ship from pirates and terrorists, as the ship swayed back and forth on the choppy ocean surface, crew members manned Mk-19 40mm grenade and Browning .50 caliber machine guns last week. These crew members weren't sailors, though, they were Soldiers training for the real-world threat of missions in the Persian Gulf.

Beginning April 9, the crew of the Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross Logistic Support Vessel 5 (LSV-5) participated in a four-day field training exercise (FTX) at sea, consisting of a battle station, a medical evacuation and an abandon ship drill; a waterborne live-fire range; and a hasty retreat from land in a chemical environment.

"The stuff we've been doing on this FTX is a train-up for our wartime mission," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rodney Burnett, the LSV-5 vessel master, who has seen three deployments to the Persian Gulf.

The primary mission of LSV-5 in Hawaii is to transport the military's heavy equipment between Oahu and the Big Island for training at Pohakuloa Training Area. However, with such a busy schedule, the crew has little time to train for its combat missions, according to Burnett.

"The Army watercraft field, as a real-world mission, is to move Army equipment around for missions like humanitarian relief and [missions in the] Persian Gulf," he said.

In the gulf, the major mission is hauling damaged equipment from Iraq to repair facilities and back.

"Most of the time we travel around unaccompanied," said Burnett. "The real hazards over there aren't so much countries ... but terrorists and pirates. And, usually, all it takes to defend ourselves against [them] is if they know that you're watching them."

Another potential threat is small, undetectable boats.

"Radar picks up so much, but certain things it won't," said Spc. Jacob Faber, a watercraft operator who has deployed with another vessel. "[There are] these small, wooden, one-man canoes and they'll be all around you and you won't even notice until daybreak. [There will be] ten, thirteen alongside you and you have to be quick to get to your [weapon]."

The Soldiers fire the weapons on land ranges from time to time, but seldom have the op-



A crew member of LSV-5 fires a Browning .50 caliber machine gun at a floating target, April 9, during the four-day Field Training Exercise at sea.

portunity to fire from the ship, which adds a unique element of difficulty.

"[The biggest challenge is] the motion of the ocean," said Faber. "On land you're a steady object; you can pinpoint [and] use your sights. Here it's kind of 'aim-and-go'... don't even bother using your sights. [You just] get down low with the gun, let a couple go, find out where you're at and go from there."

According to Sgt. Jose Aguilar, a watercraft engineer with LSV-5, the Soldiers gain critical knowledge about working with the weapon systems.

"A lot of these guys are new," he said. "[This training gives us] the opportunity to show them how to load [the weapons], perform functions checks, and clear. It's something they pick up, and it sticks with them."

And knowing those tasks will keep the crew safer in combat, Burnett said.

"If we're vigilant and we know how to use our weapons and [the enemy] knows we're going to defend ourselves, that makes us a hard target," said Burnett. "And knowing that they have the capability to defend themselves builds confidence in the crew."



LSV-5 and LSV-2 crew members take the 25-foot during an abandon ship drill, April 10, as part of a four-day exercise.



Pvt. Juston Grubbs and Sgt. Thomas Tallman, both with 2nd Squadron 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, look over maps and compasses for a call to fire exercise during the unit's Field Training Exercise at Dillingham Air Field.

## NCOs provide agile leadership for CAB

Story and Photo by  
**SGT. BRYANNA POULIN**

25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD – Soldiers with 209th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) and 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, had the opportunity to put words from the NCO Creed into action – to "exercise initiative in the absence of orders" – during two training exercises, recently.

The 209th ASB participated in three-day Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training, while 2-6th Cav. Regt. conducted a weeklong field training exercise (FTX).

"With ambiguity and uncertainty, junior NCOs [noncommissioned officers] were put in high stress situations to lead their Soldiers," said Maj. John McAfee, commander, B Co., 209th ASB. "The objective of the three-day training was junior leadership development."

From convoy operations to reacting to an improvised explosive device (IED), Soldiers trained in a field environment for situations they expect to see downrange.

"This training is something all Soldiers should be participating in prior to deploying," said Sgt. 1st Class Gerard Acuna, Shops NCO for B Co., 209th ASB. "By providing the Soldiers with challenging

situations, it forces them to think on their feet without hesitation."

McAfee said building confidence allows Soldiers to develop themselves by taking charge and having the fortitude to do what they are trained to do.

While the MOUT training was the first training 209th ASB has conducted since redeploying, it won't be the last.

"Training isn't something you do once a year," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Pasionek, Shops platoon sergeant, B. Co 209th. "Training has to be repeated over and over again for muscle memory."

While 209th ASB stayed on post for training, 2-6th Cav. Regt. Soldiers took its training to Dillingham Air Field.

"The FTX is a 24-hour operation," said Spc. Christopher W. Denham, chemical specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2-6th Cav. Regt. "From pulling guard duty to conducting missions, it has been nonstop training."

"The high-intensity, low drag training is what troops need to gear up for deployment," said Sgt. Thomas Tallman, 2-6th Cav. Regt., during the call-to-fire exercise at Dillingham. "Although we aren't downrange, it's still important to get Soldiers out of their comfort zone of a garrison environment and allow Soldiers to lead other Soldiers."



Sgt. David House | 8th Theater Support Battalion

## Bomb check

RAJENDRAPUR CANTONMENT, Bangladesh — Pfc. Matthew Faith, from 1st Platoon, 57th Military Police Company, 8th MP Brigade, conducts a vehicle search as part of United Nations peacekeeping training during Exercise Shanti-Doot 2, April 10.

# News Briefs

Send news announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

## 24 / Thursday

**Volunteer Ceremony** - The next 25th Infantry Division Quarterly Volunteer Ceremony will be held at the Post Conference Room, April 24, 10:30 a.m.

## 30 / Wednesday

**Oahu South Town Hall** - The next Oahu South town hall meeting for the Oahu South community will be held at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. Call 438-6147 for more information.

**Days of Remembrance** - Holocaust survivor Dr. Robert O. Fisch will speak at Schofield's Days of Remembrance Observance, at the

Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, April 30, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Volunteer Ceremony** - The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installation's annual Volunteer Ceremony will be held at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, April 30, at 11:30 a.m.

