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Army detonates munitions at Makua

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News Release

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — After intensive safety and environmental preparations, the Army detonated several unexploded munitions at Makua Military Reservation, Monday. Due to safety precautions, Farrington Highway and the beach areas adjacent to the reservation were closed to public access.

The unexploded munitions were found in November as part of the Army's effort to provide safe access to the Makua Military Reservation for cultural observances under a 2001 Settlement Agreement between the Army and Plaintiff Malama Makua.

As part of this effort, an Army contractor con-

ducted an unexploded ordnance (UXO) sweep at Makua from Oct. 29 to Nov. 19, for the purpose of clearing roads and trails leading to cultural areas. The clearing would also allow the opening of additional cultural sites and outlooks previously closed to access.

Three unexploded munitions were found during the sweep, to include a fused World War II-era bomb, a 106mm anti-tank round, and an 81mm round. Due to safety concerns, the reservation has remained closed to all but essential security and demolition personnel since the discovery of these munitions.

After the UXO sweep was completed Nov. 19,



An uncovered World War II-era bomb sits within an interior sandbag barrier. Before the bomb was detonated, barricades and sandbags were placed around the munitions to protect historical artifacts in the area.

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Living legend

The 'Soldier's Soldier,' Clarence "Pohaku" Wilhelm, retires after nearly 60 years of faithful service

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A Fallen Warriors Remembrance Ceremony is Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m.–noon at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel. A reception follows the ceremony. Attire is Class A uniform. See News Briefs, A-10.

Tree lighting

The Oahu North Community Annual Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony is 6 p.m., Wednesday, at General's Loop, Schofield Barracks. See Community Calendar, B-2.



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Photo Courtesy of 25th Infantry Division's Tropic Lightning Museum

Piles of debris of what was once Hangar 3 remain at Wheeler Army Air Field following the Japanese attack on Oahu, Dec. 7, 1941.

'A date which will live in infamy ...'

December 7, 1941, is a day that will never be forgotten as the day Pearl Harbor was attacked. While the events at Pearl Harbor have been widely documented and publicized, little information is commonly known about the events at Wheeler Army Air Field and Schofield Barracks.

Approaching from the east around 8 a.m., Wheeler Air Field was attacked by 25 Aichi Type 99 Val dive bombers, each carrying a 250 kilogram general-purpose bomb. Fourteen Mitsubishi Zero fighters provided air cover for the Vals. At the time, Wheeler was the largest fighter base at Oahu, hosting 144 fighter aircrafts.

The Japanese dive bombers made an initial attack on the parked aircrafts, the hangars and the barracks, leaving 36 killed and 74 wounded. The Vals then circled back to

Day of Memory:

All are invited to stop by the Soldiers Chapel, Schofield Barracks, anytime between 9 a.m.–3 p.m., today, to pause and reflect on the historical events of 1941.

make a run on the airfield. Forty-six fighter planes were destroyed and approximately 50 were severely damaged in the attack. As the Japanese finished their strafing

runs at Wheeler, they flew over Schofield Barracks, strafing the Engineer, Infantry and Artillery quadrangles, officer quarters and the post hospital, inflicting additional personnel casualties and damage.

Soldiers fought back, drawing weapons and ammunition to return fire from the quadrangle roof tops. As Japanese aircraft flew over, they were met with a combination of ground fire from light machine guns to rifles and even pistols.

Available official documents show at least three Soldiers decorated by the 25th Infantry Division for bravery during the attack. (Editor's Note: Compiled from 25th Infantry Division Association releases.)

Workforce town halls outline garrison agenda

Taking care of people is what USAG-HI is about, Margotta says

AIKO BRUM

Chief, Command Information

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — "People come first," explained Col. Matthew T. Margotta, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii commander, at two Workforce Town Hall assemblies held here and at Fort Shafter, Monday and Tuesday.

Civilian and military employees of USAG-HI, learned why the garrison pursues the course it does

during town hall meetings.

Margotta discussed goals and priorities during the hourlong assemblies at the installation theaters. Bottom line, he said, so everything USAG-HI accomplishes must be with customer service in mind.

"We support deployments," he began, speaking of units and family members experiencing two, three and more deployments, and soon enough, another in 2008. "The time they spend here in Hawaii needs to be as valuable and as good as we can make it.

"The number one priority for the garrison is taking care of our wounded warriors," Margotta

added. He explained that Soldiers with a wounded warrior designation on their ID cards deserve front-of-the-line privileges in all activities.

The commander himself hosted the town halls and covered diverse topics, including quality of life, community engagements, training support, force protection and sustainability.

He emphasized that the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) — the senior command that directs the seven IMCOM regions around the world — will standardize services throughout the Army. Wherever Soldiers, family members or civilian employees go in their Army careers, they will enjoy common levels of support throughout the force.

Through IMCOM-Pacific Region (which directs USAGs in Hawaii, Alaska and Japan), IMCOM has set a couple other priorities: the National Security Personnel System, or NSPS, and Lean

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BOSS, extended Army family supports Soldier in need

KYLE FORD

Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Anyone who has experienced a permanent change of station (PCS) can attest to the stressful nature of a move. Similarly, the holiday season can add a strain to everyday life. Add in children, too, and the average parent is spent.

Spc. Bedelle McQueen, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, received still another stress to her life Nov. 29, when she entered her garage

and found an empty space where her car should have been parked.

"First I cried," McQueen said. "Then when I was done crying, I called my NCO, then 911 and did a police report."

She took care of business, and then the Army family stepped in to take care of her.

One of the first agencies to respond was the 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), which found McQueen some interim

transportation and counseled her on her next steps.

"We made her a keepsake basket and a card letting her know that we were there for her if she needed help," said Staff Sgt. Sherfonda Gore, 8th TSC BOSS president. "Then we talked through the list of what she needed to do ... cancel her credit cards, call the day care center and her landlord. Even

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Low funds affect posts worldwide

GERRY J. GILMORE

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Installation operations and quality of life programs for Soldiers and their families will be affected worldwide if the Army doesn't receive additional funding from Congress soon, a senior officer said at the Pentagon, Nov. 29.

"Absolutely, it's an urgent need," Maj. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton III, director of the Army's budget office, said of the necessity for the Army to obtain nearly \$55 billion from Congress to fund operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The active Army is now using \$26 billion in appropriations that were earmarked for base-support operations to fund its overseas global war on terrorism operations, Stanton said.

Congress has approved supplemental funding for war operations, but the legislation comes attached with timetables for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. President Bush has vowed to veto any such legislation that crosses his desk.

The Army is now spending about \$7 billion monthly to support worldwide installation operations and overseas war fighting requirements, Stanton said. Without additional funding, the Army will exhaust its base operations and maintenance accounts by mid-February, he said.

In a memorandum dated Nov. 26, Gen. Richard A. Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, directed that all Army commanders and agency directors begin planning to curtail operations and related expenses that do not directly support warfighters engaged in the global war on terrorism.

Cody's instructions tell Army commanders and civilian leaders to review all operations and to forward recommendations to cut costs back to him by Dec. 4.

"We are only in the prudent planning phase," Cody said in a statement released Nov. 28. The Defense Department has instructed all military services to review operational costs at installations, as well as to prepare for possible furloughs of government civilian employees.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates directed the Army and Marine Corps to begin planning to reduce operations at all Army bases by mid-February and all Marine installations by mid-March.

About 200,000 Army civilians and contractors worldwide could be furloughed or temporarily laid off if the funding isn't provided, according to senior Defense Department officials. Persons affected by potential furloughs would need to be notified by around mid-December, Stanton noted, since 60 days of notice is required.

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Straight Talk

MPs step up enforcement measures on post

LT. COL. MICHAEL "SHANE" WALLACE
Director of Emergency Services

When 25th Infantry Division Soldiers recently returned from an arduous deployment to Iraq, the population, traffic congestion and incidents requiring assistance from the Military Police (MP) dramatically increased.

Because of this increase, many infractions that would have normally been promptly addressed were no longer "top" priorities with law enforcement personnel.

Unfortunately, some community members took advantage of the situation and used this opportunity to habitually violate state laws and local regulations that govern our conduct and military lifestyle.

There has been a substantial increase in re-

ports of personnel violating speed limits, failing to stop at posted signs and traffic lights, parking in prohibited areas, and failing to abide by the noise and cell phone prohibition regulations while driving on the installation.

Traffic laws and regulations clearly state personnel operating a motor vehicle on the installation will abide by all state laws governing

speed, direction of travel, parking, and traffic signals and signs. In addition to these state laws, personnel operating a motor vehicle will not use a cell phone without a hands-free device and will not play their car stere-

os at a volume that can be heard at 30 feet or more from the vehicle.

Also of note, holding a cell phone like a CB microphone with the speaker phone on does not constitute the use of a "hands-free" device.

Because of the increased number of reports and suspected violators, MPs have stepped up enforcement measures and increased the number of patrols to help reinforce standards. Members of the Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks military communities can expect to see law enforcement personnel issuing citations to those who disregard standards and violate local laws and regulations.

Citations may range from a DD Form 1408, which is a military traffic citation that is forwarded to your chain of command for action, to a Central Violations Bureau cita-

tion — a DD Form 1805 that is forwarded to the local Magistrate Court, where criminal penalties or monetary fines can be assessed.

The increased enforcement measures will be conducted in areas and at times where infractions appear to be most prevalent. The enforcement measures are not meant in any way to inconvenience or penalize returning Soldiers or law-abiding members of our community. They are being enforced to help preserve our honored traditions, military lifestyle, and the conduct valued by our community and residents.

