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Members of the 84th Engineer Battalion clear trees and debris from a housing area on Schofield Barracks after the storm.

Photo Courtesy of 84th Engineer Battalion

# The Aftermath

The Army Hawaii community combines to restore power following last week's storm

Amount of damage on isle hindered power restoration

**KYLE FORD**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The wind and rain that swept through Hawaii, Dec. 5, left in their wake downed power lines and trees, flooded roads, and debris deposited to nearly every imaginable place.

Here and on Wheeler Army Air Field, people experienced power outages and downed trees. Some sections of Schofield remained without power until Sunday evening, and piles of trees still sit on the sides of some roads.

The storm uprooted an estimated 30 trees on Schofield and Wheeler, according to Modesto Cordero, operations officer, Directorate of Public Works.

The scope of the damage was significant, and Hawaii Electric Company (HECO) and DPW worked hard to restore power. DPW continues to identify and clear hazards from



Kyle Ford | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

William Rodrigues, Directorate of Public Works, removes debris from Wright Avenue on Wheeler Army Air Field, Wednesday. The severe storm created gusts of wind greater than 50 mph, downing powerlines, trees and lightposts.

Wheeler and Schofield.

On the minds of most Schofield residents

is "Why did it take so long to restore power?"

The short answer is, there was plenty of work to be done all over Oahu with limited resources. Essentially, the power outage was caused by felled power lines located off the installation. HECO identified at least 26 downed power lines that feed power to Schofield. Additionally, other power lines located in central Oahu, which indirectly support power to Schofield, also required repair. To restore power to Schofield, HECO first had to repair the lines that feed power from other parts of central Oahu.

#### Storm damage?

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"Due to the severity of the event, HECO flew in workers from the Big Island and Maui," said Cordero. "But those islands got hit by the storm too, so those workers had to go back to their islands. We weren't the only ones affected by the storm."

While restoring power to Wheeler and

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## Taylor bids aloha to Schofield

Story and Photo by  
**SPC. CARLEE ROSS**  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Amid heavy rainfall, Soldiers gathered at Martinez Gym here, to commend Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Taylor and his wife Jayne for a lifetime of achievement at his Flying V ceremony, Dec. 6.

Taylor happily bid aloha to his Schofield family on his last day in the Army.

"What a great day to retire," Taylor exclaimed.

Taylor was most recently assigned as command sergeant major, 25th Infantry Division and Task Force Lightning, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. He also served as command sergeant major for the previous 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

Taylor, who has called Hawaii home for five years, is now ready to say goodbye to his friends on Oahu and spend his retirement in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, 25th ID commander, presided over the event.

"It has been quite a ride, as they say," Mixon said.

Jayne is a shining example of behind-the-scenes support who has contributed greatly to our families, said Mixon.

"Summed up in one word, Command



Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Taylor, receives several awards including the Legion of Merit from Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, 25th Infantry Division commander. Taylor, who has served with the division since 2002, is now preparing for his next mission: retirement.

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## Tricare responds quickly to risk to beneficiary data

**TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY**  
News Release

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A limited amount of Tricare beneficiary data has been placed at risk through unauthorized access to claims information. Proactive measures are being taken to ensure that affected Tricare beneficiaries are informed. Analysis thus far has not produced indications of the beneficiary data being misused.

Patient data was found to be accessible in a manner that did not meet stringent security specifications for the Department of Defense or Tricare's information technology services provider, Electronic Data Systems (EDS).

The data included personal information, such as the full or partial Social Security number of the primary beneficiary. Also, the family member's name, birth date and limited health information may have been included. The data was held on a Web application server that allowed external entities an unauthorized level of access without going through the required authentication

process if the Web address was known. That situation has since been remedied.

EDS has sent out approximately 4,700 notification letters informing affected beneficiaries of the risk. The envelopes contain a cover letter from Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director, Tricare Management Activity. They also contain an informational letter about the incident from EDS, including identity protection information.



EDS has established a specific "help line" to handle questions and concerns. The beneficiary notification letters contain a toll-free number — 1-800-556-3195 — that can be used in the U.S. and from overseas. Those located outside the U.S. must dial the country's AT&T US-

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## We want to hear from you...

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements from the general public about community events of interest to the military community, and letters and commentaries.

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## 11 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 12/12/07.

### Commander's Corner

# AHFH makes community shine

LT. COL. MARK C. BOUSSY

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu

Let's face it, for years the Army has neglected the construction and maintenance of military housing. Identifying this shortfall, the Army decided to partner with the private sector to fix the problem, and U.S. Army, Hawaii, is certainly benefitting from the wisdom of that decision.

We are very fortunate to partner with Actus Lend Lease in bringing Army families the very best housing the Army has to offer. Over the next 10 years, the \$2 billion dollar contract will bring 5,388 new homes to Army Hawaii, while another 2,506 – many of which are historical homes – will be completely renovated.

This month's article highlights the executing company and its progress and initiatives that continue to provide outstanding service and support to Army families.

### AHFH inventory increasing monthly

Just three years into Army Hawaii Family Housing's 10-year construction plan, Actus Lend Lease is quickly approaching its construction peak. AHFH reports that 90 new homes were delivered in October, including Oahu South's first new homes at Aliamanu Military Reservation.

AHFH anticipates nearly 100 new homes each month over the next six months. This is quite a feat, and we applaud AHFH's commitment to providing quality homes and communities to more than 600 families ahead of schedule.

### Getting into an AHFH home

The home assignment and wait-list

process is managed fairly and according to Army guidelines. AHFH always strives to ensure that Army family priorities are being met. Everyone can't be in a new home tomorrow, but AHFH will certainly maintain the many wonderful homes and communities currently being occupied until demolition is scheduled.

For more detailed information on AHFH and the process of getting into an AHFH home, please visit the AHFH Web site at [www.Army-HawaiiFamilyHousing.com](http://www.Army-HawaiiFamilyHousing.com).

### The AHFH advantage – more than just a house

With upcoming deployments, staying close to your spouse's unit and to other Army families with deployed or redeploying spouses is important to ensure consistent support for your family. Family readiness groups; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Army Community Service; and Child and Youth Services are nearby and easily accessible.

In addition, AHFH residents with a deployed spouse can receive a family care package, offering free babysitting each month, complimentary backyard lawn service and maintenance support for some of the more difficult day-to-day tasks.

### AHFH's commitment to excellence

AHFH is always looking for ways to meet the expectations of residents. Calling or meeting with your community

center staff to share your ideas or resolve an issue is always the most efficient route. Staff are "on the ground" and can act quickly when necessary.

Another avenue to communicate directly with AHFH is through the "Resident Feedback" link on AHFH's Web site. By using the resident feedback link, your comments are immediately routed to your community center staff and AHFH property management leadership.

Yet another way to share your comments is to participate in the new SatisFacts Survey program AHFH implemented during the summer. You should receive a card on how to fill out the online survey whenever maintenance is completed in your home. This survey is managed by a neutral third party, so if your expectations are not being met, let them know.

Alternatively, compliment the worker or his or her work when completing the survey. We in the garrison use it as a measuring mechanism to honestly evaluate their performance through your feedback. Thanks to some great work by both the Army leadership and our valued partners, we will continue to see better days ahead.

### Points of contact

For more information regarding these or other community issues or policies, you may also contact the Oahu North Community Director's Office at 655-0497, or the Oahu South Community Director's Office at 438-6996. My staff will be happy to assist you.

*(Editor's Note: Ann Wharton, AHFH, contributed to this article.)*



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# Accidents reaffirm Army values' role

Three separate motorcycle accidents in the last three weeks have cost the lives of two U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), Soldiers and seriously injured another:

- A specialist from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, was killed Nov. 21, after crashing into a guardrail while riding his motorcycle at an estimated speed of 100 miles per hour. The Soldier was not wearing a helmet, and alcohol is suspected as a contributing factor.

- A staff sergeant from the 545th Transportation Company, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, was seriously injured Nov. 23, when he lost control of his motorcycle and struck a light pole. The Soldier was wearing a helmet but sustained injuries to his head, spinal cord and right arm.

- A staff sergeant from the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, was killed Dec. 2, after crashing his motorcycle into a curb. The Soldier was wearing a helmet but speed and alcohol are suspected as contributing factors. The Soldier had not completed the required safety course.

First and foremost, these accidents are a tragic loss of life that affects families, friends, loved ones, and everyone else in USARPAC. The Soldiers killed and injured in these accidents had families and friends, and everyone whom they touched will feel their loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who mourns as family and friends cope with their shock and sorrow.

However, in addition to the grief, mourning, anger and disbelief brought about by these point-less deaths, many are asking why these accidents occurred and what can be done to prevent them from ever happening again. As leaders and concerned family members, we must ensure the safety of our Soldiers. Each one of us has to do a better job of caring for one another.