## June

### 14 / Saturday

**Army Ball** - You are cordially invited to attend the U.S. Army Pacific Command (USARPAC) Army Ball, commemorating the Army's 233rd birthday, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, which will be held June 14, 6 p.m.

During the ball, the USARPAC Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Community Leader of the Year will be honored.

Attire is formal and the cost is \$80 per person. Call 438-9761.

## Ongoing

**Leadership Development Program** - The Military Child Educa-

tion Coalition (MCEC) is accepting applications for the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program for students in the student-to-student program.

The program will be held at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. Call Jewel Csiszar at 655-9818 for more information.

**Deployment Financial Checklist** - The NASD Investor Education Foundation, the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) and the National Military Family Association have created the Family Financial Checklist. The checklist details financial commitments service members need to be aware of when preparing to deploy.

The list also helps service members and their families discuss important financial issues before deployment such as credit card bills, mortgage payments, taxes and insurance.

Visit [www.SaveAndInvest.org](http://www.SaveAndInvest.org) for more information.

**Hire a Hero** - Active and transitioning military personnel, veterans, National Guard members, Reservists and their spouses have access to a unique online community that helps them network into quality job opportunities and training through the Armed Forces Support Foundation's (AFSF) Hire A Hero program.

The Hire A Hero online community is powered by volunteers who have connections to jobs and training in their hometowns.

For more information visit [www.hireahero.org](http://www.hireahero.org).

**Recovered Personal Property** - The provost marshal's office has recovered several personal property items recently lost at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

For more information or to claim lost items, call 655-8255.

# Town Hall: Residents speak out

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Tony Hintz, Army Hawaii Family Housing, provided a housing update. The Kalakaua Community is complete and AHFH is busy finishing other communities as well.

Tamsin Keone, Youth Education Support Services director, School Liaison Office, gave an overview on school bus transportation.

Lt. Col. Tomas Denzler, Director of Emergency Services announced a temporary three to five week closure of Foote Gate from July-August. In addition, he said the annual Antiterrorism Exercise, which will take place Monday-Thursday, will include several mock terrorist and emergency response actions. These drills may affect areas of work, travel and parking.

"This is our mechanism to validate our force protection plan," Denzler said. "It enables us to test our procedures that ultimately enable us to protect the community, if and when a real world emergency would occur."

Sarah Horrigan, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) announced the Fourth of July Spectacular will feature Billy Ray Cyrus. She also highlighted new and upcoming DFMWR Army Family Covenant initiatives, such as the Kolekole Jam III, free towel service at all gym and fitness centers, free pet care for Blue Star card holders, and much more.

Following the presentations and updates, residents asked questions, which ranged from the Department of Education Student Transportation System, military police response times, lawn care, child safety, and trouble with unsupervised children and teenagers.

At the last town hall meeting, Christine Swanberg expressed concern about security at Helemano Military Reservation. Since then, Swanberg said she has noticed improvement as security guards have had more of a presence in the area. "We have the people here who can make things happen, we take actions on issues affecting our communities," Boussy said. "People may bring up issues that we are not aware of and these meetings bring it to our attention."

# Stryker: Brigade provides flexibility

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requirements. The Army will continue to protect and manage its training activities and ranges to avoid or minimize any environmental harm.

Historically, the Army's activities are less destructive than other common land uses.

"In part, my decision was based on the fact that the U.S. is a nation with vital interests in the Pacific Rim and Southeast Asia," said Lt. Gen. James D. Thurman, deputy chief of staff of the Army, G-3/5/7, who made the stationing decision. "Both the National Military Strategy and the Quadrennial Defense Review provide decisions and directives to reorient and focus additional combat power in the Pacific Region."

The Stryker vehicle is the most advanced weapon system used by any country in the southeastern Pacific Rim. It can provide a dominant force for contingency deployments, such as the United States' commitment to the defense of Taiwan, Japan and South Korea, and provide deterring sanctuary for terrorist organizations in areas of growing unrest in Southeast Asia.

Stationing the 2/25th in Hawaii provides strategic flexibility to deploy two SBCTs simultaneously, if necessary. The Army now has a second forward-positioned SBCT in the Pacific theater from which it can deploy Stryker units to respond to any threat. This flexibility ensures strategic redundancy even during Alaska's harsh winter season when weather and other factors could make deployment difficult.

In addition, the Army could re-



Chief Mass Communication Specialist David Rush | Hawaii Navy News

A Stryker vehicle from 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Schofield Barracks returns from the Big Island's Pohakuloa Training Area.

spond more rapidly to countries in the Pacific than forces stationed at bases in the continental U.S.

"This is the right decision for our Army and especially the Soldiers and families of our deployed Stryker Brigade Combat Team in harm's way," said Brig. Gen. Mick Bednarek, acting commander of the 25th Infantry Division. "The actions that we take now in support of our Soldiers and families provide a tremendous amount of relief during a difficult period."

"We will continue the strong partnership with our Hawaii community, and our continued dialogue with everyone remains key to this progress, he added."

SBCT training has similar demands on the environment to other Army training. Most of its weapons and training events are common to other Army infantry units. The main difference is the enhanced protection the Stryker vehicle provides Soldiers.

The 2/25th SBCT will conduct training at a number of training areas in Hawaii, including

Schofield Barracks, Dillingham Military Reservation, Kahuku Training Area, Kawaiiloa Training Area, and Wheeler Army Air Field on Oahu, and at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Island of Hawaii.

"We look forward to providing the best possible facilities, training support, and quality of life for the Soldiers and families of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team," said Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

There are approximately \$250 million dollars worth of construction projects on Oahu and Hawaii which the Army can now complete to support the 2nd SBCT and other units training in Hawaii.

The Stryker stationing decision is an independent decision to the future use of Makua Military Reservation (MMR). The use of MMR is dependent upon the completion of a separate EIS.

More information about the Department of the Army record of decision can be found at [www.aec.army.mil](http://www.aec.army.mil).

# Assault: Prevention is focus of month

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Huntsinger believes the program, focusing on awareness, education and prevention can have positive results in the community.

"My hopes are that through training and education, Soldiers are able to identify what sexual assault is, implement prevention measures and know what options and resources they have available if they ever are assaulted," she said.

"My goal for SAAM is to increase awareness in our community regarding the issue of sexual assault," Huntsinger added. "It is my hope that no one will ever underestimate the importance of being a good friend, family member or co-worker. When everyone works together and intervenes appropri-

ately, sexual assault can be prevented."