To those who have continued to help uphold standards and abide by laws governing our way of life, "thank you" for your support and assistance; for those who do not, beware; MPs are watching.

Veterans can enroll in registry for Soldiers

J.D. LEIPOLD
Army News Service

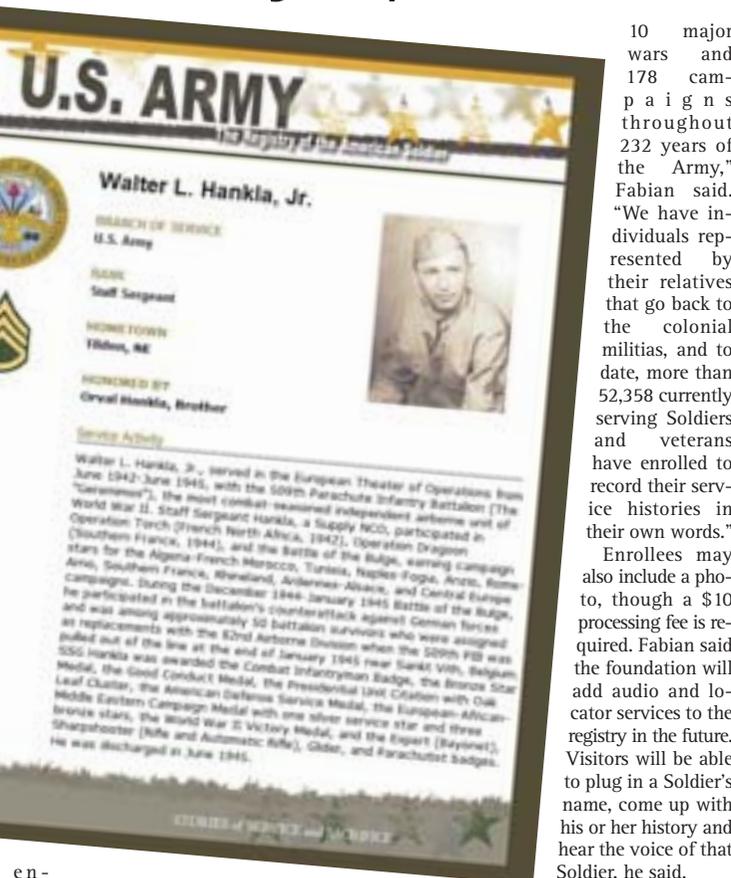
WASHINGTON — Veterans have the opportunity to record details of their service for their descendants and future generations of the American public on the Registry of the American Soldier, managed by the Army Historical Foundation of Arlington, Va.

Every registry entry will include a Soldier's name, rank, hometown and service history. Registrants may also share their stories through anecdotes, memories and photographs.

The registry will be an essential historical link between those who have served and the American public, according to a foundation official who encourages Army veterans to share their stories and memories. He believes their memories and personal experiences will bring Army history to life and make it memorable for future generations.

Retired Col. Dave Fabian, who serves as director of communications for the foundation, said the registry is something the organization wanted to make as a feature piece to the National Museum of the U.S. Army, which will be constructed at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Plans call for registry kiosks to be built in the museum where visitors and Soldiers can sign up their relatives or themselves, respectively. Meanwhile, those eligible may



enroll through the historical foundation's Web site. Spouses, parents, children and friends may also enroll Army veterans, including those who are deceased. Those who are unable to visit the future museum may still enroll via the Internet.

"We have Army veterans signing up from

10 major wars and 178 campaigns throughout 232 years of the Army," Fabian said. "We have individuals represented by their relatives that go back to the colonial militias, and to date, more than 52,358 currently serving Soldiers and veterans have enrolled to record their service histories in their own words."

Enrollees may also include a photo, though a \$10 processing fee is required. Fabian said the foundation will add audio and locator services to the registry in the future. Visitors will be able to plug in a Soldier's name, come up with his or her history and hear the voice of that Soldier, he said.

Of the 52,000-plus who have signed up since the registry began in 2005, 35 percent are World War II-era veterans, 20 percent fought in Korea, 25 percent represent Vietnam-service Soldiers, 15 percent are currently serving, and the remaining 5 percent go back as far as 1775.

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

To find peace this season, count your blessings

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) APRILL BRIGHT
Aliamanu Military Reservation Deputy Community Chaplain

Traditionally, the holiday season has been recognized as a time of joy. It has been a time when family and friends gather for a time of sharing.

Laughter fills the home, seasonal music can be heard in the corridors of the malls, and employers host holiday parties to celebrate the season and to usher in the new year.

While the holiday season may be joyful and well anticipated by many, for others, it may be very dreadful and depressing.

In reflection of last year's holiday season, I revisited my own personal experience. It was a time of sadness because my family and I were physically separated. My 6-month-old son and I were on the mainland while my husband was deployed in Iraq.

It was supposed to be a time of cheer, a time of joy and celebration, but for me it was a very lonely time. Though I was with family and friends, the absence of my spouse left an emptiness that only he could fill.

Many people in our community can attest to experiences such as these. For some, loved ones are deployed, family members may have died since last year, or Soldiers may not be around to celebrate the birth of their child.

How do we find joy in times like these? How can we find peace in times like these?

In the Bible, Paul, the author of Philippians 4:8, encourages us saying, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things."

As I was visiting with family and friends during my time of sadness, I began to realize how blessed I really was. Though my husband was not with me physically, he was present, all along, in my heart. As I began to reflect on the memories we'd created together, the moments we'd shared to-

gether, my heart calmed. The peace that transcends all understanding, which the Bible speaks of in Philippians 4:7, settled my mind.

It was in this moment that I realized the true meaning of the season.

In difficult times, it is much easier to focus on what we don't have and who we don't have access to. It is challenging to find joy and happiness. This season, however, is a time of thanks and celebration for the immeasurable blessings we have received, and continue to receive.

When you began to count your blessings, your heart will calm, and you will also experience the peace that causes you to be thankful. As we celebrate this holiday season, let us embrace it with joy, and let us carry in our hearts the good memories and the love, warmth and joy they often bring to us.

When we revisit these moments, we will find the joy and peace we so long for during this season. Whether our loved ones are physically with us or not, let us be encouraged to think on such things.



Bright

Voices of Lightning: "What is your recipe for happiness?"



"Taking care of Soldiers."

Sgt. 1st Class
Richard Bolden
U.S. Forces Korea
Support Unit
Operations NCO



"My family and friends. If they're happy, I'm happy."

Sgt. 1st Class
Kimberly Hogan
9th MSC
Special Missions
NCO



"Love and serve God and other people."

Sgt. 1st Class
Gregg Jenkins
1101st GSU
Supply NCO



"Do things that make you happy with no regrets."

Sgt. Daphney
Kercy
1984th U.S. Army
Hospital, Det. 2
Administrative NCO



"Laughter, love and family."

Mary Malave
Family Member

News Briefs

Send news announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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Day of Memory – Everyone is invited to stop by the Soldiers Chapel, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. There is no formal program or ceremony, simply an opportunity to pause for a few moments and reflect on the events of the day.

12 / Wednesday

Fallen Warriors – A Fallen Warriors Remembrance ceremony will be held at the Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m.–noon. The ceremony will be followed by a Fallen Hero reception at the Chapel Annex. Dress is Class A.

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FRG AAR – There will be a 25th Infantry Division family readiness group (FRG) After-Action Review (AAR) at the Nehelani, 8:45 a.m.–2 p.m.

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Foot Gate Weekend Closure – Schofield Barracks' Foote Gate,

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Helicopters ensure safety in remote areas

Helicopter, medic team gives around-isle coverage, lightens load for Soldiers

Story and Photo by
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The scenario is straight out of movie. A company commander training in the Kahuku mountains with his troops receives a report that a Soldier had been badly hurt. Immediately, his thoughts race through possibilities for transporting the Soldier to a hospital quickly. Now, every minute equals a precious moment of life and the hospital is more than two hours away.

Unlike the movies, when this situation occurs in real life, it requires resource coordination at a moment's notice. Luckily for the Soldier in this situation, James Ware, chief of the Wheeler Army Air Field Operations Branch, has a solution.

Pointing to two new helicopters operated by Evergreen Helicopters, Inc. (EHI), Ware described some features of the company's helicopters. As part of a \$3.5-million contract with U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, the helicopters will operate on Oahu and at the Big Island's Pohakuloa Training Area through February 2008.

In addition, EHI has partnered with Priority 1 Air Rescue of Kauai to provide emergency medical services aboard the aircraft. Both share a dedication to the aviation industry and are passionate about improving capabili-



EHI Pilot John Landis performs preflight inspection and Richard Matyer locks down all equipment for a mission, recently.

ties to protect Soldiers' lives.

"This service is set up to let Soldiers returning from deployment have a rest from 24-hour operations," said John Landis, base manager and lead pilot for EHI. "This lets them concentrate on a normal work day [and] allows them to train and then go home to their families."

When units training need emergency air rescue, they will contact range control and

request for an emergency evacuation assistance. Range control then contacts the Evergreen emergency rescue team for assistance.

Within 15 minutes, the team is in the air. Fifteen minutes later, it is at the scene. The team must train hard to meet this

kind of mission readiness and to respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week with air medical evacuation services.

The team has rescue-hoist capabilities and a full complement of medical support devices for onboard patient support during transport. It is also prepared for wildland fire-suppression response to assist in protecting property and wildlife.

Richard Matyer, safety officer, is a helicopter crew chief with an adept understanding of air, sea, and land search and rescue operations.

"It's my job to ensure the overall safety of everyone in the bird," Matyer said. "We train extensively with all aspects of search and rescue to be prepared to save lives."