Because the investigations into these accidents are still ongoing, it is premature to draw any conclusions. However, I want to use this opportunity to discuss two of the leading causes of accidental death among our Soldiers: alcohol and speed.

We all know the effect alcohol has on our ability to drive. What we too often forget is our obligation to our fellow Soldiers. In our small, tight-knit community, it is almost always the case that a fellow Soldier or family member knows when a comrade is about to operate a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. All too often, no one intervenes to prevent his or her buddy from driving drunk.

When this happens, it is unacceptable and inconsistent with our core values. Stopping a Soldier from driving drunk is exactly how we demonstrate loyalty to that fellow Soldier – duty to keep each other safe, respect for that Soldier, integrity in being the same leader on and off duty, and personal courage to speak up and take action where others may perceive us as "uncool."

Soldiers, simply do not let other Soldiers – or anyone else – drive after drinking alcohol.

The next problem is driving at excessive speeds. Some Soldiers operate their motorcycles at very high rates of speed. A safety slogan tells us, "Speed that thrills is speed that kills."

### RELATED STORY

- The Army's new "Engagement Kit" raises safety awareness for redeploying Soldiers. See page B-3.

The probability of death or serious injury from a motorcycle accident is much higher than any other type of vehicle. It requires increased recognition of the risks and actions to reduce the risks. We must reflect on these accidents and losses, and examine where we stand on the subjects of discipline, Army values, safety and our commitment to the bonds and traditions that make service to our nation a special calling.

Each of us must commit ourselves to doing everything in our power to prevent accidents of this nature from ever darkening our community again.

*(Signature)*  
Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III  
Commander, U.S. Army, Pacific  
One Team!

### LIGHTNING SPIRIT

# We can 'leap for joy' this holiday season

CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) JOEL A. LYTLE

Community Chaplain, Schofield Barracks

Have you ever wondered what Elizabeth and Mary thought about when they were confronted by an angel and told they were selected by God for a special service?

Elizabeth's came through a vision to her husband, Zechariah. We read: "Zechariah ... his wife Elizabeth ... both were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. ...Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him.

"Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.

"...He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. ...And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:

5-17, New International Version).

For Mary, the news was very different. God's angel came directly to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. ...Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

"...The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

"Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age. ...For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:28-37, NIV).

After this encounter with God's angels, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. When Mary entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth, we are told "the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the

Holy Spirit" (Luke 1:41, NIV).

Can you even start to imagine how Elizabeth felt when Mary walked into their house and John, her unborn son, leaped for joy in her womb? He recognized the presence of God through his pregnant aunt Mary, whom was also filled with the Holy Spirit at that same time.

Wow, two ordinary women who loved and served God were chosen to be a part of God's salvation history. Even the child in the womb recognized the excitement of the mission.

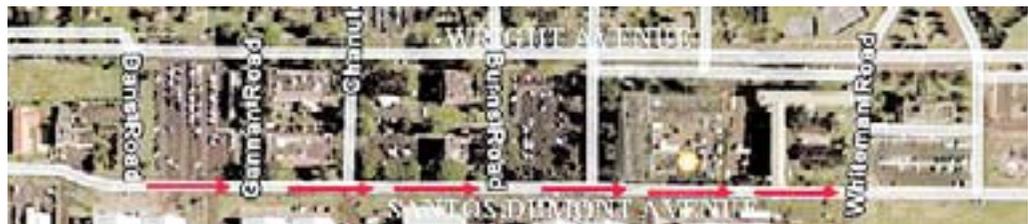
You and I are no different. The same God who worked these amazing and personal miracles in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth is now choosing to use us in his salvation history here at Schofield Barracks and the extended Army Hawaii community.

Our challenge is to be willing to let God use us to accomplish his will and purpose right here and now. When we surrender ourselves to God, then don't be surprised when your soul "leaps for joy, and you become filled with the Holy Spirit."

God bless you all, and have a very Merry Christmas.



Lytle



Courtesy photo

# Wheeler to create additional parking spaces

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD – To alleviate parking constraints on Wheeler Army Air Field, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will be restriping for one-way parking between Dans Road and Whiteman Road from Dec.

26 through Jan. 8, 2008. During the restriping process, there will be intermittent street closures on Santos Dumont Avenue for safety purposes.

The attached map depicts the one-way traffic pattern. Other areas on Santos Dumont Avenuen will remain two-way traffic.

For more information contact Modesto Cordero, DPW operations officer, at 656-1288 or e-mail [modesto.cordero@us.army.mil](mailto:modesto.cordero@us.army.mil).

# Voices of Lightning: What unique tradition does your family do during the holidays?



"We open all our gifts before Christmas."

Command Sgt. Maj. Maryeva Beesley  
599th Trans. Group  
Terminal Operator



"We build Lego trains under the tree every year."

Kat Feingold  
Family Member



"We open up one gift on Christmas Eve before we go to bed."

Jennifer Hoffman  
Family Member



"My family starts a party Dec. 22 and it doesn't end until Jan. 2."

Sgt. Mauricio Toro  
65th Eng. Bn.  
Supply Sergeant



"Most of my family is in the military. So every year we keep an empty seat at the table for whoever is not there that year."

Pfc. Joshua Warren  
HST, STB  
Network Systems  
Administrator

# Survivors, patriots remember Pearl Harbor circa 1941

Story and Photo by  
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PEARL HARBOR — “Dec. 7, 1941 — a date that will live in infamy.”

Sixty-six years later, on the anniversary of the attack, President Roosevelt’s words ring as true as when he first spoke them and plunged the U.S. into World War II.

More than 2,500 people, including nearly 50 survivors of the attack, gathered across the harbor from the USS Arizona Memorial to remember and honor everyone, living and dead, with the annual Pearl Harbor Day commemoration.

At 7:55 a.m., the initial time of the attack, a minute of observed silence began the commemoration.

One minute later, the silence was broken by a missing-man flyover executed by a formation of three CH-47D Chinook helicopters from the Hawaii Air National Guard’s B Company, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, stationed at Wheeler Army Air Field.

The ceremony featured a Hawaiian blessing performed by Kahu Kauila Clark, presentation of the colors by a Joint Service Color Guard, and a prayer for peace in Japanese by the Rev. Koie Kani of the Japan Religious Committee for World Federation.

“Let the world live as one house,” said Kani. The theme for the ceremony was, “Honoring the Past, Building for the Future.”

USS Arizona Memorial Superintendent Douglas Lentz discussed the importance of remembering the past.

“We honor those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice,” said Lentz. “Our rights, our freedoms, came at a human cost — a cost that we should never forget.”



Pearl Harbor survivors (from right) Herbert Weatherwax and Darryl Finch stand with other Pearl Harbor survivors and Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle at the 66th Anniversary commemoration ceremony of the attack.

Adm. Thomas Fargo, national vice-chairman, Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund, addressed the impression a physical visit to the Arizona Memorial makes.

“And when we step on the memorial, and walk amidst the dappled pattern of shadows and sunlight, where the only sounds are the whispered words and the snapping of our flag above, the unmistakable reality of loss is captured forever in our memory,” said Fargo. “It’s impossible not to feel the impact of those names carved into the cold stone of the memo-

rial’s shrine.”

Dr. Robert Sutton, National Park Service, chief historian, discussed building the past for the knowledge of future generations, and announced plans that are underway to improve Pearl Harbor’s facilities.

“My colleagues here at the USS Arizona Memorial, in partnership with the Arizona Memorial Museum Association, are developing a new visitor’s center and museum that will provide an introduction to all the associated sites in and around Pearl Har-

bor,” said Sutton. “It will present an overview of World War II with a wealth of artifacts and exhibits, and most importantly, it will honor the heroes who gave so much to honor our freedoms.”

Another new addition, the USS Oklahoma Memorial, was officially dedicated Dec. 7.

“Through diligence, hard work and effort, the Pearl Harbor committee has built the USS Oklahoma Memorial. On that ship, 400-some men gave themselves,” said Lentz.

Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle spoke of another national treasure, the still-living survivors.

“They [Pearl Harbor survivors] continue to amaze all of us,” Lingle stated. “These men are in their eighties and nineties and still volunteer at Pearl Harbor and the Missouri. These survivors are national treasures, an irreplaceable link to the past and a pivotal point in our modern history.”

Edward F. Borucki, a Pearl Harbor survivor from Southampton, Mass., served on the USS Helena Flight Cruiser. Prior to, during and after the ceremony, he carried a large yellow banner through the crowd, which read “Pearl Harbor Attack Veterans, 66 years.”

“Somebody has to represent for us; we’re an endangered species,” Borucki said, explaining his actions. “I’m eighty-seven now, and this is my sixteenth trip here since the attack. On that day, I carried out the dead and wounded, so today, I can carry this flag.”

To conclude the ceremony, wreaths were presented by Lingle, the U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), and six other groups, to represent the eight battleships attacked. Representatives stood by a flag representing the USS Pennsylvania, USS Arizona, USS Nevada, USS Oklahoma, USS Tennessee, USS California, USS Maryland and USS West Virginia.