*(Editor's Note: Information from the Department of Defense's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response policy and Army Command policy, Army Regulation 600-20, Chapter 8 were used in this article.)*

ACS Victim Advocacy Safe Line, 624-7233  
DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil)  
Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, 655-1718  
Kapiolani Medical Center, 542-7273  
National Sexual Assault Hotline, 1-800-656-HOPE  
National Sexual Violence Resource Center, [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

# AFAP: Volunteers ready to make lasting changes

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Delegates and facilitators were ready for challenge.

"The issues we discuss here really do translate into good programs to make military life better," said Melissa Belis, family member.

"What ends up happening when we take care of families is we take care of our Soldiers," said Capt. Richard Mendez, Warrior Transition Brigade, who hopes his experience and background will help his group brainstorm and come up with ideas that will make a lasting effect on the Army. "I want to help make something self-sustaining, that will last."

"This is important because it helps to bring issues to light and helps resolve issues," said Staff Sgt. Erin Chambers, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, AFAP recorder.

Members of the three workgroups tackled issues ranging from employment, family support, relocation and youth, to name a few.

"Decisions made at AFAP conferences are how our housing became privatized," said Bobbie Hanlon, AFAP volunteer. "It's how the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance went from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to \$200,000 to \$400,000."

Margotta closed the opening ceremony with some advice for delegates.

"It is important that you state your issues clearly and ensure your recommendations are measurable, obtainable and realistic," he said. "As you work through the issues this week, keep in mind the funding restrictions we face in today's Army, and be aware that choices may be necessary to reduce or eliminate a portion of an existing program or service in order to direct resources to another area. Also, remember to consider self-help and volunteer initiatives when developing your recommendations."

The AFAP seeks to solve problems at the lowest levels. If the issue can be fixed by installation commanders, that's where the prob-



Margotta

lem is solved. If not, issues are escalated up the chain of command. In the case of Hawaii, issues are escalated to U.S. Army, Pacific, and if not fixed at that level, they go to the DA. One way or another, every issue is looked at.

Active issues at the DA level get reviewed every six months by a General Officers Steering committee. In U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, issues are reviewed quarterly.

*(Editor's Note: See next week's Hawaii Army Weekly for an in-depth look at the AFAP's findings.)*



# PAU HANA



# Protecting the aina

## Military ohana cleans up at Fort DeRussy

Volunteers show up, ready to clean Waikiki

Story and Photos by  
**MOLLY HAYDEN**  
Staff Writer

HONOLULU – The military ohana and volunteers teamed up with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, as part of an islandwide "Mauka to Makai" cleanup, Saturday. Together, they beautified the land at Fort DeRussy.

More than 50 volunteers got their hands dirty as they picked up trash from Kalakaua Avenue to the beach, ending at the berm of the 72-acre park.

The cleanup, in partnership with the city and county of Honolulu, celebrated 2008 Earth Month and the upcoming Earth Day, April 22.

Projects are taking place around the island and include the Ala Moana Boulevard Adopt-a-Highway and the Palolo Adopt-a-Stream cleanups. The expo and cleanups will give the local community hands-on activities designed to develop a greater sense of place and encourage environmental stewardship.

"This is a chance for people to show appreciation for the earth and all that it provides to sustain our way of life," said Park Ranger Garland Ireland, U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Wearing old clothes and gloves, volunteers prepared themselves to get dirty. They cleaned up nicely as more than 30 bags of trash were removed from the grounds.

Col. Bob Takao, commander of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) at Punahou High School, led cadets along the beach, picking up random pieces of rubbish along the way.

"This helps the cadets get involved," said Takao. "It's a good exercise, and it makes you feel good to be a part of something this big."

"Keeping our beaches clean benefits everyone," said Cadet Sgt. 1st Class Kai Cumpston, Punahou JROTC.

The cleanup was also held in honor of the International Year of the Reef, an effort to help protect Oahu's fragile reefs and ocean environment.

"We need to protect our lands," Ireland said, "for all of us living today and future generations."

Earth Day was established March 21, 1970, as an annual event to deepen reverence and care for the environment.

"I was happy to join the Earth Day volunteers," said Jim Pennaz, chief of the Civil Works Technical Branch at the Honolulu District.

"As a group, we gathered a significant amount of trash from the beach and berm area at Fort DeRussy," he said. "We had an excellent turnout, and it gives people a better appreciation of the land when they are involved in helping strengthen it."



Three-year-old Lily Shimabuka joins a group of volunteers to help keep Waikiki trash free. Supporters have participated in Honolulu's Earth Day every year since 1970 to promote community involvement and keep the aina clean year-round.

Cassie Freitas tosses a bag of trash on the garbage pile during the beach to berm cleanup. More than 50 volunteers picked up trash in Waikiki from from Kalakaua Avenue to the beach, Saturday.



JROTC cadet Sgt. 1st Class Kai Cumpston (left) and JROTC commander Col. Bob Takao pick up trash at the berm in Waikiki, Saturday. More than 50 volunteers teamed up with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to beautify the land at Fort DeRussy.

# Islands gear up for Earth Day

**Go green!**  
The community is invited to get involved and celebrate Earth Day 2008 island style.

**Today** – Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) will run an informational booth at the University of Hawaii-Hilo's Earth Day '08, April 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The booth will have posters and information about the conservation work PTA does in relation to natural and cultural resources, examples of endangered plants and archaeological artifacts.

The event is open to the public and no advance reservations are required.

**Sunday** – Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) will hold an Earth Day festival at Kalakaua Community, Schofield Barracks, April 20, noon-4 p.m.

Get up close and personal with a real live sea turtle, watch a live demonstration of a gyotaku (fish print) artist, watch a powerful Capoeira performance, and cooking demos from one of Hawaii's best chefs. Get to touch and explore animal feathers, bones, skulls, and eggs, and play with water with a wonderful water works display showing us all how water works.

The Directorate of Public Works' (DPW) Cultural and Natural Resources Program will be available for questions about the Army's natural resources and how environmental stewards are sustaining the environment every day for a secure future.

