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Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle signs the Army Community Covenant during the Fourth of July celebration at Schofield Barracks.

Local leaders sign Community Covenant with Army in Hawaii

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U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Community and Army leaders signed the Army Community Covenant, in conjunction with the 37th Annual Fourth of July Spectacular here, on Sills Field.

The Hawaii Army Community Covenant signing is the 30th covenant signed nationwide between the Army and state and local leaders. The symbolic commitment of the vital relationship commends communities for their support of Soldiers and their families.

"For the past 100 years, the Hawaiian community has provided tremendous support to Army Soldiers and their families," said Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. "We see this support every

day amongst civic and business leaders, educators, citizen groups, employers and individual members of the Hawaii ohana."

Among the signatories were Governor Linda Lingle, state and local elected officials, a Medal of Honor recipient, and community and military leaders.

"It's my honor to sign this community covenant as a symbolic and heartfelt sign of our support," said Lingle. "I'm so grateful that in Hawaii the military is a part of our ohana, and this community covenant shows just that."

Communities around the nation show Soldiers and their families support every day by offering services such as providing financial guidance and jobs for military families, offering wounded warrior support, holding community celebrations, and providing pro-

grams for surviving spouses.

"The Army Community Covenant recognizes these local communities — and civic and service groups — for their wonderful contributions and support to our Army family here in Hawaii," Margotta said. "Just as the nation benefits from a strong Army, the Army benefits from the support of strong local communities."

The covenant signing was preceded with a concert by Billy Ray Cyrus. Nearly 40,000 spectators attended the show.

"Let me be the first to express my mahalo to members of our armed services and pay tribute to their dedication to duty and service to our country," wrote U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka. "We owe these honorable men and women and their families an enormous debt of gratitude."

PTA's Fire & Emergency 'rescues' top award

Story and Photo by CHICPAUL BECERRA

U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa Public Affairs

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — No one knows about fires and emergencies better than the firefighters and emergency medical technicians here.

The U.S. Army recently selected Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) Fire and Emergency Services as the Army Fire Department of the Year 2007 (small department category).

"These firefighters are the best, and it's nice that (they) are recognized for the work that they do here," said Eric Moller, deputy fire chief and acting garrison fire chief, PTA Fire and Emergency Services.

He said the fire department responded to 900 emergency calls last year and saved 38 lives.

"PTA's Fire and Emergency Services personnel have been supporting PTA and the Big Island communities over the years, doing lots of EMS (emergency medical services) and as-



Eric Moller | PTA Fire and Emergency Services

Pohakuloa firefighters and emergency medical technicians coordinate with Hawaii County firefighters in containing a fire near Waikoloa Village.

sisting in car crashes," Moller said. "Our firefighters put a lot of effort and professionalism (in their job)."

Steve Coloma, acting captain, PTA Fire and

Emergency Services, amplified on the department's mission.

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Sgt. Audie Murphy Club inducts three new warriors into its elite ranks

Story and Photo by SGT. 1ST CLASS SHERYL L. LAWRY
500th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The buzz of nervous conversations traveled throughout the 500th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade's Headquarters entryway, recently, when seven Soldiers dressed in Class A stood anxiously waiting to enter the brigade's conference room for their turn to appear before the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) board.

Those who demonstrated they had "what it took" to be inducted into the club walked away from the ex-

Sgt. Michael Davids from the 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, 500th MI Brigade sits before the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club board, rapidly answering panel member's questions. Davids was the only E-5 to appear before the board and was inducted.



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perience with more than a club membership. They walked away with a new connection to World War II's most decorated Soldier, Audie Leon Murphy, and a future filled with volunteering.

Murphy is renowned for being one of America's greatest Soldiers because of the heroic actions he took in Italy and France during World War II. His actions, which saved the lives of many, earned him every decoration for valor the Army and U.S. government awarded at that time, including the Medal of Honor.

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Soldiers continue service tradition

Pioneers sought and shaped policy for "true volunteers" to "fight and win wars"

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On July 1, 2008, the U.S. Army marks one of its greatest successes: the 35th anniversary of the All-Volunteer Force (AVF).

The idea of an all-volunteer force, while not new, was born amidst the withdrawal of U.S. forces from South Vietnam in the summer of 1969. President Nixon, who had called for an end to the draft during the 1968 presidential campaign, instructed the Army chief of staff, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, to determine the feasibility of ending the Army's reliance on selective service to fill the ranks.