Priority 1 Air Rescue of Kaua'i provides the finest trained personnel with the latest in medical care treatment. The team's Mobile Intensive Care Technicians (MICT) are not the average, everyday emergency medical technicians. They have extensive training and are a direct link from doctor to patient.

While transporting accident victim, the MICT is in constant communications with a doctor at the hospital, providing valuable information needed to prepare the emergency room staff to receive and care for the patient.

"I love this job," said Jared Nakamura, MICT. "There is nothing better than saving a life."

Two reserve units redeploy Dec. 15

9TH MISSION SUPPORT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

News Release

HONOLULU – A "Welcome Home Warrior Citizen Ceremony" will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, at Fort Shafter Flats. The 9th Mission Support Command will welcome home and recognize Soldiers from the Army Reserve's 456th Replacement Detachment and 428th Automotive Repair Platoon after their 12-month deployments to Kuwait and Iraq, respectively.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the Kalani U.S. Army Reserve Center.

The 456th Replacement Detachment was mobilized in July 2006 for predeployment training at Schofield Barracks prior to being sent to Kuwait to support Operation Iraqi Freedom V. The unit's 38 Soldiers provided support for processing more than 600,000 deploying service members and civilians, including lodging, baggage transport, tent maintenance and safety inspections at Ali As Saleem Air Base in northern Kuwait.

Operating under the overall command of the 25th Infantry Division, the 456th supported deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa during "surge" operations this year in Kuwait, where seasonal temperatures exceeded 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

The 456th is scheduled to be inactivated this fiscal year.

Also mobilized in July 2006, the 428th Automotive Repair Platoon was attached to the 10th and 5th Special Forces groups in Iraq. The unit's 12 Soldiers provided support as mechanics for tactical and nontactical vehicles, as well as for portable electric generators. They assisted in convoy missions and vehicle recoveries.

Three Soldiers provided around-the-clock mechanical and technical support for the Special Forces motor pool. The other nine served as individual mechanics on Special Forces teams in nine separate areas. A second platoon from the 428th deployed to Iraq, Sept. 13, 2007.

Munitions: Bombs are safely exploded at Makua

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the Army expedited efforts to destroy the munitions in compliance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and requirements.

Under the implementing guidelines of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Army successfully obtained an expedited seven-day review and approval of its proposed demolition and site protection plan, in lieu of the standard 30-day consultation process. The demolition plan was also coordinated with appropriate federal, state and local agencies.

In order to minimize the blast area and protect cultural sites from the detonation, thousands of sandbags were filled and other barriers placed around the bomb and other munitions. The Army began the time-consuming effort Nov. 23, as Soldiers worked during their Thanksgiving holiday weekend to expedite the action, completing the task five days later.

Also part of the Army's commitment to protecting and preserving historic sites, sandbags and a structural barrier were put in place last week to protect a petroglyph in the area.

To comply with the Endangered Species Act, vegetation at Makua

in the potential blast area that was prone to burning was doused with water prior to the detonation to protect wildlife and the habitat.

During the actual detonations, Monday, two helicopters and several four-wheel-drive vehicles were used to coordinate overall security, fire control, and demolition personnel. Several federal, state and local agencies participated in the event at Makua, to include the U.S. Coast Guard, the Honolulu Police Department, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Hawaii Civil Defense, among others.

A two-day cleanup period afterwards cleared shrapnel or other debris from the area after the detonation. Following the cleanup, Makua was reopened for cultural access activities. Malama Makua and community group Hui Malama will hold a Makahiki observance on the reservation Dec. 14-15.

The Army is fully committed to providing cultural access under the 2001 Settlement Agreement, in compliance with applicable safety and range regulations, and it is already in consultation with community groups to reschedule cultural visits and a Makahiki celebration, which were postponed due to safety reasons following the munitions discovery.

BOSS: Soldier thanks community for help

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though the Army pays for moves, there are always out-of-pocket expenses that Soldiers end up paying for."

"Sergeant Gore really helped me out a lot," McQueen said.

"That's what BOSS is for, we fill in the gaps for single Soldiers," Gore said. "Every NCO should be there for the Soldiers, whether they fall beneath them or not."

Not only was McQueen's purse in her car, but also her child's car seat. Army Community Services provided her with a car seat.

Another service McQueen took advantage of was the military family life consultant.

"Just sitting down and having someone listening to me was a

lot of help," she said.

McQueen's chain of command chipped in as well, giving her time off to put her things together and ensure all paperwork was done correctly.

No one expects to have a car stolen from a closed garage, and the experience taught McQueen several valuable lessons. First, never leave anything important in the car, and second make sure all the doors to the house are locked, especially doors from the house to the garage.

"I just want to tell everyone thanks for all the help at a very difficult time," McQueen said. "It's not every day something like this happens, and it's great to have all the support from the Army. It lets me know that we're all in this together."

Town Hall: Customer is top garrison priority

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Six Sigma. NSPS is the new civilian personnel management system fully implemented in USAG-HI this year, “with a lot of angst,” Margotta admitted. Lean Six Sigma is taking more time. The quality improvement model, first created by Toyota to work smartly and gain efficiencies – and eventually save dollars – may not be working as intended in the Army. “A Lean Six Sigma byproduct is, maybe, some cost savings,” Margotta said, “but that’s not how I’m gonna look at it. I’m going to take it back to its core – to do things smarter, more efficiently and provide better services.”

Margotta said Lean Six Sigma needs the right “Green Belt” leaders; local volunteers may receive an NSPS benefit.

Much else needs to be fixed, upgraded or repaired throughout USAG-HI, Margotta acknowledged. Among priorities are neglected facilities at Fort Shafter, the Big Island’s Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA), and Piliilau Recreation Center in Waianae. Additionally, Margotta said, some Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs will get needed enhancements; along with them, he hopes the USAG-HI Web site will get its proper presentation as an IMCOM installation, not as a link on the 25th Infantry Division (ID) homepage.



Visit USAG-HI at www.25idl.army.mil/usaghi/sites/local.

In keeping with the usual town hall format, Margotta answered questions from the audience for about a half hour. Every question came from Directorate of Public Works employees.

Francis Peters and Stanley Penrose asked the questions on everyone’s minds at some time or another during the past week: What’s going on with the gate traffic? Why can’t you open the gates earlier? Why does every driver need to be checked going into the gates, especially since the same procedures aren’t followed at Hickam Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Hawaii or Tripler Army Medical Center?

“We have a 1920s road infrastructure ... that does not support the size of the population,” Mar-

gotta said, then noted the number of cars most families have today. “There’s no possible way to squeeze that many cars, in a timely manner, through our gates.”

Further, Margotta explained, the Department of the Army (DA) governs force protection and installation access points. DA has said the Army will maintain 100-percent security checks at all access points on Army installations. Tripler, Helemano Military Reservation and Aliamanu Military Reservation are not considered installations, though guards may be placed for force protection.

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 - Taking care of employees
 - IMCOM priorities
 - Community engagements
 - Directed tasks
 - Force protection
 - Sustainability
 - Building “the team”
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Locally, the Directorate of Emergency Services has adjusted gate hours to accommodate commuters and traffic patterns.

“Now that we’re coming under IMCOM [instead of the commanding general of 25th ID], how is that going to change how we do business,” John Christian asked.

Margotta simply said, “probably not that much,” other than funding and budgets will funnel directly into garrisons from IMCOM, “a good thing,” he stressed. “We at the installation will no longer accept additional missions outside what we are missioned for.”

Gerald Wade wanted to know if civilians should anticipate a furlough next spring, due to the Department of Defense funding crunch caused by fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Margotta answered he believes Congress, despite its politicking, will allocate monies in time. After all, the colonel said, civilians are voters. Other questions asked at the Schofield Barracks town hall concerned Kilauea Military Camp on the Big Island, Strykers, DPW’s “A-76” (privatization) reforms, and the structure of the USAG-HI footprint.

Thomas Ware asked the last question: Will civilians get Monday and Tuesday as holidays this Christmas and New Year’s? Margotta said all directorates should refer to the holiday schedule and allow liberal leave, if possible.

'Rock' of the Army Hawaii community retires, again

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FORT SHAFTER — At first, Clarence "Pohaku" Wilhelm was reluctant to talk about his 57 years of federal service.

"I'll just tell you a bunch of lies," he said, straight-faced.

However, his long-time friends and co-workers had plenty to say about the man they called an institution, who earned Purple Hearts in the Korean and Vietnam wars, and mentored numerous junior officers who later became three- and four-star generals.

"He was the Soldier's Soldier, even when he was a civilian," said Bryson Jhung, deputy commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

Jhung has known Wilhelm since the late '80s when both men retired from active duty — each with 30-plus years — and began civil service careers.

"He did not allow problems to come up," Jhung said, "and made things happen — sometimes by sheer force of will."

Greg Hinkle, an operations specialist at U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu-South (USAG-O), where Wilhelm retired as director, remembered his gruff demeanor.

"If you didn't know him, you would fear him," Hinkle said. "He came in like thunder and lightning, but has the most gentle, kind heart."

"I was scared of him," said Rosey Stone, deputy director, USAG-O, South, referring to her first impression of Wilhelm.

Stone began as Wilhelm's secretary more than 18 years ago and has worked with him every since.

Both described their interactions over the years as akin to a father-daughter relationship.

"Rosalina Stone, that's my girl," Wilhelm said. "She has my complete trust. She's my confidant."

"I could go to him with anything," Stone said. "It was truly unique in any of my professional relationships."