USAG-HI DPW, Environmental Division Natural Resources will have a display with an interpretation of the native forest inhabitants and the work being done by DPW's Natural Resources Program staff to

protect these endangered plants and animals.

The festival will be emceed by Tiny Tadani, and Ben Vegas and Maila Gibson provide live entertainment. E-mail klehano@armyhawaiiifh.com.

**Tuesday** – The Oahu Army Natural Resources Program (OANRP) will host its annual Earth Day Weed-a-Thon, April 22. This year's effort will concentrate on Kahanahaiki, one of the few remaining mesic forests on Oahu.

The OANRP staff is eager to share its knowledge of the endangered plants and animals that live on the north side of Makua Valley in the Waianae Mountains.

Contact OANRP's Environmental Outreach specialists for details at 656-7641 or e-mail candace.russo@us.army.mil or kmwelch@hawaii.edu.

**Thursday** – There's no place like Earth! Celebrate Earth Day after school at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Library, April 24, 3:30 p.m. Pledge to take care of our Earth and receive a flower pot to decorate and a seed to plant. Call 833-4851 for more information.

**Thursday** – Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) will celebrate the 38th anniversary of Earth Day by inviting the public to get up close and personal with the local environment, April 24, during several cultural and natural resources tours.

Each tour will take place twice - at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. - and will take three hours. Transportation will be provided from the PTA base camp to the site; but space is limited. Call PTA's Environmental Office at 808-969-3340 to make reservations. No walk-ins.



**19 / Saturday**

**Read to the Dogs** – Children who are able to read on their own can sign up for a 15 minute session to read to a dog at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, April 19, 11 a.m.–noon. All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 655-8002 for more information.

**Wellness Seminar** – A personal trainer will present information on healthy eating and exercise habits at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Library, April 19, 12:30 p.m. Call 833-4851 for reservations.

**20 / Sunday**

**BOSS Surf Trip** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) will be offering Barber's Point Surf Lessons, April 20, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. This is a chance to ensure you didn't come all the way to Hawaii without learning how to surf. Lessons cost \$20 per person and include board rental and lunch. Contact your BOSS representative or call the BOSS Office at 655-1130 to sign up.

**22 / Tuesday**

**Blood Drive at the Tropics** – Did you know that each pint of blood you donate can save up to seven lives? Don't miss your chance to donate blood to help our fellow Soldiers and Army families April 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0002 for more information.

**24 / Thursday**

**Earth Day Celebration** – Join the Aliamanu Military Reservation Library for an Earth Day celebration. Sign an Earth Day pledge to help protect the environment and design and color a flowerpot, April 24, 3:30 p.m. Call 833-4851 for more information.

**25 / Friday**

**Kualoa Ranch & Island Tour Adventure** – Join Outdoor Recreation for a special North Shore Tour, Kualoa Ranch Jeep or Movie Set Tour, a visit to Secret Island and a turtle-watching sail to Chinaman's Hat, April 25, 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person, and lunch and transportation will be provided. For more information or reservations, call 655-0143.



Kayla Overton | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

**Learning basic tire safety**

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Chris Price, left, and Rick Price, right, from Flagship Fastlube, Wahiawa, explain how the tread on a tire works and demonstrate how to change a tire to family members of deployed Soldiers at the Maintenance Rodeo, held here, Saturday. The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team rear detachment sponsored the rodeo.

**No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament** – Don't miss your chance to qualify to participate in an Armywide national tournament on April 25, noon–5 p.m. at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. First place is a \$500 AAFES gift card. Call 655-0002 for more information.

**Ongoing**

**New Hours at ITR** – The Information, Tickets & Registration (ITR) offices at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter have changed their hours of operation to serve you better. Effective May 1, both offices will now be open 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Friday. Weekend hours remain unchanged with the Schofield Barracks office continuing to be open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturdays, and the Fort Shafter office open

9 a.m.–3 p.m. on Saturdays. Both offices are closed on Sundays and all federal holidays. Call 655-9971 or 438-1985 for more information.

**Blue Star Card Program** – Spouses of deployed Soldiers, make sure you sign up for your Blue Star Card. The Blue Star Card is an MWR discount card for spouses of deployed Soldiers. The card offers everyday discounts at MWR facilities, free child care options and special events and activities.

Blue Star Cards are valid through the entire deployment. If you are eligible for a Blue Star Card, bring a copy of your spouse's orders, along with your military ID to Army Community Service.

You can fill out an application [www.bluestarcards.hawaii.com](http://www.bluestarcards.hawaii.com) and then visit ACS to pick up your card. Submit your

email address when signing up for a Blue Star Card to receive e-mails with the latest discounts, events and activities for card holders. Call 438-0376/2911.

**Information, Ticketing and Registration** – Looking for tickets to area attractions? Visit Information Ticketing and Registration (ITR) at Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter for your tickets to paradise.

A variety of tickets to luaus, cruises, whale watching adventures, Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, Sea Life Park and much more are available for service members, Department of Defense (DoD) civilians and family members.

Call the Schofield Barracks ITR office (655-9971), Fort Shafter (438-1985), or visit [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com). Click "ITR Ticketing and Registration" for a full list of discounts at various attractions.

3:30 p.m. The store will resume its usual schedule on Tuesday, April 22.

**24 / Thursday**

**National College Fair** – The National Association for College Admission Counseling will sponsor a National College Fair Thursday, April 24, 8-11:30 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu.

In addition to learning about admission requirements, financial aid, course offerings and the college's campus environment, students and parents can also talk about their individual needs with college experts at the fair's counseling center. Representatives from public and private two- and four-year colleges will be present.

Students can pre-register online to store their contact information on an "Expocard" to save time on filling out information cards at the fair. To pre-register, go to [www.trcrent.com/nacac/nacac/asp](http://www.trcrent.com/nacac/nacac/asp). Print the card and bring your bar-coded confirmation to the fair.

The cost is free and open to the public. Contact Amalia Bueno, 956-4303, for more information.

**25 / Friday**

**Job Fair** – Army Community Service (ACS) is sponsoring an upcoming job fair, April 25, 9 a.m.–noon. at ACS, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks.

Whether you're a first-time job seeker or not, job fairs open the door to a variety of employment opportunities. Attendees have the chance to apply for positions and meet representatives from companies such as Enterprise Car Rental, Nurse Finders, NAF jobs, AAFES, Coastal International Security and many more. Admission for job seekers is free. Don't forget to bring your resume! Call 655-4227.