While not totally sold on the volunteer Army idea, Westmoreland noted in an address to the Association of the United States Army on Oct. 13, 1970, that "the Army is committed to an all-out effort in working toward a zero draft — a volunteer force."

Westmoreland appointed Lt. Gen. George I. Forsythe, commander of Combat Developments Command, as special assistant for the Modern Volunteer Force. Forsythe's mission was to ensure the Army stayed committed to a zero draft and to implementing recommendations from a commission headed by Thomas Gates that the Army stop relying on draftees.

Westmoreland gave Forsythe authority to overcome bureaucratic and congressional opposition to an all-volunteer force and to focus on recruiting an Army based on "true volunteers."

Forsythe's appointment was no accident. Both he and Westmoreland had experienced firsthand the effects of leading into combat a force based almost exclusively on draftees. Given the Vietnam War's corrosive effects on the Army's ability to defend the U.S. and its allies, both Westmoreland and Forsythe saw as their objective the restoration of professional standards in the officer corps and senior enlisted ranks.

They viewed the adoption of the all-volunteer concept as an opportunity to restore the Army's ability to fight and win wars. As Forsythe later stated, "I was not going to be a three-star recruiter and that I would have a role in reforming the Army."

Westmoreland and Forsythe saw the all-volunteer force as a means

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Commander's Corner

Mock billing to improve energy conservation

LT. COL. MARK BOUSSY
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu

All U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) housing communities are required to follow the Office of the Secretary of Defense's (OSD) Utility Consumption Responsibility Program, which will ultimately lead to reduced energy consumption. This article provides important information about the program and how it is being developed and implemented at Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH).

We are pleased that many families have already started shutting off lights, air conditioners, and other appliances not being used, while teaching their children to also become good stewards of the environment. Thank you in advance for your support of this Army initiative.

What is the purpose of the OSD policy?

The policy (Public Law 104-106, 110 St, 186 Section 2801) seeks to increase awareness of usage and ultimately lead to reduced energy consumption. Moreover, it supports the Army's goals to reduce energy consumption and be good stewards in the communities in which it lives and works.

Many mainland Army posts have already implemented this directive.

The intent of this Department of Defense-mandated program is not to take money out of Soldiers' and families' pockets, but to increase energy consumption awareness and promote conservation. Soldiers and families who use energy wisely and prudently will be rewarded; those who are wasteful or use excessive amounts may be charged.



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What utilities will residents be responsible for?

AHFH residents will only be responsible for electricity consumption and this program will apply equally across all ranks and all Army installations in Hawaii.

When is this program going to start?

Phase One runs May-October 2008. Installation of electric meters began in May. There will be minimal impact on residents during installation. A brief interrup-

tion of power can be expected during the installation phase, so as a precaution, electronics such as computers and TVs should be turned off.

Phase Two starts December 2008 with mock billing. The process will help ensure fairness to all residents. Once baselines are determined, residents will begin receiving energy consumption reports. Residents over their baselines will be offered assistance from AHFH to get them under their baselines.

Mock billings are not bills. The specific date for Phase Three must be determined by USAG-HI. Then, utility billing will begin, and residents will begin receiving energy consumption statements.

USAG-HI will determine when actual billing will start. It will do so when it is confident residents understand the program and how they can reap its financial rewards.

Will all homes get a meter?

Approximately 3,500 meters will be installed on new and renovated homes at Schofield Barracks, Wheeler, Helemano and Aliamanu, including historic homes. Homes identified for dem-

olition will not receive a meter. In 2009, all historic homes will begin receiving meters as these must go through a very detailed approval process before changes can be made to the homes.

How does this program benefit AHFH residents?

Last year, USAG-HI paid \$44.5M in electric bills – an average of \$3.7 million a month, and this year's projected cost for electricity is expected to top \$61 million.

Skyrocketing energy costs just over the last month increased the Garrison's electric bill by an additional 10 percent, resulting in an increase of \$4.5 million.

Let's face it, what we are paying for our utility usage is not going to decrease unless we reduce our consumption rate through practical and conservative measures.

Savings in energy consumption will benefit residents by allowing more money for home and community improvements. Every dollar saved is a dollar the Garrison can put toward other programs.