Stone and Hinkle accompanied Wilhelm on numerous "windshield tours" he gave incoming garrison commanders and command sergeants major. Wilhelm peppered his tours with colorful personal anecdotes and vivid descriptions of how the landscapes at Fort Shafter and Tripler Army Medical Center have changed since he was a private.

"He is history," Hinkle said. "He made things come alive."

Army celebrity

As a man who was kicked out of the Army the very day he enlisted,* Wilhelm has plenty of yarn to spin about his experiences. For example, to Wilhelm, the street names and buildings around posts on Oahu carry personal meanings.

From a picnic table outside Fort Shafter's Bowling Center, Tuesday, Wilhelm pointed to Kawamura Barracks, which (along with Wheeler's Kawamura Gate) is named after Cpl. Terry Teruo Kawamura. Wilhelm served with Kawamura's father in Europe.

A Medal of Honor recipient, the younger Kawamura threw himself on an explosive charge in Vietnam to save other Soldiers in his unit.

"Those little things I remember," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm was a command sergeant major at the same time as 25th Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon's father was a command sergeant major.

"He is just like his father, a straight shooter," Wilhelm said.

He has also served as a command sergeant major for Gens. Norman Schwarzkopf and George Patton Jr.

While serving under Patton Jr. at Fort Knox, Ky., Wilhelm noticed two young second lieutenants that seemed out of place a week before training was scheduled to begin.

He deduced from their gait that



Aiko Brum | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

Friends and co-workers of retired Command Sgt. Maj. Clarence "Pohaku" Wilhelm, at center, celebrate his 57 years of faithful service at U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu-South.

they were from Hawaii, invited them to dinner and later took them under his wing. The young second lieutenants would become retired Lt. Gen. Joseph Peterson and Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, two of Hawaii's highest-ranking Army officers.

In addition to impacting Soldiers throughout his career, Wilhelm has made a lasting impression outside the post gates. To the students of Radford High School, Wilhelm will always be "Uncle Clarence."

In 1995, he started a partnership with Radford called the Military Youth Advisory Council. The council is comprised of students, faculty and representatives from family service centers, local busi-

nesses and every branch of service.

The council meets the first Friday of each month to address issues at the school and in the community.

At today's meeting, the council will tackle the issue of over-the-

counter drug abuse at Radford. In addition, the council hopes to iron out the details for a program that will provide support and group counseling for family members of deployed Soldiers early next year.

"Uncle Clarence was a gift from

the military to Radford," Principal Bob Stevens said. "He was a man of very few words, but when he spoke, people listened."

Radford's Transition Center, a place where new students can obtain information about the campus and local culture, or just relax, bears Wilhelm's name.

Back to school

Though he probably owned socks older than most college students, that didn't stop Wilhelm from going back to college — at age 60 — to earn a bachelor's degree in management at Champlain State University.

Wilhelm called earning his degree "the hardest thing I've ever done in my life."

"I quit every night I came home," he said. "But then my wife would threaten to quit me if I did. She was my encouragement for graduating."

"She's only four-foot, five and she thinks she's superman — and I think so too," Wilhelm continued. "She has been the shining light in

my life, and if not for that little lady, I don't think I'd have been in the Army 35 years."

Wilhelm recalled his intention to leave the Army after his initial six-year enlistment. After six years, he was still a private and needed to be promoted to private first class to be eligible for re-enlistment.

He figured he'd find work on the plantation back in Maui. His wife told him he was staying in.

As a last resort, Wilhelm visited a chaplain to ask for assistance. The chaplain asked him if he wanted to re-enlist.

"I have no choice," Wilhelm recalled saying to the chaplain.

He and two other Soldiers became general's enlisted aides and lived in the back of Palm Circle's Quarters Five, where Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, commander, U.S. Army, Pacific, resides.

"To this day, I bet that first sergeant is investigating how we got those jobs," Wilhelm said.

Fifty-one years later, including a total of 35 years active duty and 22

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Brig. Gen. Mason inducts members into elite clubs

Seven new Soldiers from Schofield community get inducted into SAMC and Dr. Mary E. Walker clubs

Story and Photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – It's hard to believe that a 5-foot, 5-inch, 110-pound sharecropper became the most legendary Soldier in U.S. Army history.

Sgt. Audie Murphy became the model of the noncommissioned officer (NCO) corps; a leader who would give all to ensure the accomplishment of the mission and the welfare of his Soldiers.

Presently, Soldiers remember the legacy of Sgt. Audie Murphy by inducting only the best and brightest into an elite club that bears his name.

Master Sgt. Jennifer Taylor, Staff Sgt. April Bradley, Staff Sgt. Torrey Childs and Staff Sgt. Bryan White were inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) in a ceremony here, Nov. 28.

Brig. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, an honorary member of the SAMC and commanding general of the 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), and Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Collins, 8th TSC, presented the new inductees with an Army Commendation Medal, a SAMC medallion, club certificate and coin.

"My father was an E-6 and served in World War II," Mason said. "He told me, and the words stay true today, 'Listen to your NCOs; they'll take care of you and guide you.'"

"Sergeant Audie Murphy's actions set the standard for generations to come," added Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Zettlemoyer, U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC). "You are recognized as the finest of the NCO Corps and are hereby charged to integrity. Being a member of this club is more challenging than just the induction, because now, you'll be called on even more as leaders, and I know you will make us very proud."

Prior to the event, members of USARPAC's SAMC presented a new re-



Sgt. 1st Class John Culver, president of the U.S. Army, Pacific, Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, together with the club, presented USARPAC Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Zettlemoyer with a new SAMC Medallion. Zettlemoyer is one of the original inductees. "It's an honor to stand here today with all with all of you," Zettlemoyer said. "It's a harder time to serve today, I want to thank you all for continuing to lead your Soldiers."

placement medal to Zettlemoyer. He was one of the original SAMC inductees, receiving his award in a ceremony held at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1986.

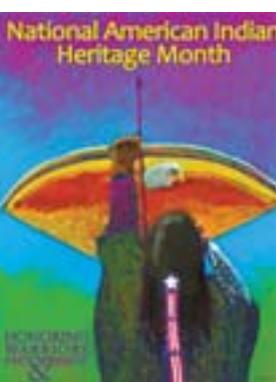
"It's an honor to stand here today with all of you, especially because it's a harder time to serve as an NCO today, and I want to thank you all for continuing to lead your Soldiers," Zettlemoyer said.

After the SAMC induction, recipients of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award, a civilian award for spouses who have distinguished themselves with extraordinary acts of selfless service, were recognized. The Dr. Mary E. Walker Award is named for the first and only female recipient of the Medal of Honor.

The Dr. Mary E. Walker Award was presented to Suzanna M. Swift, Hather Ullman and Haily Violand.

"Our spouses are not paid and yet they give of themselves, and to that we owe a great debt of thanks," Mason said.

"Today's Army cannot be successful without the steadfast support of the civilians and spouses," Zettlemoyer added.



Schofield celebrates Native Americans

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The 8th Theater Sustainment Command hosted an American Indian heritage celebration, Nov. 28, at the Sgt. Smith Theater to commemorate the history of Native American culture.

Guest speaker Dr. David Bevett, an elder of the Warrior's Circle of Oahu, gave the keynote address, and the celebration included demonstrations of traditional dances.

Bevett served in the U.S. Army for 17 years and in the U.S. Navy for four years before retiring as a lieutenant commander.

In his speech, he highlighted Native American culture and customs, and spoke about the role of Native Americans in the military, despite their conflicts with early settlers.

"Basically, this is still our country," Bevett said, "and we still have the need to protect this country, no matter what was done to us by the people who came here. This is still our America and we need to protect it."

Bevett said it is important that all Americans celebrate ethnic observances and learn about all cultures like Native American Indian culture.

Following his speech, the audience watched many different Native American traditional dances. Members of the Warrior Circle of Oahu and "808NDNZ" played songs with drums, while other members danced like their ancestors did before them.

"These dances are not just dances," Bevett said. "They spiritually mean something to us, and we take them very seriously."

Wilhelm: ‘Pohaku’ leaves big shoes to fill

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years of civil service, Wilhelm remains the quintessential Soldier.

He quoted the first line of the Noncommissioned Officer's Creed, "No one is more professional than I," and said those words live in his bones.

"That's the way I think," he said. "When it comes to my Soldiers, it's Soldiers first."

His friends and co-workers varied in their predictions of where Wilhelm's post-retirement career will take him next.



"When it comes to my Soldiers, it's Soldiers first."

*Clarence "Pohaku" Wilhelm
Retired Command Sgt. Maj.,
Director, USAG-Oahu, South*

"He's gotta be busy," Jhung said. "He'll go where he wants to go; if he sees a need and somebody asks him to help out, I'm sure he will."

"[Retirement] will be a complete change of lifestyle for him," Stone said. "He's used to being in control."

Wilhelm preferred to leave it open-ended.

"The biggest challenge is what the hell I'm gonna do with my life," he said. "I'm just gonna take it slow."

For some reason, that seems hard to believe.

*(Editor's Note: *Wilhelm said his initial enlistment was declared "fraudulent" because he failed to mention he had asthma. He returned with a doctor's note and re-enlisted the same day.)*

News Briefs

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on Kunia Road, will be closed for maintenance from 7 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, until 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16. For a listing on regular gate hours, visit www.25idl.army.mil/community-impactupdates/index.asp. Also, for more information, contact Stefanie Gardin, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs, at 656-3160, or Fred Makinney, Directorate of Emergency Services, at 656-6750.

Ongoing

SAFAC – The Soldier and Family Assistance Center allows members access to various agencies on Schofield Barracks and at Tripler Army Medical Center via one phone number, 655-6600.