**26 / Saturday**

**Camp Warrior for Children of Deployed Soldiers** – The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team will host an all-day Camp Warrior Saturday, April 26, 8:15 a.m., at Area X-Ray, Schofield Barracks.

Camp Warrior is for children of deployed Soldiers, ages 2-16. Activities for the day include camouflage face painting, miniature PT tests, beanbag toss, gym obstacle course, jungle gym, sand castle building contest, water balloon toss and crafts. A free lunch is provided but children are free to bring additional snacks with them.

This is not a drop-off event and a parent or guardian must accompany children at all times during Camp Warrior. Children can

register starting at 7:30 a.m. but pre-registration guarantees a Camp Warrior t-shirt for each participant.

To sign your child up, call Leticia Rivera at 655-8132.

**Hilo College Fair and College Planning Session** – The National Association for College Admission Counseling will sponsor a national college fair Saturday, April 26, 1-4:30 p.m., at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

In addition to learning about admission requirements, financial aid, course offerings and the college's campus environment, students and parents can also talk about their individual needs with college experts at the fair's counseling center. Representatives from public and private two- and four-year colleges will be present.

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**Days of Remembrance Observance** – Holocaust survivor Dr. Robert O. Fisch will speak at Schofield's Days of Remembrance Observance, at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, April 30, 10-11:30 a.m.

**May**

**17 / Saturday**

**Living History Day** – The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii will host a Living History Day to commemorate Armed Forces Day, May 17, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., on the lawn area in front of the museum at Fort DeRussy.

The event will include static exhibits of modern military Soldiers and equipment, military memorabilia, restored military vehicles, re-enactors in period uniforms and hands-on displays of nongovernment military artifacts.

**Ongoing**

**BayFest 2008 Tickets** – Tickets are now on sale for Marine Corps Community Services' 19th annual BayFest, which will be held July 4-6.

On Friday, July 4, Little Big Town and Rodney Atkins are scheduled to perform. On Saturday, July 5, 3 Doors Down is scheduled, and on Sunday, July 6, Everclear and Live are scheduled to perform.

BayFest 2008 is open to the general public and includes family fun, local musical entertainers, carnival rides and games, military displays, contests and a nightly fireworks display.

There are two types of tickets available for purchase, a BayFest ticket, which allows one-day access to the carnival fairgrounds and an all-inclusive ticket, which includes the BayFest ticket as well as admission to the nightly concert.

The general public may purchase tickets through Ticketmaster via their website or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) at by phone at 877-750-4400.

The tickets for the concerts are \$24 (July 4), \$29 (July 5), \$29 (July 6), \$48 (any two days) or \$58 (all three days). BayFest tickets are \$5 any day, ages 6 and older.

Active duty military members and Department of Defense ID cardholders are able to purchase tickets through their local Information, Tickets and Tours or Information, Ticketing and Registration offices. BayFest tickets are \$5 any day, ages six and older, \$20 (any concert on July 4, 5 or 6) or \$50 (all three concerts).

Tickets will also be available at the gate; BayFest tickets are \$5 any day, ages 6 and older, \$35 (concert on July 4) or \$40 (concert on July 5 or 6). Visit [www.bayfesthawaii.com](http://www.bayfesthawaii.com).

**Children's Performing Group** – Sunshine Generation Hawaii, an award-winning performing group, will offer classes teaching singing, dancing and showmanship. The classes are for children aged 3 to 16 and costs \$35 per month.

There are no auditions and performances are held throughout the island. Classes started April 1, but are offered in Mililani and Honolulu on Mondays and Tuesdays through the end of May. Call 489-1998 or visit [www.sunshinehawaii.net](http://www.sunshinehawaii.net).

**Career Assistance** – Need help in finding a job? Are you wondering how to market your skills and abilities? Explore [www.militaryspousejobsearch.org](http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org) and [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com) to learn job search techniques and resume writing tips, and to obtain information on the Army Spouse Employment Partnership.

For additional assistance, call Alohalinda Bolosan at 655-2390.

**Worship Services**

**Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel 836-4599**

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. – Religious Edu.
- Gospel Sunday, 11 a.m. – Sunday School (Sept.–June only) Sunday, 12:30 p.m. – Worship service
- Protestant Sundays, 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service Sunday, 11 a.m. – Sunday School (Sept. – June only)

**Fort DeRussy Chapel 836-4599**

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass in Chapel (May–Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. – Mass on Beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service

**Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599**

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m.–"The Wave" Worship

**Helemano (HMR) Chapel 653-0703**

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. – Worship Service & Children's Church

**Main Post Chapel 655-9307**

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. – CCD & RCIA Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School Sunday, noon – Worship Service

**MPC Annex, Building 791**

- Chalice Circle Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Islamic Prayers and Study Friday, 1 p.m.
- Buddhist 4th Sunday, 1 p.m.

**Soldiers Chapel**

- Catholic Friday–Saturday, noon – Adoration
- Liturgical Sunday, 10:30 a.m.– Worship

**Tripler AMC Chapel 433-5727**

- Catholic Sunday, 11 a.m. – Mass Monday–Friday, 12 p.m. – Mass Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service

**Wheeler Chapel 656-4481**

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Sunday, 9 a.m. – Sunday School

**Community Calendar**

Send announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

**18 / Today**

**Poster and Essay Contest** – The deadline is April 18 for the Hawaiian Humane Society "Be Kind to Animals" competition. Students can express their love for animals through art and essays that offer cash prizes. The society welcomes K-6th grade students in the poster contest and 7th-12th-grade students in the essay contest.

Both contests will be judged by grade category, and each category will have three winners: first, \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25. Visit [www.hawaiianhumane.org](http://www.hawaiianhumane.org) or call 356-2206 for more details.

**19 / Saturday**

**Free DVD messages for Deployed Soldiers** – Family members can record a 30-second video message on DVD to send to their deployed Soldier. The free service is offered every Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., TV2 station, Schofield Barracks. To reserve your spot, contact Larry Thomas at 295-0205 or e-mail [Larry.Thomas9@us.army.mil](mailto:Larry.Thomas9@us.army.mil).