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# 1-27's Yellow Ribbon Room opens with much delight

**CAPT. ZACHARY REED**

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Wolfhounds of the 1st Battalion (Stryker), 27th Infantry Regiment, hosted a formal ribbon cutting ceremony for the family readiness group's (FRG) Yellow Ribbon Room, Nov. 27.

More than six months in the making, the Wolfhound's Yellow Ribbon Room is fully furnished and automated. The room provides a bright and comfortable environment and enables the FRG and volunteers to hold meetings and fellowship and exchange information with their deployed family members.

Further, the room provides an area for children to play or make arts and crafts.

The organization of the room is quite effective and allows children to be entertained while spouses use the room's other facilities.



At the start of the ceremony, Relisa Wilson, 1-27th Inf. Regt. senior FRG advisor, welcomed attendees and extended a warm mahalo to the volunteers who have been at the forefront of the room's establishment. She expressed tremendous pride in the room's final appearance.

Lt. Col. Richard "Flip" Wilson, battalion commander, praised the group's hard work and said the room will become "the anchor of the Wolfhounds as they deploy downrange into harm's way."

Battalion Chaplain (Capt.) Derek Pottinger offered a prayer, stating that the Yellow Ribbon Room would serve a powerful role in the lives of all the Soldiers and their families.

Following the prayer, Wilson and his wife, Relisa, accompanied by Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain and his wife, Barb, simultaneously cut the yellow ribbon and officially opened the Yellow Ribbon Room.

Following the ceremony, guests entered the room for refreshments and a tour of the new facility. Children immediately tested the toys. The unmistakable bright yellow walls of the room created a fitting backdrop for a milestone occasion in the predeployment preparations for the 1-27th Wolfhounds.

Special guests included Col. Todd McCaffrey, commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team; his wife, Lisa; and Mel Kinoshita, mobilization & deployment specialist, Army Community Service.

## Pearl: Oahu recalls 'infamy'

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Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, USARPAC commanding general, and Sgt. Christina Boyle, 13th Military Police Detachment, attached to Criminal Investigation Division (CID), stood by the USS Oklahoma flag with a USARPAC wreath.

Keynote speaker Adm. Robert Willard, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, compared the many generations of Americans who have protected our country, from the revolutionary war to current conflicts.

"Today, this is our all-voluntary military, who after [September 11] serve in a different kind of war," he said.

After his speech, a service member from today's wars, with a tie to the past, Cryptologic Technician Interpretive 2nd Class Bailey Sharbrough, was re-enlisted 66 years after her great uncle, Fireman 2nd Class Garris Hodges, perished along with 1,177 others on the USS Arizona.

Much has changed in the 66 years since the attack on Pearl Harbor, but President Roosevelt's prophecy remains true.

Even well into the 21st century, Dec. 7, 1941, indeed lives in infamy.

# New leader helms Tripler, Pacific Regional Medical Command

**KEVIN DOWNEY**

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Not even a severe storm with gusts of wind up to 70 miles per hour earlier in the morning could prevent service members and civilians here from welcoming Brig. Gen. Steve Jones as the new commanding general of the Pacific Regional Medical Command and Tripler Army Medical Center, Dec. 5.

"I am so impressed with the quality of care and compassion the staff of the Pacific Regional Medical Command and Tripler have shown our wounded warriors and their families," the incoming commander said.

Jones went on to say that although the Soldiers and staff at Tripler have accomplished much, America is a nation at war and there is still much work to be done.

"As it has since 1775, our Army will continue to

shoulder our nation's toughest challenges, so I look forward to working with you as we care for the Soldiers and families who demonstrate every day why

America's Army is the strength of the nation," Jones said.

Maj. Gen. Carla Hawley-Bowland relinquished command to Jones after 15 months of command at Tripler to take the reins of commanding general of the North Atlantic Medical Command and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.



Jones

Prior to assuming his current post, Jones served as the surgeon general for Force Projection, U.S. Army Medical Command. Previously he served as the

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Daniel Kawasaki | Tripler Army Medical Center

Incoming Commander Brig. Gen. Steve Jones accepts command of the Pacific Regional Medical Command and Tripler Army Medical Center from Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock, acting surgeon general, as PRMC Command Sgt. Maj. Joel Jenkins and outgoing commander Maj. Gen. Carla Hawley-Bowland look on during the commanding general change of command ceremony in front of Tripler's flag pole, Dec. 5.

# Tripler: Jones takes TAMC reins

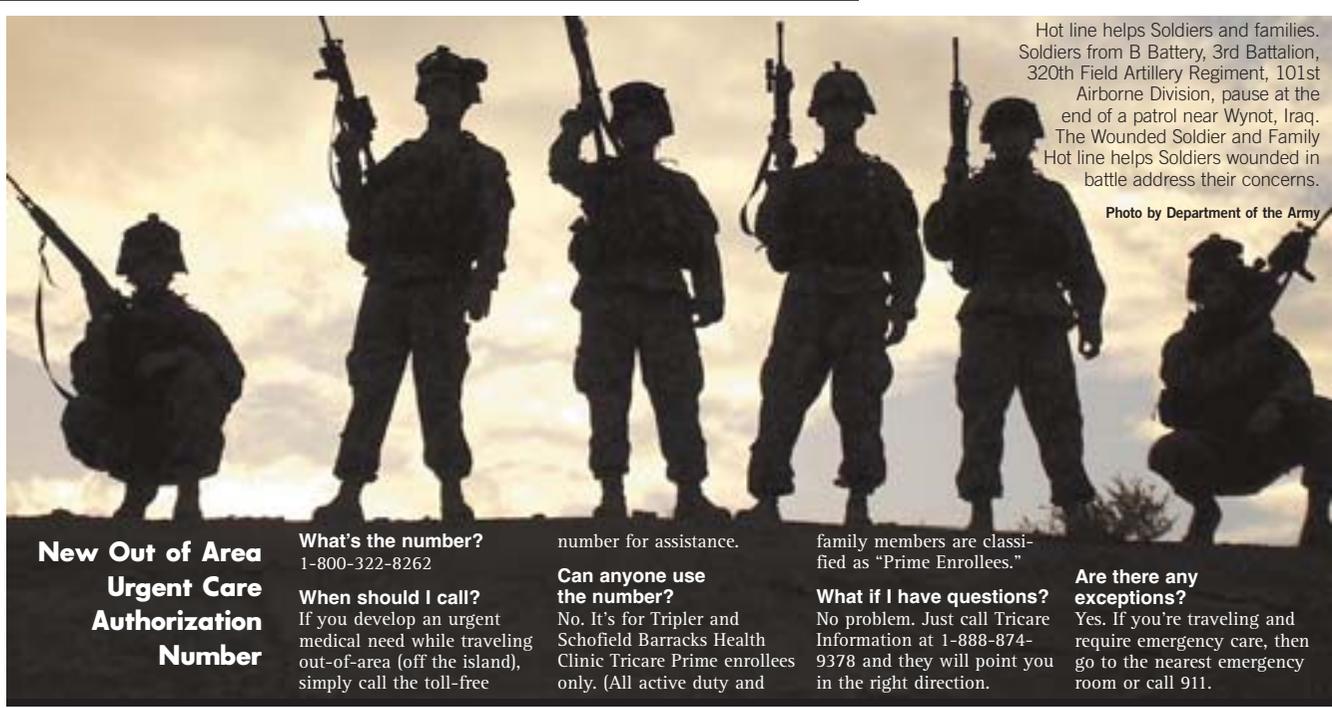
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command surgeon for U.S. Army Cadet Command, Multinational Force-Iraq, and Combined/Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force-Bagram, Afghanistan.

His past assignments on Oahu include division surgeon, 25th Infantry Division, and assistant chief, Cardiology Service at Tripler.

The Fort McPherson, Ga.-native graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1974 and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1978. He completed his training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He earned a master's of science degree in National Security Studies from the National War College.

He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and National War College. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a member of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Physician Executives.



Hot line helps Soldiers and families. Soldiers from B Battery, 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, pause at the end of a patrol near Wymot, Iraq. The Wounded Soldier and Family Hot line helps Soldiers wounded in battle address their concerns.

Photo by Department of the Army

## New Out of Area Urgent Care Authorization Number

**What's the number?**  
1-800-322-8262

**When should I call?**  
If you develop an urgent medical need while traveling out-of-area (off the island), simply call the toll-free

number for assistance.

**Can anyone use the number?**  
No. It's for Tripler and Schofield Barracks Health Clinic Tricare Prime enrollees only. (All active duty and

family members are classified as "Prime Enrollees."

**What if I have questions?**  
No problem. Just call Tricare Information at 1-888-874-9378 and they will point you in the right direction.