Open 24/7, the service expedites entrance into a care network. Appointments are made within 24 to 72 hours to address challenges and mental health issues such as substance abuse spousal/child abuse and marital/family therapy.

The SAFAC triage line, however, is not a crisis intervention line. Life-threatening issues are best handled by an emergency room or by calling 911. Call 655-4803.

2007 Tax Returns – Dedicated civilian volunteers are needed to help Soldiers complete their tax returns. Volunteer tax preparers can call 655-1040 and leave a message, or stop by the Tax Center, Building 648, across from Schofield's Sgt. Smith Theater.

Extensive training for volunteers runs through Jan. 18, 2008. Call Sgt. 1st Class Brenda Jones, 655-1040, for more information.

Military Channel – This cable network channel features "Around the Services," a half-hour news program from the Department of Defense that takes viewers directly to news conferences and press briefings, and allows members of the armed forces, veterans, family members and loved ones to stay informed regarding current military affairs.

Shows broadcast weekdays at 4 p.m.

Volunteers rid Mt. Kaala summit of invasive plant

Workers remove Juncus effusus threat to ecosystem

Story and Photos by
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WAIANAE — Neither rain, cold, nor mounds of mud could keep volunteers away from the Juncus effusus challenge atop Mt. Kaala.

From early September to early December, 88 volunteers worked alongside staff of the Oahu Army Natural Resource Program (NRP) to remove the introduced weed Juncus effusus from Oahu's highest mountain peak.

Juncus effusus, or "soft rush," has been identified by NRP staff as an incipient weed, a potential threat, to the fragile immature bog ecosystem of Kaala. The introduced rush grows aggressively in saturated soil and then competes with native plants for soil nutrients, water and growing space.

Three small populations of Juncus were found in areas at Kaala's summit on Army land. The Juncus has yet to extensively invade the more intact native cloud forest of Kaala, and with help from volunteers, it may be possible to completely eradicate



Students from University of Hawaii's Ethnic Studies class join forces to remove the invasive weed, Juncus effusus, from the summit of Mt. Kaala.

Right — Volunteers attack Juncus effusus in pairs. After removing the invasive weed, volunteers planted native Hapuuii, Cibotium menziesii, to help restore the native cloud forest of Kaala.

the weed before it spreads.

Weed-whacking volunteers

Eager to experience the summit of Kaala and contribute to its care, volunteer weeders came from far and wide. Many responded to a general "call for volun-

teers" announcement; others came as part of organized groups, including Hawaiian language students from Kamehameha School, a botany class from Kapiolani Community College, and an ethnic studies class from the University of Hawaii.

"The whole trip was a fantastic expe-



rience for me," expressed volunteer Mary Zdyrski of Mililani. "Knowing that I helped make a difference on the mountain was really special."

The combined efforts from all 88 volunteers helped to remove a total of 35 large garbage bags (33-gallon size) of Juncus from the summit.

In a special effort to ensure the Juncus

would not spread to other parts of the island, NRP staff transported all bags to the City and County H-Power incinerator, where the introduced weeds were reduced to ashes.

To help keep the Juncus from growing back, volunteers also helped with outplanting native tree ferns, or hapu'u (Cibotium spp.), in areas where the Juncus had been removed. It is thought that with time, these tree ferns will shade out the open, sunny areas Juncus prefers.

With the coming of the winter rains, NRP staff have elected to give the summit of Kaala time to heal. Staff will return in the spring to resume invasive weed control with more volunteers.

In the meantime, for those interested in volunteering to help care for Hawaii's native forests, there is still much to be done.

"It is strange how it works," said volunteer Jeanne Furukawa. "I volunteer to help out, but so many times I feel like I am so greatly blessed instead."

Volunteer service trips are already being planned for the month of January. NRP and volunteers will remove more invasive weeds and outplant common native groundcovers, such as palapalai fern, called Microlepia strigosa.



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Vehicles enter Wheeler Army Air Field through Kunia Gate. Kunia Gate is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

DES revises gate hours of operation

Macomb Gate opens to alleviate morning commute traffic jams

FRED MAKINNEY
Directorate of Emergency Services

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — To alleviate traffic congestion, Schofield's Macomb Gate is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This gate allows access to persons with the proper vehicle decals and identification. All other vehicles requiring temporary passes are directed to Lyman Gate.

Kunia Gate is also open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Wheeler Army Air Field's Kawamura Gate is open each day from 5:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.

Guest passes are issued at the Lyman Gate search lane from 9:30 p.m.–5:30 a.m.

The Directorate of Emergency Services made these changes to gate hours to improve response times of police, fire and emergency medical services between Schofield Barracks and Wheeler during periods of darkness and to maximize the installations' force protection and access control assets.

Residents should inform guests to report to Lyman Gate if passes are required to access Wheeler after 9:30 p.m. Soldiers and civilians working at Wheeler between 9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. should also plan their entrance and exit from the appropriate gate.

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"When work is finished."

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Riders line up to help unload the 1101st Garrison Support Unit, Detachment 24, sleigh at the 2007 Toys for Tots Ride, Sunday.

Photo by Gary Kahn

Sharing the spirit of aloha

1101st GSU, Det. 24 brings toys for tots

Story and Photo by
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HONOLULU — A toy-filled Christmas sleigh strolled through town Sunday, only this sleigh wasn't led by Santa and Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer. This sleigh rolled through the streets on the back of a Honda Valkyrie 1520cc motorcycle.

Soldiers of the 1101st Garrison Support Unit (GSU), Detachment 24, donated an estimated \$650 worth of toys for the 2007 Toys for Tots Ride, Sunday.

While thousands of shoppers have been hitting the malls to spread aloha to their families and friends, these Soldiers purchased gifts for children they will probably never meet.

"Anytime we can pitch in for an organization like this, we're more than willing. [There are] no second thoughts," said Sgt. Faye Sanchez, administrative noncommissioned offi-

cer (NCO).

Sgt. 1st Class Angelo Ducosin and his wife have donated a brand new bicycle for the past two 1101st Toys for Tots drives.

"We're pretty fortunate the Army takes care of us," said Ducosin. "We're just trying to give back."

Master Sgt. Charles Owens, Department of Plans, Training and Mobilization Operations noncommissioned officer in charge, started this tradition four years ago and has been leading the effort ever since.

"Master Sgt. Owens spearheaded the whole thing. The fact that he does this on the side, on his own time, is what impresses me. I can't say enough about the guy. He's done a lot for the unit," said Col. Garry Kamauoha, the unit's commander.

Owens was inspired years ago by someone close to his heart.

"My wife, Joni, never received gifts when she was a kid," Owens said. "Her



Sgt. 1st Class Angelo Ducosin loads a brand new bicycle in the 1101st Garrison Support Unit, Detachment 24, sleigh at Schofield Barracks Area X, Friday. Ducosin and his wife have donated a brand new bicycle for the past two 1101st GSU Toys for Tots drives.

parents didn't believe in Christmas, so come Christmas, she would see all of the other kids' brand new toys. Now she always makes sure everyone gets a gift. She doesn't want anyone else to ever feel like that."

Little did Joni know her husband would take these thoughts and turn them into action.

Donating for this cause has always been popular, and each year it continues to grow.

"In the first year we collected too many gifts, so we decided to build a trailer [sleigh]," said Owens. "Now kids love it when they see the sleigh going down the street. It makes everybody more joyful."

The unit's commander is proud of his Soldiers' generosity.

"I'm not surprised [about how much the unit has contributed]. The aloha spirit is what it's all about," said Kamauoha. "The Soldiers are always willing to give."

America supports you — groups simplify sending aloha to troops

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — As the holidays draw near and shopping lists get shorter, some may find they're still looking for the perfect way to thank "any service member" this year.

In an example of holiday support for the troops, Kathy Cox, Wal-Mart Foundation manager, talks with Army Cpl. Adam Poppenhouse during the kick-off of "Operation: Deck the Walls," Nov. 13. It's a new program from Wal-Mart dedicated to bringing holiday cheer to families of recovering military at Fisher Houses in the U.S. and Germany.

Correspondence

Letters and cards are a simple, inexpensive way to show service members they've got support back home, especially during such a family-oriented time of the year.

Marine Moms Online, www.marinemomsonline.net, based in Illinois, works to collect "letters, letters, letters," said Julie Callahan, a group representative.

"[Marine Moms Online] members work with churches and schools collecting letters that are given to the recruits on Christmas morning," she said. "Encouraging letters from veterans, celebrities, sports teams and politicians are collected and assembled into scrapbooks that are available to all recruits in the support battalions throughout the year."

The Military Support Group of Connection Pointe Christian Church in Brownsburg, Ind., www.cpmsslife.org, has a goal of sending 4,000 cards to men and women serving overseas. Those will accompany 18-inch decorated Christmas trees.

"[We] have sent approximately 10,000 Christmas cards," said Robert Leive, a representative of the group. Last year, the group sent 4,000 cards.

Care Packages

Many groups work hard to collect holiday greetings for the troops, and though it was common practice during past conflicts, sending a letter addressed to "any service member" is not a good idea. The Defense Department, citing security concerns, enforces a policy specifying mail not

addressed to a specific individual will not be accepted. It's better to look to a troop-support organization that has established contacts to receive letters to the troops.

A box of goodies at the holidays is a sure way to brighten a deployed service member's day, and dozens of troop-support organizations are working to make sure no service member has a gloomy holiday.

"This will be our fifth year of sending holiday treats to our troops, as well as our weekly support care packages," said Meredith Kelly, chair of Illinois-based Operation Stars and Stripes, www.operationstars.com. "In November, we start sending new pre-lit 3- and 4-foot Christmas trees with all the trimmings to our units that we are supporting."