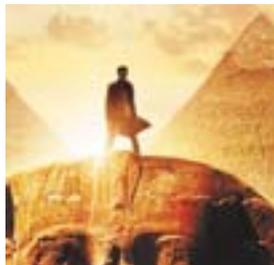
**Child Abuse Prevention Month** – April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the New Parent Support Program (NPSP) will sponsor several programs to highlight this issue.

- April 19 - Boot Camp for New Dads will be held at Army Community Service (ACS), Building 2091, Schofield Barracks, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 21- Newborn Care will be held at the Sgt. Yano Library, Building 560, Schofield Barracks, 9-11 a.m. Active Parenting will be held at Building 2091, Schofield Barracks, 9-11 a.m.
- April 24 - Potty Training Your Toddler will be held at the Army Hawaii Family Housing Theater, Aliamanu Military Reservation, 9-11 a.m.

**21 / Monday**

**Commissary Annual Formal Inventory** – The Schofield Barracks Commissary will hold its Annual Formal Inventory on Monday, April 21. The store will open for early bird shopping at 8 a.m., regular shopping at 9 a.m. and will close for the day at

**This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater**



**Jumper**

(PG-13)  
Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**Road Trip**

(G)  
Saturday, 2 p.m.



**Semi-Pro**

(R)  
Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.

**The Spiderwick Chronicles**

(PG)  
Sunday, 2 p.m.

# PTA, 524 CSSB give students needed boost

## Soldiers motivate local students for Hawaii State Assessment Test

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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — In preparation for the annual Hawaii State Assessment Standardized Tests, Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) staff and Soldiers from the 524th Combat Service Support Battalion (CSSB) helped instill confidence in Kaumana Elementary students, April 4.

Fourteen 524th CSSB Soldiers and PTA staff set up a variety of activities, including competitive games and gift incentives, to reinforce arithmetic and grammar skills for students in third through sixth grade. Among the gift incentives each student received were spelling flash cards, dictionaries, calculators and other small school supplies.

Soldiers helped demonstrate discipline by marching into the auditorium while a student gave them orders. The much-needed confidence boost enabled students to improve their test performance 31 percent in math and 22 percent in reading from last year.

Since the 2006-2007 school year, PTA has been invited to motivate the students before taking the Hawaii State Assessment Tests.

Kaumana began as a one-room schoolhouse in 1904. Two years later, the Territory of Hawaii accepted the completion of the school. Now in the 2007-2008 school year, 226 students are enrolled.

PTA has maintained a partnership with Kaumana Elementary School since 2006 through the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF). The JVEF is a military program. Its primary goal is to establish a long-term partnership with the Department of Education in hopes of maintaining open communication and enhancing the quality of education in public schools.

JVEF is also responsible for increasing military participation in building a comprehensive student support system for learning.

# Troops, students beautify local school

Story and Photos by  
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MILILANI — Soldiers with the 65th Engineer Battalion joined hands with students and faculty of the Mililani Mauka Elementary School for a campus beautification project at the school, Saturday.

Fifteen Soldiers worked together with students, parents and faculty members to plant new grass around the buildings, pick up trash and paint new game areas where children play four-square.

"I have a son who is in the second grade and a project like this has not been done at this school in a couple of years," said Lela Gentry, beautification committee chairman and coordinator of the campus beautification project. "I value the Soldiers that are here taking the time out of their busy schedules to come and help us. We truly value their support."

The 65th Eng. Bn. and Mililani Mauka Elementary School are partners in a military program called the Partnership of Ohana. The program, which began in the 1980s, provides a positive climate of mutual respect between the military and local communities.

"This [program] is a great way for units to show their support for the community and shows that we can do other things besides train for combat," said Capt. Bolin Chen, assistant operations officer with the 65th Eng. Bn. "It gives us an opportunity to give back."

The unit has been working with the school for only two months, but this was not the first school project.

"We have had Soldiers providing tutorial classes after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as well as a reading program where Soldiers read to the kids," said Capt. Wilbert Alvarado, commander, 71st Chemical Company. "Also, in May, we will provide six roadguards for the school."

Alvarado added that the 7th Dive Detachment and Boy Scout Troop 32 are



Soldiers with the 71st Chemical Company help pull up old grass and weeds during a campus beautification project at Mililani Mauka Elementary School, Saturday.

working on their own project for the school — building wooden shoe racks for the students to put their shoes on.

"Before the kids can go into their classrooms, they have to take off their shoes," Alvarado explained. "They would just have to leave them in the hallway and literally, when you walked in the building, you would have to tip toe around their shoes just to get to the classroom door."

"So, the Soldiers and the scouts are building wooden shelves that are going to be placed by the doors for the kids to place their shoes on."

"It is wonderful and unbelievable to have the manpower and the support from the military," said Carole Ichiyama, vice principal of the school. "And I am very, very thankful to know that we have that support."



Soldiers with the 7th Dive Detachment measure and cut wood for shoe racks, while Scouts of Troop 32 polish and assemble racks.

# 8th MP's Beat receives Lokahi award for excellence as scoutmaster

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A Soldier with the 8th Military Police (MP) Brigade was recently awarded the Volunteer of the Quarter "Lokahi" award for his active involvement in the Boy Scouts of America.

Sgt. First Class Eric Beat, training noncommissioned officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th MP Bde., has been the scoutmaster of Troop 24 since July 2007, and has volunteered more than 250 hours of his own time to the children of this 80-year-old troop. The troop is the second oldest Boy Scouts troop on Oahu.

"I've been the scoutmaster for my troop for the past year now, but I've been involved with Boy Scouts for about four [years] because two of my sons are in it," Beat said. "I started out as the assistant scoutmaster, then when our prior scoutmaster stepped down due to military transitioning reasons, I was the logical choice to fill his position, so I stepped up to it."

Beat has constantly made himself available to both military and nonmilitary families since fulfilling the scoutmaster position.

"Sergeant First Class Beat is an extremely positive role model within the Boy Scouts of America and the community," said Capt. Martin Schmidt, commander, 13th MP detachment and Beat's previous company commander. "Through his untiring efforts and dedication, he has truly given back to his community."