Paying utilities is a "required" cost that Garrison must pay before it can move forward on other post improvement projects.

We can choose to not cut the grass, but once the electric bill comes in it is a "payable due."

We all can agree that our country's dependency on oil is a national concern, and we should all be doing our part. On that note, let's look at this objectively. Residents who conserve will be financially rewarded, and residents who do not conserve will be billed for excessive consumption.

The majority of Soldiers should experience no out-of-pocket expenses as basic allowance for housing (BAH) includes costs for normal energy use.

What happens to the money saved through this energy conservation program?

The utilities program is not a profit center. Money saved goes directly to build and renovate AHFH homes and improve our communities. The USAG-HI commander and AHFH will determine how monies will be used to benefit residents.

For more information regarding this or other community issues or policies, contact your local AHFH Community Center, its Web site or attend future utility town hall meetings that will allow you an opportunity to gain more information as this program unfolds.

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.

If you have newsworthy ideas or stories you'd like to write, coordinate with the managing editor at 656-3155, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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33 days since last fatal accident

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Straight Talk

Drinking responsibly always good idea

LT. COL. THOMAS DENZLER
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Alcohol awareness campaigns continually remind us of the adverse effects of alcohol abuse, and the Department of the Army has established multiple programs providing assistance to those needing help, as well as safe alternatives and mechanisms to mitigate the risks associated with alcohol consumption.

Even with these programs and campaigns in place, alcohol still contributes to a great majority of the incidents dealt with by the Directorate of Emergency Services personnel. So far in 2008, there have been more than 45 alcohol-related traffic incidents, including 31 arrests for driving under the influence (DUI), and three accidents requiring medical and fire rescue support.

Additionally, the Honolulu Police Department has apprehended 25 service members for DUI in the City and County of Honolulu. These numbers are in addition to 141 other reported incidents involving assaults, property damage and domestic abuse where alcohol was a

contributing factor.

As we all know, there are many risks involved when consuming alcohol. To help reduce these risks, we recommend you drink alcohol responsibly and with a companion who remains sober. This is particularly important when consuming alcohol at clubs or establishments off the installation or in unfamiliar environments.

In addition, do not drive to an event where you plan to consume alcohol with the intent of taking a taxi home or finding a ride. Alcohol impairs judgment and may impair your ability to gauge your own sobriety. If you plan to drink, even a little, leave your vehicle at home.

Plan your activities before you begin consuming alcohol and ensure you have safe transportation alternatives available. If you find yourself stranded or involved in any type of incident – on or



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off the installation – and need assistance, contact the nearest military police (MP) station, and officers can help with arranging transportation or contacting your unit representative.

If you think you or someone you know may have a problem drinking responsibly, seek help through your chain of command, Army Community Service or medical personnel.

• Other Hot Topics

Preventing larcenies is possible.

Don't be an easy target. The large majority of larcenies committed on our installations and housing areas involve unsecured and unattended property.

Don't make it easy on criminals; take the time to secure your quarters, office, or vehicle, and don't allow children to leave bikes and skateboards unattended in frontyards. If you value your property and do not want it stolen, lock it up.

Preventing crime is a community effort. Concerned residents notified the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) and

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\$500 reward offered to catch vandals

ARMY HAWAII FAMILY HOUSING
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) is offering a \$500 reward for information resulting in the apprehension (and subsequent determination of responsibility) of the person or persons responsible for specific, recent acts of vandalism within AHFH neighborhoods that have caused damage to community center property and playgrounds.

Acts of vandalism at the Kalakaua and Porter community centers and surrounding amenities have taken place over several weeks. The damage included the defacing and destruction of exterior walls, signage and playground equipment.

"This recent vandalism on our community centers is not reflective of our superb Army community, and clearly this is the work of individuals who have no respect or regard for our Army values or community pride," said Maj. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, senior commander of Army Units Hawaii.

"We are an 'ohana,' a family, and as a family we take care of one another. I want all of our Soldiers, Family members and Civilians, as part of Army Units Hawaii, to watch out for one another, protect our great facilities and sustain our military way of life here in the great state of Hawaii.

"If you witness suspicious activity, please contact the MPs immediately," Mason said.

"The damage is amounting to thousands of dollars in repairs," said Claire Ridding-Johnston, AHFH project director. "Our Soldiers' (Basic Allowance for Housing) is better served to support our residents, so these individuals are doing a great disservice to their neighbors. I encourage people to come forward and help us solve this problem that affects everyone within the AHFH community."