**Are there any exceptions?**  
Yes. If you're traveling and require emergency care, then go to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

# News Briefs

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## 14 / Today

**FRG AAR** – The 25th Infantry Division (ID) family readiness group (FRG) will host an After-Action Review (AAR) at the Nehe-lani, Dec. 14, 8:45 a.m.–2 p.m.

**McNair Gate Reopened** – McNair Gate has reopened and normal gate operations have resumed. McNair Gate is open 5:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. seven days a week. Call 655-0683.

## 15 / Saturday

**Foote Gate Weekend Closure** – Schofield Barracks' Foote Gate, 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/communityimpactupdates/index.asp](http://www.25idl.army.mil/communityimpactupdates/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.

## 26 / Wednesday

**Wheeler One Way Traffic** – There will be one way traffic between Dans Road and Whitman Road, Wheeler Army Air Field, Dec. 26–Jan. 8. In an effort to alleviate Wheeler's parking constraints, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will be restriping for one way parking. During the restriping process, there will be intermittent street closures on Santos Dumont for safety purposes. Other areas on Santos Dumont will remain two-way traffic. Call 656-1288.

## Ongoing

**Wives of the Warriors** – The Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) at Aliamau Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel meets each Thursday at 9:15 a.m. in the chapel for its fall Bible study, "Wives of the Warriors." The focus of this Bible study is learning to live confidently in Christ as a military spouse.

On-site child care will be provided for STACC-registered children at least 9 months old. Nursing babies are welcome; however, RSVP for child care. Call 836-4599 or e-mail [MCCWHawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:MCCWHawaii@yahoo.com).

Sessions will be held in the Main Post Chapel on Schofield from 9–11:30 a.m. Free on-site child care is available by reservation. Call 206-8504 for more information.

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

The list also helps service members and their families discuss important financial issues before deployment such as credit card bills, mortgage payments, taxes and insurance. Visit [www.SaveAndInvest.org](http://www.SaveAndInvest.org) for more information.

**Leadership Development Program** – The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is accepting applications for the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program for students in the student-to-student program.

This leadership program is a new initiative established by the MCEC board of directors to identify exemplary young people and provide them with specialized training that will nurture and develop their leadership skills, patriotism, commitment to service, and intellectual and problem-solving capacity.

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

**Testing Services** – The Army Education Testing Center offers a variety of military and civilian tests (such as the TABE, DLPT, DLAB, AFCT, CLEP, DSST, SAT), national certifications exams and interest surveys. Testing is a great way to earn potential college credits and further career advancement. Call 655-9776.

## Getting by with kokua from friends

NORTH SHORE — Singer Jack Johnson gave a surprise performance of his song “Better Together” to a crowd of hundreds gathered at Sunset Beach Elementary School, Saturday, to celebrate the permanent protection of Pupukea-Paumalu. The more than 1,100-acre property was slated to become residential housing until community, state and federal groups combined forces to preserve the area. Read more about the Army’s involvement in next week’s *Military Times*.



Stefanie Gardin | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

# Taylor: CSM leaves 31 years of service

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Sergeant Major Taylor is a Soldier,” Mixon said. “He goes where Soldiers are, and he gets his energy from leading Soldiers – whether it is in peace or war.

“The success of this division in combat can be directly attributed to your leadership,” Mixon continued. “Over the last two-and-a-half years we have seen this division transform and deploy to combat. Through it all, I have appreciated your unwavering support.”

Mixon closed his comments by speaking directly to Taylor.

“It has been my honor to serve alongside you. You are the gold standard. No matter how far you ride just know that you will always remain a member of the Tropic Lightning team.”

Taylor opened up his speech by thanking the Soldiers he believes are the backbone of the Army.

“Team leaders, squad leaders, platoon sergeants and first sergeants, you are where the rubber meets the road ... nobody does it better,” he said.

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“[Command Sgt. Maj. Taylor] gets his energy from leading Soliers.”

— *Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon*  
*Commander,*  
*25th Infantry Division*

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Taylor’s speech indicated his great love for the Soldiers he leaves behind, the same Soldiers who have been impacted by his frank, rigid – but always fair – leadership style.

“As I reflect on my thirty-one years of service, I will tell you that today’s Soldier is better led, better trained and more equipped than ever before,” Taylor said. “As always, Soldiers remain our most important credentials; their sacrifice is great.”

Taylor said today’s Soldiers put their hearts and souls into everything they do and that their dedication and drive surpassed his expectations.

When he retires, Taylor will take more than 30 years of active duty service with him.

“Jayne and I are grateful for all the friends we have made along the way, and our Army family will keep growing as we stay connected,” Taylor said. “Now it is time to go home and start our new chapter in life.

“Tropic Lightning. Leader seven signing out.”

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# Tricare: Help line assists those most at risk

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EDS is offering beneficiaries put at risk a free, one-year subscription to a credit monitoring and protection service. Through this service, beneficiaries will have access to specialists with a leading identity theft and mitigation firm.

These specialists will be able to respond to concerns about any actual identity theft, as well as provide more detailed information on credit, fraud and identity theft matters. Additionally, those affected will receive up to \$20,000 identity theft protection coverage with no deductible as it relates to this matter.

Additional information about the incident can be found at the Tricare Web site pressroom at [www.Tricare.mil](http://www.Tricare.mil).

Information on steps Tricare beneficiaries can take to protect themselves from identity theft is available at [www.Tricare.mil/tmaprivacy/itpr.cfm](http://www.Tricare.mil/tmaprivacy/itpr.cfm).



Sara Fishburn | U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

## Epic support from an 'everyday hero'

FORT DERUSSY — Bill Paty, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) Emeritus, Pacific Region, and wife, Peggy, congratulate Christina Kemmer, CASA (left) for Hawaii at the 2007 Ihe Award "Everyday Hero" presentation hosted by the Hawaii Army Museum Society.

The Ihe, or Hawaiian spear, represents the readiness of the warrior to meet every challenge with spear always by one's side. Kemmer was recognized for nearly a decade of outstanding contributions to the military and civilian communities and continued dedicated service to the people of Hawaii.

As the CASA for Hawaii, Kemmer supports Soldiers and Army families in a voluntary capacity.

"[She] has not only worked to help the civilian and military communities better understand, support and appreciate each other as friends and neighbors, she has made a difference," said Hawaii Army Museum Society President David A. Bramlett during the presentation.

# Outage: Scope of damage responsible for delay

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Fort Shafter was relatively quick, restoration to the upper Schofield substation, which caused the outages to Kalakua and Porter communities, took a while because the primary and back-up power sources were damaged.

The primary power source, a 46,000-volt line feeding upper Schofield, took longer to repair because DPW is not equipped to repair a system that size, and DPW was involved in other repairs throughout the installations. Because DPW could not repair the system, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), immediately called a contractor to affect repairs.

Several factors influenced the repair delay, according to Cordero. These included the following: One, material was not readily available from suppliers. Poles had to be borrowed from the Navy Public Works Center, and insulators were borrowed from HECO to complete the repair. Second, one of the fallen power poles caused the field lighting pole to fold over the power pole and lines, complicating repair efforts. And finally, weather, safety and available manpower resources prevented a quick restoration of services.

HECO crews had their work cut out for them, but HECO's first priority was repairing the damage done on the Nanakuli side of the island. After that, HECO moved to central Oahu and Schofield.

Aside from power outages, issues facing DPW included the closure of McNair Gate due to downed power lines blocking the road. Its crews also had to remove downed trees across Wheeler and Schofield. Further, Kolekole Pass was closed indefinitely following a mudslide on the road Dec. 7.

### Contributing partners

While DPW worked to restore power and repair facilities, the 8th Military Police (MP) Brigade worked at the stoplights by directing

### Property claims

People who suffered damage to personal property, or who had food spoilage during the recent storm and power outage, may be eligible to file a claim for reimbursement of loss. The Schofield Barracks claims office is conducting a mass claims in-take at Sgt. Smith Theater from 1-4 p.m., today.

The necessary forms and instructions are available at community centers. Ensure all forms are completed prior to going to Sgt. Smith Theater.

For more information call the Schofield Barracks Claims Office at 655-9279.

traffic, and two engineer battalions assisted overwhelmed DPW workers by clearing roads.

The 65th Engineer Battalion cleared out a huge fallen tree near the Main Post Chapel on Cadet Sheridan Road; the battalion also handled a large amount of the cleanup on Wheeler.

"We had more than 235 Soldiers working at Schofield Barracks and Wheeler," said Capt. Jeremy Conley, 65th Eng. Bn. "The bulk of the effort was all day Thursday, but we began clearing debris on Wednesday.

"Until we acquired extra chains and chainsaws, we did much of the work by hand. The large tree near the post chapel [Schofield] was cleared ninety percent by hand," Conley added.

The 84th Engineer Battalion not only helped clear most of the main roads, but cleared secondary roads and housing areas. The 84th assembled nine teams and assigned each team a portion of Schofield Barracks.