In addition to his regular scoutmaster duties, Beat also has attended leadership training classes to in-



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. 1st Class Eric Beat, right, with HHC, 8th MP Bde., stands with his Scouts in Troop 24 for a group photo at summer camp last year. Beat received the Volunteer of the Quarter "Lokahi" award for his volunteerism.

crease his knowledge of the national Boy Scouts program and to better serve his troop and the parents of the scouts.

"There are two classes that are mandatory: one is a daylong where you will go and talk to veteran scoutmasters and get an overall idea on how you should lead your troop," Beat explained. "The other class is a weeklong course where you go camping and learn all the activities the boys will have to do, so you

can get a feel for the level of difficulty they might have."

Since becoming a scoutmaster, Beat has held meetings every Monday night to inform the boys of what they need to do to progress in their skills, including having two full weekends a month where the scouts go camping, test their skills and learn new ones.

Beat also attends district meetings, committee meetings and leadership conferences.

"All in all, I spend about half a month with the scouts or doing things for them," Beat said.

Beat said he became involved with the Boy Scouts to strengthen the bond between him and his sons, as well as to help his sons make friends.

"Being in the military, we move around a lot, so it helps my boys make friends and keeps some kind of normalcy for them," he said.

Beat's actions have made a difference in the lives of children outside his immediate family as well.

"When the parents were deployed last year, we tried to keep the boys active and ... away from thinking about their mothers or fathers being deployed. We tried to keep them happy," Beat said.

The biggest benefit for children participating in Boy Scouts, he added, is the organization instills some morals that are not necessarily inherent in today's society. Similar to the Army's values and Soldiers Creed, the Scouts have standards and the Scout Oath.

"Personally, I don't look for any recognition for what I do," Beat said. "But it is nice because it brings the Scouts into the light, and it helps us get the word out that scouting is out there and it is really important. I enjoy doing it, and as long as I enjoy it, I'll keep doing it."

"Sergeant First Class Beat is a professional in every sense, on and off duty," Schmidt said. "It is amazing how he is able to balance his career and his family life, and still find the time to volunteer throughout the community as much as he does ... and he excels at them all."

# Global network reaches out to Nat'l Guard, reservists

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WASHINGTON – The Army is transforming the way it provides services and support to the entire Army family.

The Army Integrated Family Support Network (AIFSN) establishes a comprehensive multicomponent approach for Soldier and family support and services. It meets the diverse needs of active Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve Soldiers, Accessions Command families, employers, and the community.

The program integrates baseline services and resources traditionally found on installations into a network that supports Soldiers and families no matter where they live. Services include child care and youth and family program information and referrals, financial resources, assistance with school transitions, mobilization and deployment, information about Soldier programs, recreation and fitness programs, club systems, money management and more.

"The Army intends to capitalize on the existing resources and integrate our programs across components," said Jean Mills, AIFSN program manager at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command (FMWRC), in Alexandria, Va. "The goals are to ensure families from all three components receive the same quality of service, provide better coordina-

tion and synchronization of support by the components to reduce redundancy, and ensure Soldiers have access to the same baseline services no matter where they live in relation to a military garrison."

Family Programs and Child and Youth Services Directorates at FMWRC started the process by providing access to their services through a single site, [www.MyArmyLifeToo.com](http://www.MyArmyLifeToo.com). Through an ongoing process with the Reserve and Guard headquarters, they are working to establish baseline standards.

The goal is to establish memorandums of agreement and other means to provide Soldiers with those baseline services, no matter what component they are or where they live.

The two directorates brought together representatives from all three components to conduct training on how to provide standardized baseline services. The training also provided networking opportunities for staff members within components and state and region boundaries.

The course gave 134 representatives from all components an overview of what AIFSN is about and how it will impact the customers they serve.

This AIFSN Basic Institute Course demonstrates the Army Family Covenant's commitment to provide Soldiers and families a quality of life that is commensurate with their service, according to Brig. Gen. John Johnson, deputy commander, FMWRC.

"This conference is designed to help family programs and Soldier programs help the people who need it the most," Johnson said.

"Soldiering is about heart. The covenant is a reflection of that heart," he continued. "It is a contract with the leadership, Soldiers and their families that says we understand what you need and we are signing up to provide standardized, predictable service to you at a high quality."

When fully implemented, the global network should make that goal a reality. Many military families don't live near a National Guard assistance center, an Army

"We want Soldiers and families to know the Army cares. We want families and loved ones to know we can take care of them and do it in such a way that they feel they are in control of what is going on in their lives," he said.

Soldiers and families will be linked through AIFSN to local community services and programs in their geographical areas, not just those on an installation.

"The whole idea behind this program is to develop and use all the various systems to come together so that anyone can enter the network to find out where they can get help, no matter where they live," Johnson said. "They can take advantage of all the great things that are being offered out there – whether in the government, private sector, or public sector – by accessing the network."

Currently, each component functions independently and access to services is dependant on unit resources. For a reserve unit with three or four personnel in the rear detachment, hundreds of miles from an active component garrison, providing support is as difficult as it is critical. Local community support is the key to making AIFSN work.

"As AIFSN rolls out," Mills said, "we will make every effort to make sure families know they can go to the Web, the phone, or to a brick and mortar facility closest to where they live and receive the same baseline services."



Reserve readiness center or an installation.

This system should enable them access to the same benefits and services they'd receive on a garrison through online services or referrals to local and state community agencies where they can receive equivalent services and support.

"It's all about readiness," Johnson said. "It's all about making sure Soldiers and families are ready. Because the one thing we cannot control is when they are going to be called on to go forth and do what they sign up to do. That's a piece we don't control."

## AFTB provides vital resources

Instructor course gives volunteers the tools to enrich families' lives in Guam and Saipan

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BARRIGADA, Guam – The Family Programs Office of the 9th Mission Support Command recently organized an Army Family Team Building (AFTB) Instructor Training Course for Army Reserve AFTB volunteers in Guam and Saipan.

The two-day course was held at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Barrigada, Guam. A total of 11 Reserve family members graduated as new AFTB instructors; five from Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands and six from Guam. Two volunteers from the Schofield Barracks AFTB program facilitated the training. The newly minted AFTB instructors will now begin offering AFTB courses to the Army Reserve communities in Guam and Saipan.

AFTB is an educational program for Army families, Soldiers and civilians who wish to learn more about military life. Training consists of three levels, and covers everything from basic information about the Army to the development of skills for personal and professional growth. The program provides valuable resources and skills that individuals may use to enrich their lives.