Ridding-Johnston emphasized the seriousness of the matter and noted that individuals found to be responsible for the vandalism may face possible eviction from AHFH.

Anyone with tips or information about any act of vandalism in AHFH communities is asked to call the military police station at 655-7114 or 655-5555.

Callers will remain anonymous, but must provide their contact information to claim a potential reward.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

Don't take freedom to worship lightly

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We have just completed celebrating the Fourth of July, the birth of our nation and the freedoms it stands for. It is a time of picnics, fireworks and celebrations of all kinds, to remember the freedoms we take for granted in our country.

A lot of times we get so caught up in the celebrations and time with family that we can easily forget to take time to celebrate on what we do have as a nation and as individuals.

President Roosevelt listed four freedoms in a speech to Congress, Jan. 6, 1941. The freedoms he mentioned were freedom of speech and expression, freedom of every person to worship God in his or her own way, freedom from want,

and freedom from fear.

The list President Roosevelt gave sums up all that we find great in our country. Each one of us would agree that all of them are important, and that we as a nation wouldn't be who we are if even one of these freedoms was taken from us.

If you look at the four freedoms he mentioned, you will notice that they allow us as people to have at least the basics we need to survive and to become who we want to become. This is not standard for the rest of the world.

We can look each night in the news and hear of places that people are not allowed to experience one or more of



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these freedoms in their daily lives. If they try to live according to that freedom, they may be killed or seriously hurt.

The one freedom that has been the hallmark of our country since its founding has been the freedom to worship God in our own way. This was added to our Bill of Rights, so the government doesn't tell us how to worship.

When our country was founded, it was common for a nation to tell its people how they were to worship. This is still seen today in some countries; people are not free to worship God as they see fit.

This is something that has not always been easy for us as a country to keep. Our nation today has many different ways we worship God, and at

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Voices of Lightning: What are you doing to conserve energy at home?



"I'm working so much I'm always here."

Matthew Fenner
Proprietor, Postell's Unlimited at PX



"We changed our lightbulbs (to CFLs) and wash our clothes with cold water."

Denise Jones
Family Member



"I recycle."

Maile Lowery
Family Member



"We've been camping at my grandparents', so we haven't been home."

Lahela Moeaveave
Family Member



"I'm trying not to run the air conditioning too much."

Tom Schoenbeck
Retiree

Soldiers share their Fourth with Iraqi partners



Soldiers from 3rd Platoon, B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, help their teammates climb a wall during the one-mile steeplechase, July 4.

Story and Photos by
PFC. LYNDESE DRANSFIELD
 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Across the country families and friends gather in the heat of summer to enjoy each other's company, July 4. Here in Iraq, Independence Day also comes with loads of barbecued food and, of course, staring at the night sky as bright streams of colorful fire imbue the empty space.

Although Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), didn't have a traditional Independence Day celebration, they made the most of their time by celebrating with new friends — the soldiers of the Iraqi Army (IA) — during a series of athletic competitions.

Capt. Andrew Farina, commander, B Co., organized and participated in the Borzoi Squad Competition at Joint Security Station Sheik Amir, northwest of Baghdad.

"Competition is always a good thing," said Farina. "It builds camaraderie within our company, giving the Soldiers bragging rights, as well as an opportunity to hang out with their friends."

The competition consisted of eight events: the bench press, pull-ups, the tire flip, bouldering, a one-mile steeplechase, a sprint relay, and basketball and volleyball tournaments.

Each platoon in the company competed against one another. Adding a twist to the competition, Iraqi Army soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 31st Brigade, 8th IA Infantry Division, participated as well.

"Every day we get to see how they (the Iraqi Army) live, but rarely do they get to see



Soldiers from Headquarters Platoon, B Co., 1-27th Inf. Regt. "Wolfhounds," take off for the one-mile steeplechase while competing in the Borzoi Squad Competition at Joint Security Station Sheik Amir, northwest of Baghdad, to celebrate America's Independence Day.

how we live," said Spc. Scott Geiszler, an infantry team leader with 3rd Platoon, B Co., 1-27th Inf. Regt. "By sharing the wealth of competition, we are developing something in common other than our work."

Although many of the competitions were foreign to IA soldiers, that didn't discourage them from competing.