The teams' mission was to ensure the main roads remained clear, to clear the remaining secondary roads, and to haul green waste to disposal sites. At the end the day, Dec. 7, the

84th Engineer Battalion had cut and staged more than 12,000 cubic yards of debris and hauled more than 3,500 cubic yards of debris to the disposal site.

"It was a coordinated effort," said Maj. Chris Heberer, 8th MP Brigade operations officer. "We are really proud of our MPs and our engineers and the goals they accomplished. All the credit goes out to the Soldiers that were out there doing it, especially in the poor weather conditions. They did what Soldiers do. They just laced up their boot strings and attacked the mission."

To support families without power, vacant homes were opened throughout the Hamilton community so residents could take hot showers, use washers and dryers, use microwaves to warm or cook food, and more. Free ice was also available for families to pick up at the Troop Issue Subsistence Activity (TISA) warehouse on Schofield. Off-post accommodations were arranged for special needs families.

As of approximately midnight Sunday, all parts of Schofield Barracks had regained power.

"As HECO continued with its repairs, DPW was able to find and repair a bypass route using old, seldom-used Army power lines and reroute the power to Schofield," said Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, USAG-HI.

"I want to thank all units and families for their cooperation, understanding and support as we worked through this challenge," he added.

"I also want to assure everyone that the garrison utilized every available resource to mitigate the effects of the storm on the community and to restore power as quickly as possible," said Margotta. "Our DPW, Housing, DOL and every other support person worked around the clock to bring our services back on line."

*(Editor's Note: Sgt. 1st Class David Gillespie, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Public Affairs, contributed reporting.)*

# Holiday traditions

## Holiday season encompasses more than just Christmas

**KYLE FORD**  
Staff Writer

In this the holiday season, surrounded by the lights and sounds of Christmas, it's sometimes easy to forget that many people celebrate holiday traditions other than Christmas.

Several religious and cultural holidays during the "Christmas Season" offer a chance for families to reflect upon and celebrate their cultural heritage. This article focuses on just three prominent observances, Hanukkah (Jewish), Eid-al-Adha (Muslim) and Kwanzaa (African American/Pan-African).

### Hanukkah

The word Hanukkah, which means "rededication," known as the Festival of Lights, is celebrated from Dec. 5-12. This holiday isn't the Jews' answer to Christmas; it's about the first religious freedom fighters.

In 162 B.C., the Syrian king Antiochus declared himself a god and ordered the Jewish people to reject their religion and customs, and to worship the Greek gods. Judah Maccabee and four brothers formed an army and chose as their name the word "Maccabee," which means hammer.

After three years of fighting, in 165 B.C., the Maccabees drove the Syrians out of Israel and reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem. The Maccabees' first order of business was to clean the building and to remove the Greek symbols and statues.

When Judah and his followers finished cleaning the temple, they wanted to light the eternal light, known as the Ner Tamid, which is present in every Jewish house of worship. Once lit, the oil lamp should never be extinguished.

Only a tiny jug with enough oil for a single day was available. The oil lamp was filled and lit. Then, a miracle occurred. The lamp stayed lit, not for one day, but for eight — enough time to prepare more oil.

Jews celebrate Hanukkah to mark the victory over the Syrians and the rededication of the Jerusalem temple. The Festival of the Lights, Hanukkah, lasts for eight days to commemorate the miracle of the oil.

In America, families celebrate Hanukkah at home. Similar to the Christmas holiday, they give and receive gifts, decorate the house, entertain friends and family, eat special foods and light the holiday menorah. To commemorate the miracle of the oil, families eat greasy food, like doughnuts and fried potato pancakes.

### Eid al-Adha

Eid al-Adha, or Feast of Sacrifice is celebrated Dec. 19.

At the end of the Hajj (annual pilgrimage to Mecca), Muslims throughout the world celebrate the holiday of Eid al-Adha. During the Hajj, Muslims remember and commemorate the trials and triumphs of the Prophet

Ibrahim (Abraham to Christians and Jews).

This observance has its roots in a story told in the Koran, the Torah and the Old Testament of the Bible. The story tells of one of Abraham's main trials, which was to face the command of Allah to kill his only son.

Upon hearing this command, Abraham prepared to submit to Allah's will. Just prior to killing his son, Allah revealed to Abraham that his "sacrifice" had already been fulfilled.

Abraham had shown that his love for his Lord superceded all others, and that he would lay down his own life or the lives of those dear to him in order to submit to God.

During the celebration of Eid al-Adha, Muslims commemorate and remember Abraham's trials by slaughtering an animal, such as a sheep, camel or goat.

The symbolism is in the attitude — a willingness to make sacrifices in our lives order to stay on the "straight path."

On the first morning of Eid al-Adha, Muslims around the world attend morning prayers at their local mosques. Prayers are followed by visits with family and friends, and the exchange of greetings and gifts.

At some point, members of the family will visit a local farm or otherwise will make arrangements for the slaughter of an animal. Muslims who cannot slaughter an animal will make a donation to an organization, which will sacrifice an animal in their name. The meat from the slaughter is distributed during the holiday period or shortly thereafter.

### Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

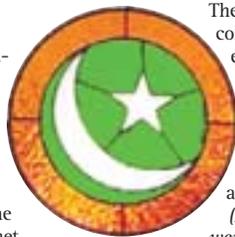
Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration that focuses on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious and despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming for African-American people, their ancestors and culture.

Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili, has gained tremendous acceptance. Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 18 million people worldwide.

Kwanzaa is based on the Nguzo Saba (seven guiding principles), one for each day of the observance. The seven principles are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. These principles serve as touchstones for meditating on African heritage.

During this time, people of African descent celebrate the event by decorating their homes with an African theme, giving creative African gifts, and having a feast.

*(Editor's Note: Various Internet and library sources were used for this article.)*



Holiday Lane "greeting cards" — actually 4-by-8 foot plywood structures — greet motorists and their passengers as they travel along Kolekole Avenue, Schofield Barracks. Many organizations participated in the seasonal competition to literally display their holiday cheer. All cards will be displayed through Jan. 4.

# Save your money this holiday season and give time instead

**JEREMY S. BUDDEMEIER**  
Editor

I'm not going to lie to you. I hope there's nothing under my Christmas tree this year, not even a lump of coal.

I haven't been extremely bad, and I'm not bah-humbugging the Christmas spirit either — quite the opposite. I want to take Christmas to the next level. This year I want less, but I also want more.

Let me step back a bit and explain. Each year, everyone gets caught up in this holiday hodgepodge. Christmas songs become more like our theme songs as we race around town from store to store for those "perfect gifts." Even if you don't celebrate Christmas, the holidays are inherently more stressful just by virtue of being around everyone else who does.

Stress is the part of the holidays I'd like less of this year. Shopping less is one means to this end; less shopping will also allow me to get more of what I really

want for Christmas.

According to a poll by American Research Group Inc., shoppers in the U.S. intend to spend \$859 this year on Christmas presents, which is actually five percent less than last year.

Eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars? I guess I'm going to make less merchants smile this year. Whenever possible, I try to make gifts for my close friends and family; it just means more. Sometimes, though, I really have to get creative.

Last year for Christmas I got a book for one of my friends — from the library. That's right, instead of buying her a book, I checked it out for her at the library.

I know what you're thinking, "What a cheapskate," right?

However, it did require thought to select a book she would like, which gives me points in the "thoughtful" category, and rather than cheap, I like to think of this

style of gift as "resourceful" or "efficient."

For instance, how many books do you have on your bookshelves that you've read once — maybe you even really loved them — but will never read again? Think about how much money (and space) you could have saved had you borrowed each of those books from the library. The way I see it, in addition to being efficient, I also saved my friend from clutter.

The library is probably one of the most underused public resources. As an experiment, the next time you head to a major bookseller, take a pen and piece of paper with you. As you browse the shelves, jot down the titles and authors of books that interest you. Then, go to the online Hawaii State Public Library Web site at

<http://ipac.librarieshawaii.org/> and enter the information.

I'm not saying the library will have all the latest bestsellers, but you'd be surprised. Out of the past four times I've checked, the library has had more than 90 percent of the titles I chose. (As a side note, my friend loved the book so much that she bought it for one of her friends. But I digress...)

Having nothing under my Christmas tree would make me happy because what I really want is more time with my friends and family — quality time.

The holidays are a time when everything seems to ramp up and move in fast forward. I'm simply proposing a conscious effort to slow the pace down and focus on our relationships. Don't miss the oppor-

tunity to build your relationships, because when all wrapping paper is gone the holiday hubbub subsides, those relationships, not what you gave or received, will matter most.

Take your family to the beach or a park and have a picnic. Instead of store-bought gifts, try making something, like cookies. Try giving an experience — like taking a vacation, or just spend quality time together.

The point is, use your time instead of letting time use you.