Those trees come complete with a DVD copy of the original "It's a Wonderful Life," she said. "We try to reach as many as we can to let them know they are not forgotten," Kelly added.

California's Operation Gratitude, www.opgratitude.com, has mastered the art of sending care packages, packing more than 34,000 boxes of goodies in the first four days of its 2007 Holiday Drive, which

kicked off Veterans Day weekend. Group officials anticipate packing the 300,000th care package for a deployed service member Dec. 15. That milestone package is expected to arrive on or around Christmas Eve and will contain a special gift for the recipient.

"We will be sending 50,000 to 60,000 care packages to deployed troops," said Carolyn Blashek, the group's founder. "We welcome donations of items, letters, funds to pay for postage, and volunteers to help assemble the packages at our facility in Van Nuys, Calif."

Military Family Support

Sometimes the best way to support the troops at any time of the year is to support their families back home. During the holidays, this can be especially powerful.

CRVA Charities, Inc.'s annual Toys for the Troops' Kids drive, www.toysforthetroopskids.org, began in 2003 with a goal of providing two toys for every child of a deployed military parent from the Sacramento, Calif. area. A booming success, the program has expanded, said William F. Stein, the group's president.

"We will collect 50,000 toys for the kids of deployed troops [to be] distributed in four western states and Hawaii in December," he said.

The Homefront Cares, Inc., www.thehomefrontcares.org, which offers year-round support, will provide between 500 and 1,000 meals to families at Fort Carson, Colo.

Other organizations, like Our Military Kids, www.ourmilitarykids.org, operate year round, but having strong support during the holidays makes it easier for them to fulfill their missions. Our Military Kids provides grants to children of deployed and severely injured National Guardsman and reservists for enrichment activities and tutoring that nurture and sustain the children during the deployment.

Links to all of these groups and more than 300 others are available on the America Supports You Web site, www.AmericaSupportsYou.com. America Supports You is a Defense Department program connecting citizens and corporations with military personnel and their families serving at home and abroad.



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Gift Certificates – Don't let the holidays get the best of you. Stay fit and lean at the Schofield Health and Fitness Center, or give the gift of fitness to a friend or family member with a Personal Training Gift Certificate (4 sessions). Call Kristy Osborn at 381-5944.

14 / Friday

Winter Wonderland Social – The Schofield Teen Center is having a Winter Wonderland Social, Dec. 14, 7-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for members, \$4 for non-members and \$5 for guests.

The Teen Center is located at 556 Heard Avenue, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0451.

24 / Monday

Single Soldier Christmas Dinner – All single Soldiers are welcome to join us for a complimentary Christmas dinner at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 24, 6 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m.

The menu will consist of turkey, ham, potatoes, mixed vegetables and lots of delicious desserts. Call the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Office at 655-8169.

Ongoing

Holiday Ornament Drive – Help support Soldiers and their families who need an extra helping hand this holiday season. Purchase a Na Koa Aina holiday ornament at any Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facility for a minimum of \$5.

All proceeds will go to support the MWR Holiday Dinner Voucher Program. Eligible Soldiers will receive a food voucher to purchase their holiday meal. Visit any MWR facility or call 655-4227.

HMR Teen Lounge – The Helemano Military Reservation (HMR) Teen Lounge, located inside the HMR Youth Center, is now open Mondays-Fridays, 2-6 p.m.

If you are attending grades 6-12, the Teen Lounge is the place to go after school. The lounge offers daily activities, including tournaments, sports, video games, crafts, games and volunteer opportunities. A nutritious snack is offered each day.

The program is free except for the annual Child and Youth Services (CYS) registration



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Trees tumbling in the streets

A pedestrian picks her way through the fallen tree to a building on Wheeler Army Air Field, Wednesday, after a storm created gusts of wind greater than 50 miles per hour, pushing down electrical wiring, trees and lightposts.

fee of \$18. Call 655-0451 or 653-0717.

Preschool Story Times – The MWR Libraries have Story Time at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at Fort Shafter (438-9521) and Wednesdays at the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks (655-8002).

Information, Ticketing and Registration – Looking for tickets to area attractions? Information Ticketing and Registration (ITR) has your tickets to paradise when you visit offices located on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

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

Current specials include Sea Life Park Luau with admission discounts until Dec. 15 and Cirque Hawaii free upgrades on seats until Dec. 31.

Call the Schofield Barracks ITR (655-9971), the Fort Shafter ITR (438-1985), or log onto www.mwrarmyhawaii.com. Click "ITR Ticketing and Registration" for a full list of discounts at various attractions.

Quilting Workshops – Learn to quilt at an Arts and Crafts Center near you. Quilting workshops are held Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., at Schofield, and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at Fort Shafter. Call 655-4202 (Schofield), or 438-1315/1071 (Fort Shafter).

Salvage Yard Auto Sales – Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks salvage yards will be sponsoring sealed bid auto sales twice a month. Bidding will end on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and the highest bidder will be notified the following day.

A minimum bid will be marked on each auto that is for sale. Call 655-9368 at Schofield Brracks or 438-9402 at Fort Shafter.

Tropic Lightning – Enjoy a fast and hot lunch buffet, Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the KoleKole Bar & Grill, Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$8.95 per person. Call 655-4466.

Family Child Care – Individuals interested in caring for children in their home should inquire with the Child and

Youth Services (CYS) Family Child Care (FCC) Program. Benefits include free training, additional income and flexible hours.

Call the Aliamanau Military Reservation (AMR) FCC office at 837-0236, or the Schofield Barracks FCC at 655-8373.

Auto Resale Lot – The Auto Resale Lot has been relocated right next to the Schofield Barracks Commissary. When standing in front of the commissary, the lot is on the left-hand side. The lot is now operated by the MWR, Schofield Barracks Automotive Crafts Center.

You can place your vehicle in the Resale Lot for as little as \$7 for seven days. Items required to place vehicles in the lot are a valid government ID card, state registration and license plate sticker, safety inspection papers and stickers, proof of Hawaii "No Fault" insurance, a base decal number, and a power of attorney, if you are not the registered owner.

Call 655-9368 for more details.

Job Search – Visit, browse and apply for federal jobs available in Hawaii at www.nafjobs.com.

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start at 3 p.m. from Waipahu District Park, and finish around 4 p.m. at the Waipahu Town Center.

From 4-7 p.m. there will be a Christmas carnival, a petting zoo and a visit with Santa. E-mail rosehugmebears@hawaii.rr.com for more information.

Rudolf Retirees – Enjoy the Sounds of the Aloha Chorus and quartets and Diamond Head Shooting Stars in "Rudolf Retirees," at Paliku Theatre, Dec. 8, 7:37 p.m., and Dec. 9, 4:07 p.m. Cost is \$20. Call 262-7664.

9 / Sunday

World War II Walking Tour – Steven Fredrick will guide a historical World War II walking tour through downtown Honolulu and Chinatown, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$20. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Call 395-0674 or e-mail filmguy54@hotmail.com.

12 / Wednesday

Oahu North Tree Lighting – This annual community event will be held at Generals Loop, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Enjoy holiday music by the Leilehua High School Concert Band and a special performance by Hale Kula Elementary School.

Santa Claus will be on-site to visit and take photos with kids. Call 655-8985.

14 / Friday

Haleiwa Christmas Parade – Enjoy the Christmas lights and sounds of Historic Haleiwa Town at the North Shore Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. The parade begins at Weed Circle roundabout and travels through Haleiwa Town, ending at Haleiwa Beach Park. Call 637-4558.

17 / Monday

Welcome Home – The 25th Infantry Division (ID) Special Troops Battalion (STB) hosts a formal welcome home celebration at the Hilton Hawaiian, Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m.-midnight. Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, 25th ID, will be the guest speaker.

The evening's festivities will include a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. All 25th STB Soldiers and guests age 16 and older are invited to attend. Soldiers must be in Class Bs or higher, and civilians must wear appropriate formal attire.

Cost is \$28 for E-4 and below, \$35 for E-5 through E-7, and \$45 for E-8 and above.

Tickets are available at Office 185, Building 3004, Lyman Ave., Schofield Barracks.

Deadline is Dec. 10. Call 655-4262 for more information.

Ballroom Dance – The Mililani chapter of the Hawaii Ballroom Dance Association offers evening classes on Tuesdays in fox-trot, 7-7:40 p.m.; Viennese waltz, 7:40-8:20; and samba, 8:20-9 p.m. at the Mililani Uka Elementary School cafeteria. The new sessions runs through Dec. 17. Cost is \$8 per person for each dance set. Call 623-5202.

Ongoing

AER Scholarships – Do you need money for college? Applications for the State-side Spouse Education Assistance Program and the Dependent Children Scholarship Program are now available online at www.aerhq.org. Call Jackie Torres at 655-7132.

2007 Tax Returns – Dedicated civilian volunteers are needed to help Soldiers complete their tax returns. Volunteer tax preparers can call 655-1040 and leave a message, or stop by the Tax Center, Building 648, across from Schofield's Sgt. Smith Theater.

Extensive training for volunteers is underway through Jan. 18. Call Sgt. 1st Class Brenda Jones, 655-1040, for more details.

Chun's Reef Clean Up – Join members of Adopt-A-Beach Hawaii and Save the Sea Turtles at noon on the last Saturday of each month to clean beach highways and coastlines. Trash bags, gloves and water will be provided. Volunteers should wear a hat, sunscreen and proper beach shoes. Meet at 61-529 Kamehameha Hwy. in Haleiwa. Call 637-2211.