In order to become an AFTB



(From left to right) Family readiness group volunteers Jocelyn Kaipat, Carmen Almandres, Laurie Manibusan and Rose Ada discuss issues at an Army Family Team Building instructor course in Guam, recently.

instructor, students must complete AFTB levels 1-3 and attend the Instructor Training Course. The Instructor Training Course presents modules on the Adult Learner, the Planning Process, Instructional Aids, Platform Skills, Classroom Management, Methods of Instruction and Speaking on Your Feet. In order to graduate as an instructor, students must complete a presentation assignment in which they facilitate an AFTB lesson to fellow students and the Master Trainers.

All Soldiers (active duty, Reserve, and National Guard), retirees, Department of the Army civilians,

and their family members may attend AFTB classes. Parents of Soldiers and extended family members are also encouraged to attend AFTB classes.

Classes are free and are a great way to meet people and network with others who share your experiences. In addition, volunteering with AFTB is a great way to give back to the community, develop leadership skills, and receive career enhancing training.

*(Editor's Note: Caron Ferguson is a program specialist with the 9th Mission Support Command's AFTB.)*

To find out more about the AFTB classes offered in the community, call 438-2243 (Fort Shafter Flats) or 655-4577 (Schofield Barracks).



22 / Tuesday

**2008 Intramural Softball Season** – Sign up by April 22 to participate in this great men's and women's program. The season runs May 5–Aug. 29. Entry deadline is 4 p.m.

Send entries to the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office, Stop 112, Building 556, Room 100, Kaala Community Activity Center, Schofield Barracks, or fax to 655-8012.

Active duty Army, National Guard and Army reserve units within the geographical limits of Hawaii may enter one team.

## Ongoing

**Late Night at Martinez Gym** – Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks, is the place to be on Friday nights. The center is now staying open late, from 9–11:30 p.m.

Join Martinez for volleyball, Make It Take It Basketball, and the Racquetball Challenge Ladder. Call 655-4804 for more information.

**Mom and Baby Yoga** – Get fit with your baby at Mom and Baby Yoga, Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m., at the Heath and Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks. Mats are provided, but moms should bring a small towel or blanket for their babies to lay on. Call 655-8007 to register.

**Little Ninja Classes** – Parents or guardians, bring 3- to 5-year-olds to Child and Youth Services (CYS) to learn basic Tae Kwon Do skills. At these classes, children will improve their motor and communication skills, learn to focus, and build confidence and socialization skills.

Children must be enrolled in Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration,

Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of CYS. Call SKIES at 655-9818.

**Physical Fitness Centers** – Don't miss out on enhanced services at all Army Physical Fitness Centers, effective April 1, brought to you by the Army Family Covenant.

These enhanced services include extended weekend and holiday hours at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Physical Fitness centers, and at the Health and Fitness Center.

Hours of operation are now 6 a.m.–6 p.m., weekends and holidays. In addition, free towels and classes are provided to patrons.

**Karate Classes** – Children ages 5 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at these physical fitness centers: Aliamanu, Fort Shafter, Helemano or Schofield's Bennett Youth Center.

All youth students must be registered at Child and Youth Services (CYS); cost is \$35 per month. A discount is offered for two or more family members.

Also, adults 18 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at the Aliamanu Physical Fitness Center, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month. Call instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-6372 or 265-5476.

**100-Mile Run/Walk & 50-Mile Swim Clubs** – Record each mile you run, walk or swim and win incentive prizes. Stop by any Army Physical Fitness Center or swimming pool to pick up a log sheet. Call 655-9914.

**Ladies Golf Clinic** – Ladies, looking to improve your golf game? Come to a free ladies golf clinic the first Saturday of every month, 2:20 p.m., at the Leilehua Golf Course driving range. Call 655-4653.

**Youth Dive Team Lessons** – Spring board and platform youth diving lessons are available Monday–Thursday, 4–6 p.m., at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$63 per month. Call 864-0037 for more information.



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## Taking time off to play

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Members of the U. S. Army Reserve's 9th Mission Support Command, the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the Indonesian army take time off from training to play sports together here, April 7.

Although training is the primary focus of Garuda Shield, the exercise was an excellent opportunity for professional and cultural exchanges, teamwork, expanding common ground, sharing, learning, training and friendship.



Send sports announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

### 19 / Saturday

**Hike Oahu** – Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on an easy hike through the rarely used woody ramble that connects the upper and lower sections of the Aiea Loop Trail. The trail is generally easy, with not too much up and down, but caution should be used on any hike.

This novice hike is 3 miles. Call coordinator Phil Booth at 382-4709 to register.

Save the date for these upcoming hikes, too:

- April 27, a 12-mile advanced hike at Pacific Palisades Ridge, and
- May 3, a 6-mile intermediate hike at

Kalihi Valley Ridge.

All hikes begin at 8 a.m., and a \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers. An adult must accompany children under 18. Hikers meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside.

Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes, as extra caution may be required on some trails.

Hikers must keep all trails and lunch sites clear of clutter, as well as treat trees and plants with care and respect. Visit [www.htm-club.org](http://www.htm-club.org).

### 27 / Sunday

**Hawaii Bicycle League** – Join the Hawaii Bicycle League (HBL) for the Haleiwa Metric Century Bicycle Ride at Kaiaka Bay Beach Park on the North Shore, April 27, 7:30 a.m.

Price is \$40.50 for adult members, \$13.50 for children if you register online at [www.hbl.org](http://www.hbl.org). This price includes the member discount and 10 percent off for registering online.

Military members can get a discount by entering "military" in the HBL member number field. Call 735-5756.

## Ongoing

**Wrestlers Wanted** – Hawaiian Championship Wrestling seeks new members. Persons should be at least 6-feet tall, weigh 250 pounds or have an above average muscular build.

Sports background is preferred. Call 676-8107 for more information.

**Football League** – The Hawaii Athletic League of Scholars (HALOS) is signing up youth players for its upcoming spring football season. HALOS, a no-weight limit tackle football league for ages 9–14, is a nonprofit group that aspires to provide a high-quality experience for kids.

Visit [www.myhalos.com](http://www.myhalos.com), or call 620-8523.

**Golfers Wanted** – Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322.