William Penn said, "Time is what we want most, but alas, what we use worst." And he never experienced Ala Moana Shopping Center on a holiday weekend. I think his implied message is to slow down and make a conscious effort to focus on what matters most.

So, this year as the holidays rapidly approach and you're feeling the pinch, give the best gift money can't buy — your time.





**14 / Today**

**Winter Wonderland Social** – The Schofield Teen Center will host a Winter Wonderland Social today from 7-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members, \$4 for nonmembers and \$5 for guests.

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

**Hot Country Nights** – Join DJ Charlie Garrett, the Ghost Rider and Kathleen, and Rodeo Radio Girl at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, today, 8 p.m.-midnight, for some great music, contests, give-a-ways and much more.

Patrons must be 18 or older. Admission is free. Call 655-5697.

**21 / Friday**

**Texas Hold 'Em Tournament** – Put on your best poker face and participate in a free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 21, starting at noon sharp. Players must be seated by 11:45 a.m.

For more information, call 655-5697. Only the first 120 people will have the opportunity to play.

**24 / Monday**

**Single Soldier Christmas Dinner** – All single Soldiers are welcome to join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) for a complimentary Christmas dinner at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 24, at 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 BOSS 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.

**Information, Ticketing and Registration** – Looking for tickets to area attrac-



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**Wrapping for a good cause**

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Tiffany Williams watches Soshonna Monroe, from the 25th Transportation Company family readiness group (FRG), wrap her gifts, Tuesday, at the Main Post Exchange in support of the annual Schofield Barracks Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser. Volunteers from various FRGs will continue wrapping gifts through Dec. 24.

tions? 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.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com](http://www.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com). Click "ITR Ticketing and Registration" for a full list of discounts at various attractions.

**SKIES Driver Education** – Learn to drive with SKIES at Valentine's Driving School, Schofield Barracks. This session is taught by qualified instructors and includes

32 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

The fee is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. Call 655-9818.

**"Paint It & Take It"** – Ceramic parties offer a unique way to celebrate get-togethers, coffees, children's birthday parties, showers or any occasion. Your arts and crafts center provides a varied selection of ceramic bisqueware to paint and take home.

Call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

**Fort Shafter Thrift Shop** – Browse the Thrift Shop for your holiday decor. Normal business hours are Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and consignment hours are 9-10:30 a.m.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome. The Thrift Shop is the main fundraising venue for the Fort Shafter Hui'o Wahine Spouses club. All profits are donated to charities and scholarships in the

military and local community.

Call 842-1074 or visit Building 342, Pierce St.

**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 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); Wednesdays at the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks (655-8002); and Thursdays at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Library (833-4851).

**17 / Monday**

**25th ID, STB Welcome Home** – The 25th Infantry Division (ID), Special Troops Battalion (STB), is hosting a formal welcome home celebration at the Hilton Hawaiian, Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m.-midnight.

Evening festivities will include cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon will be the guest speaker.

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 Avenue, Schofield Barracks, and the deadline is Dec. 10. Call 655-4262.

**Ballroom Dance** – The Mililani chapter of the Hawaii Ballroom Dance Association offers evening classes on Tuesdays in foxtrot, 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.

**21 / Friday**

**"A Cazimero Christmas"** – The Hawaii Theatre will be presenting a holiday favorite, "A Cazimero Christmas," for three performances Dec. 21-23. Reserved seat tickets range from \$30-\$75, plus a \$2/ticket restoration fee. Discounts of \$5 per ticket are available to Hawaii Theatre members, seniors (62+), youth (17 and under), students (with valid ID), and military (with valid ID).

Call 528-0506. Information and tickets are also available online at [www.hawaiitheatre.com](http://www.hawaiitheatre.com).

**24 / Monday**

**Commissary Holiday Schedule** – The Schofield Barracks Commissary will close at 6 p.m., Dec. 24, and will be closed all day Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

**Ongoing**

**Free Computer Training for Spouses** – Army Community Service (ACS) and

New Horizons have teamed up to provide free computer training to military spouses. Training will be held at the Schofield Barracks ACS Computer Lab, Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Fort Shafter Outreach Center, Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Training includes Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher. Reservations will be taken through December. Seating is limited and training begins Jan. 8, 2008. Call 655-4227 or 438-9285.

**Fellowship Month at Hawaiian Waters** – Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park is hosting Fellowship Month. This month, all church groups will receive discounted admission to Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park.

Admission is \$21 per person for groups of 10 or more people. Tickets must be reserved in advance by calling Tana Samuolu at 674-9283, ext. 206. Visit [www.hawaiianwaters.com](http://www.hawaiianwaters.com).

**College Money for Spouses** – Need money for college? You may be eligible for a Career Advancement Account (CAA). The Military Spouse Career Advancement Initiative provides assistance to military spouses seeking to gain the skills and credentials necessary to begin or advance their career.

Career Advancement Accounts cover the costs for training and education, enabling participants to earn a degree or credential in, in-demand, portable fields in almost any community across the country.

Spouses can find out more by going to [www.milspouse.org](http://www.milspouse.org) and attending a mandatory CAA orientation. Call ACS at 655-4227, or 438-9285.

**Soldier Pen Pal Program** – Manhattanville's My Soldier Pen Pal Program offers the opportunity to "give the gift of friendship" and support to the brave men and women of the military who are deployed in hardship areas. Participants also get something in return – the warm feeling that comes from making a difference, and in the process, a new friend. Visit [www.mysoldier.com](http://www.mysoldier.com)

**2008 MDA Summer Camp Volunteers** – The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is searching for volunteers who are looking for a rewarding and memorable

experience. Volunteers are needed to assist people with neuromuscular diseases and help them enjoy an exciting week June 6-13, 2008, at YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman on the North Shore.

Each volunteer becomes a companion to a camper with a neuromuscular disease and helps them enjoy fun outdoor activities that are adapted for wheelchairs such as soccer, swimming and horseback riding. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, wacky and wonderful.

To obtain a volunteer application, call 593-4454.

**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, now through Dec. 19.

**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.

Military discount tickets for concerts such as Motown Christmas and Burt Bacharach start from as low as \$8.50. Tickets are on sale now at the Honolulu Symphony Box Office at the Dole Cannery, all Ticketmaster outlets and all Times supermarkets.

Call the box office at 792-2000 (days) or 524-0815, ext. 245 (evenings), for more information, or visit [www.honolulusymphony.com](http://www.honolulusymphony.com).

**Making a Difference** – You can stand up against sexual assault and make a difference. If you or anyone that you know has been sexually assaulted, contact the 24/7 victim advocate hot line at 624-SAFE (624-7233). Call the Sexual Assault Response coordinator at 655-1718.

**Worship Services**

**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

**Community Calendar**

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

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**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.

**Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser** – The annual Community Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser at the Schofield Barracks Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) goes through Dec. 24. This event allows family readiness groups and authorized private organizations in the Schofield Barracks area (Wheeler Army Air Field, Helemano Military Reservation and Schofield Barracks) to raise funds for charitable projects.

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

Reference materials, job listings, computers, a Web tour and more will be available for use. Orientation will be 9-10:30 a.m. at Schofield Barracks ACS, Dec. 14, 21 & 28, 9-10:30 a.m.; and at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel, Dec. 17. Call 655-4227 or 438-9285. Register online at [www.acsclasses.com](http://www.acsclasses.com). Free child care vouchers are available, but you must call 655-5314 or 833-5393.

**15 / Saturday**

**Ladies Tea** – Ladies are invited to a Christmas Tea, Dec. 15, 1-4 p.m., at Trinity Church Central Oahu. Come enjoy a traditional tea, Christmas traditions and music, and meet other ladies in the area.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. Trinity Church Central Oahu is located across from Leilehua Golf Course on Wikao Road. For more information or to purchase your ticket, e-mail [tcotea@yahoo.com](mailto:tcotea@yahoo.com).

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



**Dan In Real Life**

(PG-13)  
Friday, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.



**American Gangster**

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



**The Heartbreak Kid**

(R)  
Friday, 9:30 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

# ‘Engagement Kit’ seeks family help with redeployment

USACRC officials provide tools to promote safety and risk management, ensure an accident-free way of life

## U.S. ARMY COMBAT READINESS SAFETY CENTER New Release

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — The Army’s new Family Engagement Kit raises awareness of the leading indicators in accidents while passing along the “what” and “how” of best practices, Army Safety Center officials said.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Safety Center’s (USACRC) “Study of Accident and Associated Statistics” indicates that when Soldiers return from a deployment or controlled environment, the rigors and oversight provided by leaders is diminished.

In the last five years, 186 Soldiers died within a year of returning from deployments. Approximately 30 percent of the deaths occurred within the first 30 days of post-deployment and 63 percent within the first six months. Of the 186 fatalities, 145 involved privately owned vehicles during off-duty hours.