Honolulu Symphony – It's time to roll out the red carpet for Honolulu Symphony holiday concerts. This holiday season, share the warmth and good cheer of festive music with the symphony at concerts such as Motown Christmas with the Four Tops and the Spinners, and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

In honor of America's Armed Forces, the symphony is offering a special 50-percent discount off all holiday concert tickets to military and their families, including reservists, National Guard and retirees. Mil-

itary discount tickets for concerts such as the Motown Christmas and Burt Bacharach concerts start from as low as \$8.50.

Tickets are on sale now at the Honolulu Symphony Box Office, Dole Cannery, all Ticketmaster outlets and all Times supermarkets. Call the box office at 792-2000 (days) or 524-0815, extension 245 (evenings), for more information, or visit www.honolulusymphony.com.

Civil Air Patrol – Youth and adults looking for something to do should volunteer to work with the Civil Air Patrol. Volunteers are needed to assist with aerospace, cadet and emergency services programs.

The Wheeler Composite Squadron meets at Wheeler Army Air Field, and adult members meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. Cadets ages 12-18 meet every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., and this program offers scholarships, encampment, community service projects, and a chance to fly gliders and power aircraft.

Call 456-2144 for the Wheeler Composite Squadron. Call 836-3417 for more details about statewide programs, or visit <http://hiwg.cap.gov/>

Tricare for College Students – If you are a full-time college student with an active duty or retired service member parent, you are eligible for Tricare coverage until age 21. If you're enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher education, and your sponsor provides more than 50 percent of your financial support, you may be eligible for Tricare coverage until age 23, or when your full-time status ends, whichever comes first.

To view the full fact sheet, visit www.tricare.mil/Factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=301.

Making the Grade – Students can cash in on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's (AAFES) "You Made the Grade" program. This reward program is designed to recognize above-average academic achievement.

Qualifying students will receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an AAFES Reel Time Theater, a complimentary slice of Anthony's Pizza with a drink and a free magazine, as well as other coupons.

To be eligible for a booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of

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Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel, 836-4599

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. – Religious Education (Sept.–May only)
- 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

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

Main Post Chapel, 655-9307

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

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, 12 p.m. – Adoration (24 hours)
- Protestant Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service

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

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m.–Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service
- Gospel Sunday, 12 p.m. – Worship Service

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



The Comebacks

(R)
Friday, 7 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



Gone Baby Gone

(PG)
Friday, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



30 Days of Night

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

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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Gift-Wrapping – The annual Schofield Barracks Community Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser at the post exchange is underway through Dec. 24. This service allows interested family readiness groups and authorized private organizations in the Schofield Barracks area (including Wheeler Army Air Field and Helemano Military Reservation) to conduct gift-wrapping fundraisers at the PX.

Salvation Army Angel Tree – Pearlridge shoppers can share their aloha for the community by choosing an angel from a Salvation Army Angel Tree and granting the wish of a child or a senior citizen who otherwise would not receive any gifts at Christmas. Angel trees are located Uptown and Downtown, through Dec. 19.

Employment Orientation – Prepare for the job you want. Attend an Army Community Service (ACS) Employment Orientation and get job information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies.

Reference materials, job listings, computers, Web tours and more will be available for use. Orientation will be held at the Schofield Barracks ACS, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 9-10:30 a.m. Call ACS Schofield at 655-4227 or register online at www.acsclasses.com.

Free child care vouchers are available. Children must be registered and space must be reserved by parent. Call 655-5314 (Schofield).

Plant Tour – Learn how to recognize telltale signs that your plant is feeling blue at a free class at the Wahiawa Botanical Garden, Dec. 7, 9-10 a.m. Reservations are required. Call Brian Koren at 621-5463.

8 / Saturday

Waipahu Christmas Parade – Celebrate the holidays at the annual Waipahu Christmas Parade and Fair, Dec. 8. The parade will



Blue Star Card aids family members of deployed Soldiers

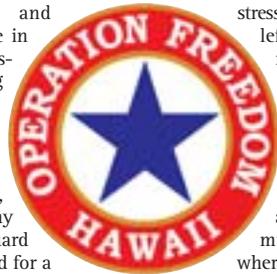
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – “The Blue Star Card was an absolute godsend,” said family member Lisa Adams. “The activities that were planned always seemed to come at a time when I really needed to connect with other family members or spouses of deployed servicemen.”

The Blue Star Card, a program sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), aids the military ohana with discounts and family-oriented activities to help make the time their Soldiers are deployed more bearable. The card gives

discounts at MWR facilities, free child care options, and opportunities to engage in activities with other spouses experiencing deployment or through community involvement.

Any spouse of a Soldier, reservist, Department of the Army civilian or National Guard member who is deployed for a minimum of six months, to a location where Soldiers receive hazardous duty pay, is eligible for a Blue Star Card.



“We realize that deployment is stressful for the families that are left behind,” said Sarah Horrigan, deployment program coordinator, MWR. “It is really a challenge to be a spouse of a deployed Soldier, especially in Hawaii where you don’t have the opportunity to see friends and family from home as much as you might elsewhere.”

Activities including plays, luncheons, movies and comedy shows are bringing families together to share expe-

riences and lighten the heavy load of living without a key member of the family unit.

For more information on the Blue Star Card visit [www. Bluestarcardhawaii.com](http://www.Bluestarcardhawaii.com).

One monthly activity, called “Walk off the Wait,” allows families to experience Oahu by exploring the land on foot. As many as 200 have attended some months. Recently, spouses and children of deployed Soldiers have hiked Manoa Falls, Kaena Point, Makapuku Lighthouse and Diamond Head.

“Blue Star Card events allow [family members] to meet and share common concerns,” said Adams. She added that spouses and children are also building long-lasting relationships with other families of which she is sure will continue long after their Soldiers return home.

“Keeping children busy and active in a healthy way is a great way to ensure the deployment goes by as quickly as possible for everyone,” said Adams. “When the families here are healthy and happy, their Soldiers have one less thing to worry about [while deployed.]”

MWR Briefs

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Pacific Teen Panel – Teens in grades 9-11 have the opportunity to learn leadership and public speaking while representing Fort Shafter, Tripler and AMR in monthly teleconference/video teleconference (VTC) calls with other teen panels in the Pacific such as Japan, Alaska and Kwajalein.

Teens are encouraged to volunteer at least eight hours to the program, prepare and conduct briefings, and maintain good grades in school.

Teens must be registered at CYS. Call 833-0920.

4H & Boys and Girls Clubs – The AMR Teen Center has a variety of social and leisure time recreation activities through local Boys & Girls Clubs and 4H (Health, Head, Hands, Heart) Clubs, including cooking, digital festivals, fine arts exhibits and photography contests.

The Teen Center also offers Torch (Middle School Teen Council) and Keystone Clubs (High School Teen Council). Call 833-0920.

Gymboree – SKIESUnlimited, in partnership with Army Hawaii Family Housing, is offering Gymboree to children 6 months-5 years old. These classes will help children build strong motor skills, social skills and self-esteem – all the

ingredients they need to grow into confident, happy, successful people.

Classes are held the first four Wednesdays of each month. Call CYS at 655-9818.

Auto Detailing – The Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center is offering a new auto detailing service for a limited time. To make an appointment or to find out more information, call 655-9368.

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet – Enjoy the “ono” taste of a traditional Hawaiian-style feast, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani. Cost is \$9.95 per person.

Call the Hale Ikena (438-1974) or the Nehelani (655-4466) for lunch buffet reservations or more information.

Paperback Book Kits – Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, will issue paperback book kits to deploying units. Call Chris Kobayashi at 655-9143.

Returning Library Materials – Deploying soon? Help the library staff by returning all borrowed materials before your departure. Doing so will save the staff time and make those materials available to others.

Call Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks (655-8002), Fort Shafter Library (438-9521) or AMR Library (833-4851).

Na Leo to headline Reserve Christmas event

**HEADQUARTERS, 9TH MISSION SUPPORT
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News Release

HONOLULU – Music by the Hawaiian group “Na Leo” will be featured at the U.S. Army Reserve Christmas Holiday Celebration, Friday, Dec. 14, at Fort Shafter Flats. This event is sponsored by the 9th Mission Support Command for all 9th MSC Soldiers, civilians and their families.

The celebration begins at 12:30 p.m. and continues until 5 p.m. Na Leo will give two performances on the parade field at the Kalani U.S. Army Reserve Center.

Na Leo Pilimehana, which in Hawaiian means “the voices blending together in warmth,” consists of Nalani Choy, Lehua Kalima Heine and Angela Morales. These local women are recognized as the first Hawaiian musical group to successfully cross the line between Hawaiian and adult



Photo Courtesy of WorldSound

The world's best-selling and most award-winning female Hawaiian group, “Na Leo Pilimehana,” Hawaiian for “voices blending together in warmth,” will perform Dec. 14 at Fort Shafter Flats. The trio — left to right, Nalani Choy, Angela Morales and Lehua Heine — are childhood friends who met at Kamehameha Schools.

contemporary music.

In 2002 their “Christmas Gift 2” won the Na Hoku Hanohano Award for the best Christmas album of the year. In 2005 Na Leo celebrated their 20th anniversary together with their first DVD release, titled “I Miss You My Hawaii.” The group’s “Feel the Spirit” album won the 2006 Hoku award for the best contemporary album of the year.

The 9th’s Christmas Holiday Celebration begins with an opening ceremony followed by a buffet dinner at 12:45 p.m. The first performance by Na Leo begins at 1:30 p.m. Children’s activities will start at 2:30 p.m., and Santa will make his appearance, bearing gifts for all children, soon after.

Na Leo’s second performance begins at 3:45 p.m. until the closing ceremony at 4:45 p.m.