Army safety officials are convinced that oversight, control and structure are beneficial to achieve an accident-free environment. USACRC’s collective challenge is to formulate tools that target safety and risk management as a “way of life” for application when Soldiers are off duty.

“As leaders, we know that direct engagement with our Soldiers makes a positive difference in their safety,” said Brig. Gen. Bill Forrester, director of Army Safety and commanding general of the USACRC. “No one knows Soldiers better than their families, and there are few organizations better positioned than families to influence Soldiers to make safer choices and take fewer risks.”

Forrester added that the USACRC believes it is extremely difficult to look a spouse or child in the eye and tell them you are not going to wear your helmet or a seat belt because you don’t care enough to stay alive for them.

“The Family Engagement Kit features tools that family members can use to engage their loved ones in best

safety practices in order to help protect them,” said Forrester. “Many take very little time or effort, and the payoff is huge.”

In all, the kit includes six tools for post-deployment best practices. One such tool is the Travel Risk Planning System, better known as TRiPS. The aim of TRiPS is to reduce the risk of accidents when traveling by POV, the number one killer of Soldiers.

Another potentially life-saving tool included in the kit is the Motorcycle/ATV Agreement. This tool encourages families and their Soldiers to discuss the hazards and safety measures associated with riding motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles. These Web-based tools are self-explanatory and self-supporting with PowerPoint briefs containing associated talking points.

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*Brig. Gen. Bill Forrester, Director, Army Safety & Commanding General, USACRC.*

The Army’s goal is to put these tools into the hands and empower Army Family Team Building trainers, family readiness group leaders, brigade-level safety professionals, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers leaders, parents, and individual family members to keep our Army team safe, Forrester added.

Families are encouraged to embrace the Family Engagement Kit as another tool supporting one common desire — safer Soldiers and families, he said.

“Family involvement is essential, so I ask for engagement with your loved one,” Forrester said. “With your help, we can better protect our nation’s most precious assets - our Soldiers.”

For more information about the Family Engagement Kit, and ways to create safer families and Soldiers, visit the USACRC Web site at <https://crc.army.mil/familyengagement>.

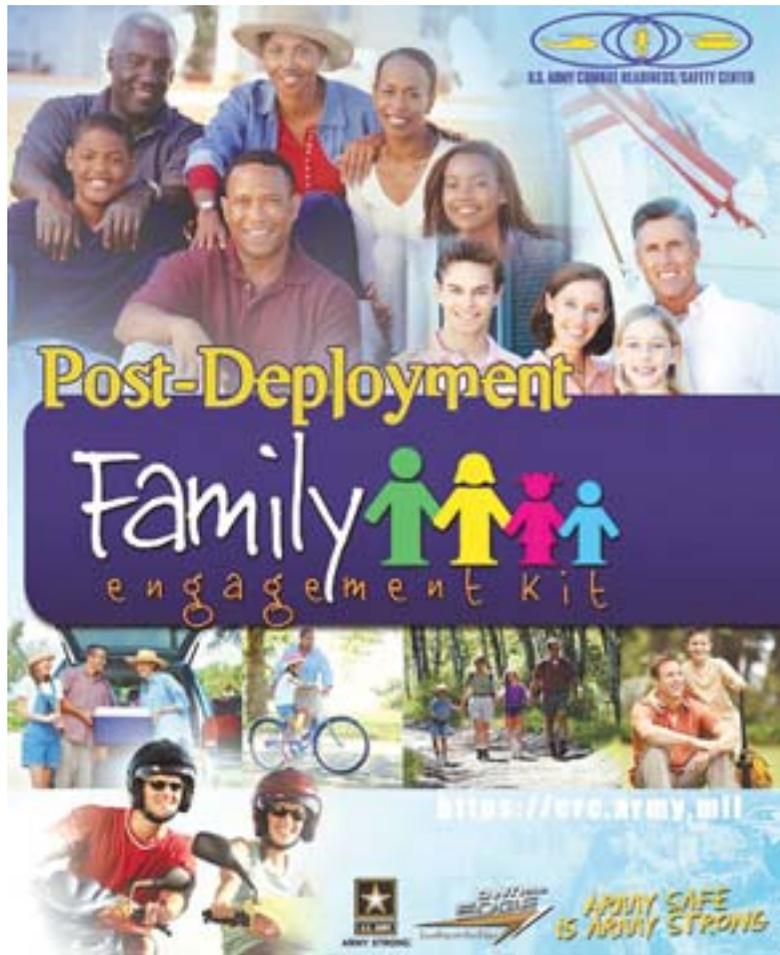


Photo by U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

# Online holiday shoppers should stop, think before clicking

CID offers tips for extended Army community to avoid swindlers during the height of holiday “rip-off” season, when shopping online

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND News Release

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command’s Computer Crime Investigative Unit (CCIU) has teamed up with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help Soldiers, family members and Army civilians stay safe while shopping online this holiday season.

As increasing numbers of consumers do the majority of their holiday shopping online, swindlers have taken notice and devised a wide range of schemes to capitalize on the relative anonymity of cyber

space. The CCIU and FTC offer the following tips to help thwart these online humbugs:

**Check out the seller.** If you have not used a particular online shopping site, do some independent research. Call the site’s phone number to verify that you can reach them if issues come up with your purchase. If they don’t have a phone number, you should take your business elsewhere. Also, search the Internet to see if anyone else has had positive or negative experiences with the site.

**Read return policies.** Make sure the online shopping site has policies that meet your needs and expectations. Some sites charge shipping and handling for returns, as well as a restocking fee. Sites with unclear or questionable policies should be avoided.

**Know what you’re getting.** Read the product description closely. If name-brand items are sold at an extremely low price,

they could be counterfeit or stolen.

**Don’t fall for a false e-mail or pop-up.** Legitimate companies do not send unsolicited e-mail messages asking for your password, login name, or financial information, but scammers do. Delete these e-mails without clicking on any links, since doing so could install spyware or other malicious programs on your computer.

**CID Lookout  
On Point for the Army**

**Look for signs a site is safe.** When you are ready to buy something from a seller you trust, look for signs that the site uses a secure connection — such as a closed padlock on the browser’s status bar — before you enter your personal and financial information. When you are asked to provide payment information, the be-

ginning of the Web site’s URL address should change from http to https, indicating that the purchase is encrypted or secured.

**Secure your home computer.** At a minimum, your computer should have antivirus and antispyware software and a firewall. Security software must be updated regularly to help protect against the latest threats. Set your security software and operating system to update automatically.

**Consider how you’ll pay.** Credit cards generally are a safe option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product is not delivered or is not what was ordered. Also, if your credit card number is stolen, you usually will not be liable for more than \$50 in charges. Do not send cash or use a money-wiring service because you will have no recourse

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# Online: CID helps prevent, reduce and report felony-level crimes

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if something goes wrong. **Keep a paper trail.** Print and save records of your online transactions, including the product description and price, the online receipt, and copies of any e-mail you exchange with the seller. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there are no unauthorized charges.

If a member of the Army family believes he or she has fallen victim to an online shopping scam, CID advises notifying the appropriate law enforcement agency as soon as possible. For crimes occurring on an Army installation, contact the local CID office.

For crimes occurring elsewhere, contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) online at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). IC3 is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation and the National White Collar Crime Center and serves as a clearinghouse for Internet crime complaints.

### About CID Lookout

CID Lookout is a U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) initiative to partner with the Army community by providing a conduit for members of the Army family, to help prevent,



For more about online safety, visit the FTC's OnGuard Web site at <http://onguardonline.gov>. To learn more about the CCIU and CID Cyber Lookout, visit <http://www.cid.army.mil/CCIU.htm>.

reduce and report felony-level crime.

The USACIDC, commonly known as CID, is an independent criminal investigative organization that investigates serious, felony-level crime such as murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, arson, fraud, and even cyber crime or intrusions into the Army networks.

Solving and preventing these

types of crime cannot be achieved solely by CID special agents and the Military Police. Together, professional law enforcement officers and the Army community must work hand-in-hand to fight serious crime. As such, CID depends heavily on Soldiers, family members and civilian employees to be on the lookout and provide assistance in keeping the Army strong and safe.

CID Lookout provides the latest

information to the Army community aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves, their families and to reduce their chances of becoming crime victims.

For more information on the Criminal Investigation Command or to report a felony-level crime or provide information concerning a crime, contact your local CID office or the military police, or visit [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil).



## Holiday Worship Schedule

### Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel

- Dec. 16, 5 p.m., Fort Shafter & AMR Community Christmas (potluck dinner and caroling)
- Dec. 24, 4 p.m., Children's Liturgy Christmas Eve
- Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Mass
- Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Gospel Service New Year's Eve (service and breakfast)

### Fort Shafter Religious Activities Center

- Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m., Worship Center Dedication Ceremony
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Fort Shafter Community Service of Lessons and Carols

### Fort DeRussy Chapel

- Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Protestant Christmas Eve
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Christmas Eve Mass
- Buddhist Services are held at 1 p.m. the first Sunday of every month.

### Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks

- Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Children's Christmas Mass
- Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Protestant Candlelight Service
- Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Mass
- Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Watch Night Service
- Jan. 1, 9 a.m., Mass

### Schofield Barracks, Building 790

- Buddhist Services are held at 1 p.m., the fourth Sunday of the month, Room 231.
- Islamic Prayers Services are held at 1 p.m., Fridays, Room 230.
- Chalice Circle Services are held at 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Room 207.

### Wheeler Army Air Field Chapel

- Dec. 24, 10 p.m., Christmas Vigil Mass
- Dec. 31, 5 p.m., Vigil Mass

### All Chapels

- Dec. 16, third Sunday of Advent, all services at regularly scheduled times.
- Dec. 23, fourth Sunday of Advent, all services at regularly scheduled times.
- Dec. 30, All services at regularly scheduled times.

**Jewish Services** are available at Pearl Harbor - 473-3971 / 3974

# Schofield to host '08 Armed Forces Bowling Competition

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), is hosting the 2008 Armed Forces Bowling Championship at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center, Jan. 8–11, 2008. The best bowlers from all military branches will compete for bragging rights and bowling top honors.

The competition begins after a formal opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m., Jan. 8.

The 2006 champion Air Force team will begin defending its title at 9 a.m., Jan. 8, with the team challenge. The doubles competition will take place Jan. 9; mixed doubles, Jan. 10; and the singles competition, Jan. 11, with each day's events taking place 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

The championship will close with an awards banquet at 5 p.m., Jan. 11, at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani. The top eight bowlers, four men and four women, will then travel to Las Vegas to compete for spots in Team USA for the international competition.

The competition is open to all eligible Department of Defense patrons and cardholders. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.



Molly Hayden | Pacific Media Publishing

Bowling league member Gilbert Kuapau sends his ball soaring down the lane at Fort Shafter's Bowling Center.

## Schedule of Events

### • Jan. 7, 2008

9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Team Practice  
3–4 p.m., Rules Meeting  
5–7:30 p.m., Ice Breaker at the  
Piliilau Recreation Center,  
Waianae

### • Jan. 8

8:30–9 a.m., Opening Ceremony  
9 a.m., Team Challenge

### • Jan. 9

9 a.m., Doubles Competition

### • Jan. 10

9 a.m., Mixed Doubles Competition

### • Jan. 11

9 a.m., Singles Competition

5 p.m., Awards Ceremony

*Note: Most events will take place at the Schofield Bowling Center.*



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

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**Hawaii Championship Wrestling** – Enjoy a great night of

**SEE MWR SPORTS, B-7**

# Marathon tests missile defenders' mettle

Story and Photos by  
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94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

HONOLULU – The early morning start of Sunday's 35th annual Honolulu Marathon was a welcome break of sorts for one road-hardened group of Soldiers from Fort Shafter who have trained relentlessly during the past three months.

Eight members representing the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command marathon team trained hard to prepare themselves for the rigors of the 26.2-mile course and it paid off.

"Obviously we are all a little sore, but I would say we fared pretty well because we were ready," said Sgt. 1st Class John D. Culver, team captain.

The unit's operational tempo throughout the year prevented the runners from starting their training schedule until September. Over the past three months they have each catalogued nearly 400 miles with almost 130 hours of total running time. Their training regime consisted of running various distances, rain or shine, three days a week dur-

ing morning physical fitness time and early morning Saturday runs starting at 5 a.m.

"We spent the first month playing catch up but then got back on schedule," said Culver. "The command was great about allowing us to train during the week."

The demanding running schedule took enormous dedication and discipline, but in the end no one could argue with the results as all runners finished between 3 hours, 30 minutes and 5 hours, 40 minutes.

Along the way, the team had many tune-up races that accounted for approximately 50 of their total miles. These races ranged in length from a half marathon to 30K and covered some of the same ground as the actual Honolulu Marathon.

"The races leading up to the marathon are essential," said team member Staff Sgt. Jacob A. Ferrara. "They get your mind and body used to the pain and agony that comes with running 26 miles."



Stebbins



Theodore



Hildreth

"The tune-up races were very effective in allowing us to set up our pace and not get distracted by large crowds," said Culver, who was using this marathon and future races on the Big Island and in Tokyo to prepare and qualify for the Boston Marathon.

The team consisted of Culver, Ferrara, Capt. Jasmin Cho, Maj. Todd Shattuck and Derik Von Recum, and Cols. David Hildreth, Thomas "Buck" Luther and Vance Theodore. All of this year's squad ran for the team in last year's marathon.

"Even though your mind and body are telling you to quit, your heart says no," said Ferrara. "The pain and soreness are worth the feeling you get when you cross the finish line."

[www.state.hi.us/dlnr/IdxHunting.htm](http://www.state.hi.us/dlnr/IdxHunting.htm).

## 16 / Sunday

**Hike Oahu** – Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on its next hiking event to Wailupe Loop, Dec. 16. This intermediate, six-mile hike begins deceptively level and inviting, but soon becomes an increasingly steep and taxing climb to the Koolau summit. Call 422-1048.

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, mountainside, 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://htmlclub.org> for more details.

## 21 / Friday

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

## Ongoing

**Baby Boot Camp** – Baby Boot Camp is for pre- and post-natal women, looking to maintain an optimal, healthy weight during pregnancy or trying to lose some extra weight after giving birth. Bring your baby and get fit.

Classes are located at Kapolei Community Park and Geiger Park in Ewa Beach. Request your first class free at [www.babybootcamp.com](http://www.babybootcamp.com), or call 689-6668.

**Masters Swim Program** – Team Move hosts a master's swimming program Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and Saturdays from 7-8:15 a.m. in the Pearl

City district park swimming pool.

These innovative group workouts are designed for beginning and advanced swimmers. Expert coaching is provided to improve upon form and technique. All ages are welcome.

Cost is \$15 per month for Team Move members and \$25 per month for nonmembers. The pool is located at 785 Hoomaemae St., Pearl City.

**Island Adventure Golf** – This Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park high-end miniature golf course features 18 holes of fun in the sun, nine 100-percent ADA-accessible holes, and a putting green, all for the entire family to enjoy.

A full round of 18 holes costs \$6.50 for military, youth 12 and under, and senior citizens. General admission is \$7.50. Special group rates are available at \$5.50 per person for groups of 12 or more.

For more information, call 674-9283 or visit the park's Web site at [www.hawaiianwaters.com](http://www.hawaiianwaters.com).

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wrestling at The Tropics, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 15, 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for ages 12 and over, \$3 for 11 and under, and free for five and under. Call 655-5697.

## 17 / Monday

**Extreme Dodgeball** – Although the entry deadline has passed, you can still come out and support your favorite team at the Christmas Extreme Dodgeball Tournament, Dec. 17-21, at Helemanu Fitness Center, Helemanu Military Reservation (HMR).

Time is to be determined. Call 653-0719.

**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, at Martinez Gym, Schofield Barracks. Time is to be determined. Call 655-4808.

## 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 levels) 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.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com).

## January

### 2 / Wednesday

**Football Bash Clinic** – Current and former NFL, university, and high school players and coaches will be conducting the 3rd Annual Football Bash Clinic, Jan. 26, at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Field. Meet Chris Fua-matu-Maafala (Pittsburgh Steel-

ers), Maa Tanuvasa (Denver Broncos), Timmy Chang (Philadelphia Eagles), Samson Satele (Miami Dolphins), Vince Manuwai (Jacksonville Jaguars), Ryan Grice-Mullen and Davone Bess, to name a few.

The \$40 cost includes a T-shirt, snack, drinks and gift bag. Registration is Jan. 2-23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the following locations: Bennett Youth Center (Schofield Barracks), AMR Youth Center and Fort Shafter Youth Center. Late and walk in registration will be accepted on a space-available basis.

The maximum is 225 participants per session. Organization or schools must submit a point of contact and a list of names and ages of participants, to receive the following discounted fees: \$30 per person for group of 10-19 participants and \$20 per person for 20 or more participants. Call 655-6465, Bennett Youth Center, or 836-1923, Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Youth Center. Visit [www.armyhawaiiouthsports.com](http://www.armyhawaiiouthsports.com)

## Ongoing

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

Children must be enrolled in Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of CYS. Call SKIES at 655-9818.

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

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

## Community Sports

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

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**Hunter Education Courses** – The final Hunter Education class, sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources, is Dec. 14-15. This free, two-day class runs 5:45-10 p.m., Friday, and 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, at the Nimitz Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Hwy., Room A-212.

Subjects covered include wildlife identification and conservation, firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, game care, and more. Classes are family-friendly and open to anyone ages 10 and older. All students are required to provide a picture ID. Call 587-0200 or visit