Community Calendar

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an overall “B” or better average to their local post exchange.

Hawaii Theater – Docent-led tours of the renovated historic Hawaii Theatre are provided Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5. Call 791-1305.

Video Messenger – Reading stories to children is important; therefore, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, provides a video messenger service so that Soldiers scheduled for deployment can tape DVD or VHS video recordings for their children before their unit deploys.

Interested in this service? Call 655-8002 for more details.

Twins of dual-Army couple earn scouting's highest honor

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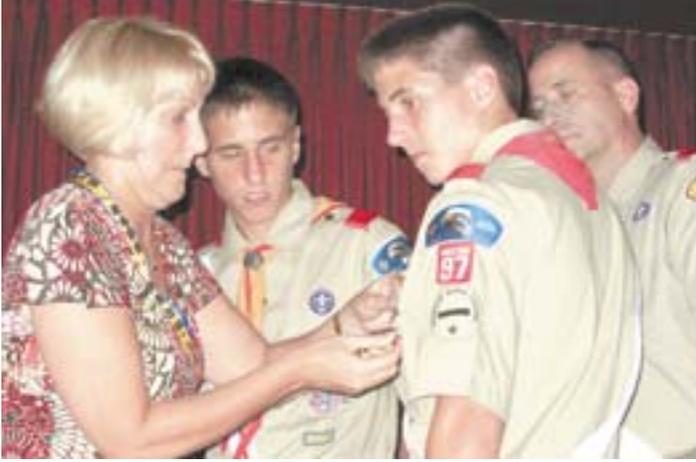
94th Army Air & Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout is achieved by only a select few young men because it takes tremendous dedication and a commitment of the highest degree.

For one family that lightning has struck twice.

After eight years of scouting, 15-year-old twin brothers Daniel and David Carothers were awarded their coveted badges signifying the pinnacle of the Boy Scouts during a ceremony at Camp Smith, Nov. 29.

The final objective the boys completed to get the award was a combined effort environmental clean-up project at Hickam Air Force Base to restore a beach area. Daniel's project focused on clearing a 100-yard patch of invasive mangroves



Mary Carothers pins her son, Daniel's, Eagle Scout medal on as the rest of the family is on hand to congratulate him.

from the beach area near the Hickam Harbor. Once all the flora was cleared, David's project centered on removing rocks and chunks of asphalt to make the beach more useable.

"We did this project because we felt it would be better for the island and a better place to go to the beach," said David.

"We also thought it would be a better place for our troop to use someday," Daniel said.

The boys used their leadership skills to direct their whole scout troop to get the projects done. Each one of the projects took one day to finish and were completed a month apart.

"We would just stand by and make sure everything was going according to plan and step in to give direction as needed," said Daniel.

Only about five percent of Boy Scouts ever attain the coveted rank of Eagle

Scout, according to the Boy Scouts of America Web site. To be an Eagle, a scout has to do more than just get merit badges. He must also serve in a troop leadership position for 30 months and participate in at least 17 hours of service to the community.

The twins, sons of dual-military parents, began scouting at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1999, starting as Tiger Cubs.

"One day our father came home and told us to put on these uniforms and get in the car. After that first meeting, we said this is pretty cool; why can't we do this every time?" said David.

"From then on, we were hooked," said Daniel.

The boys climbed through the ranks of Bear and Webelos at Fort Benning, Ga. After arriving in Hawaii, the twins joined

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Slow Pitch Softball – Cheer on your favorite team at the Holiday Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, Dec. 7–9, at Stoneman and Gimlet fields. Times are to be determined. Entry deadline has passed. Call 655-0856.

10/Monday

Extreme Dodgeball – The entry deadline is 4 p.m., Dec 10, for the Christmas Extreme Dodgeball Tournament, which will be held Dec. 17–21. Call 653-0719 for time and location.

17/Monday

Power Basketball – Although the entry deadline has passed, you can still come out and support your favorite team at the 3-on-3 Power Basketball Tournament, Dec. 17–21. Call 655-4808 for time and location.

28/Friday

Intramural Basketball League – The Sports Office at Schofield Barracks is now accepting applications for teams to compete in the 2008 Intramural Basketball League, Jan. 7–March 28. All active duty Army units (company, battery, troop and detachment lev-

els) within Hawaii can each enter one team.

Entries, which are due by 4 p.m., Dec. 28., can be sent to USAG-HI, Sports Office, 344 Heard Ave., Schofield Barracks, Building 556, Room 100, Stop 112. Call 655-0856/0101/9914 or visit www.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com.

Ongoing

Health & Fitness Center – A membership fee is no longer incurred to use the Schofield Barracks Health & Fitness Center, Building 582, which offers cardio and weight machines, speed bags, stability balls, a tread wall, and stretch stations.

Bring your own earphones and enjoy more than 75 channels of cable TV while you work out on the cardio theater. Aerobic classes, dance classes, massage therapy and personal trainers are also available Monday–Saturday for a nominal fee.

Bring in your Blue Star Card and receive a discount on an unlimited monthly class pass. Call 655-8007.

Cosmic Bowling – The Schofield Bowling Center offers Cosmic Bowling, Friday & Saturday, 10 p.m.–1 a.m., and Sunday, 6–10 p.m. Plan a birthday party or enjoy bowling specials.

Birthday packages cost \$5 per child for two hours of unlimited bowling; add a food package for

\$8 per child. Also, Monday–Friday enjoy lunch specials and discounted bowling rates. Call 655-0573.

Water Aerobics – Come join this exciting workout at Richardson Pool. Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m.–6 p.m. Classes are \$2 each, or a punch card is available for \$15.

Water aerobics provides a safe and effective exercise alternative that improves fitness levels with little stress on the joints. Call 655-1128.

Volunteer Coaches – Interested in volunteering to be a Youth Sports coach? Contact your nearest youth sports director today. Call 836-1923 for Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR); 438-9336 for Fort Shafter/Tripler; 655-6465 for Schofield; or 655-0883 for Helemano Military Reservation.

Leilehua Golf Course Driving Range – The driving range at the Leilehua Golf Course is open every day until 9 p.m. Call 655-4653.



Send community sports announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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Canoe Paddling – Open registration for the Pu'uloa Outrigger Canoe Club goes through Dec. 21 at Ewa Beach Park, Monday–Friday, 4:30–6 p.m. Ages 10–18 are welcome. Call 671-4682, or e-mail kauis@hawaiiintel.net.

Hunter Education Courses – The Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources offers monthly Hunter Education classes. Subjects covered include wildlife identification and conservation, firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, game care, and more.

The free, two-day classes are held Fridays and Saturdays, and classes run from 5:45–10 p.m., Friday, and from 7:45 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday. Classes are family-

friendly and open to anyone ages 10 years and older. All students are required to provide a picture ID.

Upcoming classes are Dec. 7–8 and Dec. 14–15 at the Nimitz Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Highway, Room A-212. Call 587-0200 or visit www.state.hi.us/dlnr/idx-Hunting.htm.

9/Sunday

Hike Oahu – Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on its next hiking event to Halawa Ridge, Dec. 9. You'll need all of your leg strength for this advanced, 14-mile hike. Call 551-0227.

A \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers 18 and older. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Hikers meet at Iolani Palace, mountain side, at 8 a.m. 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, and treat trees and plants with care and respect. Firearms, pets, radios and other audio devices are prohibited on all hikes. Visit

<http://htmclub.org> for more details.

Honolulu Marathon – The 2007 Honolulu Marathon takes place Dec. 9 at 5 a.m., at the corner of Ala Moana Boulevard and Queen Street. Numbers and packets can be picked up Dec. 5–8 during the Honolulu Marathon Expo at the Hawaii Convention Center. For more information, go to www.honolulumarathon.org.

Ongoing

Waikale Wrestlers – The Waikale Athletic Club holds wrestling classes for children and adults. Cost is \$45 per student. Call 671-7169.

Jazzercise – Combine elements of dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more in exciting programs for all fitness levels at Jazzercise Waikale. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m., at the Waikale Elementary School cafeteria. Call 674-1083 for more information.

Eagle: All Carother boys belong to scouting's honor society

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Troop 97 at Hickam AFB where they achieved the ranks of 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star and Life Scout, before making it to the highest honor. Each permanent change of station brought new adventures and challenges, but the boys were able to fall right back in to their rank structure and pick it all back up.

"The good thing about scouting is that no matter where you go, the standards remain the same," said John, their father. "This is one program that is constant."

Scouting is a family culture for the Carothers. Their dad is the scout master for Troop 97, and older brother Joe is also an Eagle Scout.

What makes this moment special for the family is that the twins achieved the honor faster than their older brother and largely while their mom, Mary, was deployed to Iraq. Helping around the house enabled them to work toward completing the family life and personal management badge requirements.

"With me being gone for a year, each one had their own chores to do, to chip in around the house, some of which went into fulfilling their requirements for Eagle," said their mother.

Success is no stranger to the Carother's children. In addition to being Eagle Scouts, all of the Carother boys are also part of the Order of the Arrow, scouting's national honor society. The order

boasts three levels: basic introduction, Brotherhood membership, and finally, the highest level, Vigil Honor. Of the three boys, only David has achieved the rank of Brotherhood.

So what impact has scouting had on the twins?

"It has helped with academics, it provides a sense of achievement, and it shows that service is important," said their father. "I think of it as doing all the right things boys should be doing. It stands for what I believe in."

In their spare time, the twins engage in musical and athletic pursuits. Both Daniel and David play the piano, while Daniel also plays the drums. David also enjoys participating in high school sports.



David (left) and Daniel Carothers recite the Eagle Scout oath as part of the official ceremony, Nov. 29.