Wolfhound Soldiers put a lot of time into supporting and training the Iraqi Army soldiers, Farina said.

"I think that it is a good thing for my Soldiers to see the IA out here supporting us," he said, adding that the IA and 2SBCT Soldiers thoroughly enjoyed the shared experience.

Watching the two coalition forces participate in friendly competition is not only a good example of how far they have come in building positive relationships with the

people of Iraq, but is also a prime example of the safety and security that has been established, he added.

"I've spent more than one (Independence Day) in this country, and this is the first time we have been able to do this," said Farina. "It really shows the faith that we have in the (Sons of Iraq) program and also the amount of security that they are able to do essentially by themselves."

After a long day of competition in the hot sun, Headquarters Platoon took the lead and earned the grand prize: bragging rights and a plaque to hang in its platoon area.

For many, perhaps this year's Independence Day celebration was just another holiday that came and went. For these Wolfhound Soldiers, however, it is one that will always be remembered.

225th BSB trio aids Taji health care

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Story and Photo by

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2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Three Soldiers from the 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, paid a necessary visit to the doctors, nurses and physicians at the Taji Health Care Clinic, June 30.

Due to the devastating consequences of war, health care in Iraq has suffered severely over the past seven years. Coalition forces have joined with the Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to help put an end to the poor health conditions by providing health clinics with much-needed repairs, supplies, education, and up-to-date equipment.

The Taji Health Care Clinic, in the Taji Qada, northwest of Baghdad, is the only government-funded, free health clinic in the area. Since its opening, the facilities have improved. The addition of a new emergency room and labor and delivery room, along with modern equipment, has allowed clinic staff to treat more patients and provide better health care.

Three Soldiers from the 225th BSB provided staff with hands-on training on some of the new equipment. Those Soldiers included Capt. Romarius Longmire, physician; Spc. Cavan Yen, medical lab technician; and Sgt. Lucas Gonzales, physical therapy specialist.

Clinic staff learned to operate the Electrocautery Device, which cuts tissue and coagulated blood; the Intermittent Cervical and Lumbar Traction, which provides pain relief in the back and neck; and the I-Stat Blood Analyzer, which tests blood on anything from electrolytes to cardiac



Spc. Cavan Yen, a medical lab technician assigned to the 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd SBCT, draws blood from a patient at Taji Health Care Clinic, northwest of Baghdad, June 30. Yen used the blood to teach clinic staff how to use the I-Stat Blood Analyzer, which tests blood on anything from electrolytes to cardiac enzymes and allows a better diagnosis of a patient's blood chemistry.

enzymes, and allows for a better diagnosis on a patient's blood chemistry.

"Some of the equipment may seem

rugged to people back in the States, but here, it is a luxury and a blessing," said Gonzales.

With the number of patients visiting the clinic is increasing, Soldiers wanted to ensure the doctors and nurses became familiar with the equipment and were confident enough to use it on their own.

"A couple of months ago, we were treating about 150 patients a day," said Dr. Muhammad Mahmood, clinic manager. "Now we are receiving well over 300 patients a day. People are seeing the improvements and are much more confident in the health care we provided here."

The training provided by the three Soldiers was another step in the positive development in the health care system in Taji. In the past six months, the clinic has gone from being an outer shell of a building to having a successful start.

"We have seen this place come up from nothing," said 1st Lt. Eric Wiesehan, medical platoon leader, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment. "There is still work to be done, but we have made a lot of progress."

Wiesehan had coordinated the event.

Not only are the Soldiers contributing to better health care, but the commitment, motivation and enthusiasm they portray is playing an important part in building a strong relationship with the local nationals, and helping Iraq become an independent country.

"By us coming in here, showing the different equipment, getting one-on-one with these doctors, and working with the local nationals, we are building a trust and a bond making this entire area more friendly," said Gonzales.

"I know I am making a difference in a place where a difference needs to be made," he added.

Footsteps: Now a good time to fix relationships

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times, they are at extremes from each other. But we as a nation do worship God each week.

A lot of times we don't think of the spiritual freedom and what it gives us. We tend to think of the physical and emotional, but we forget that we are also a spiritual person.

Each day we draw strength through worship and all that it entails for us as we celebrate that part of our being, and reconnect to who we are and to God.

So as the Fourth of July has now passed, we need to keep in mind the freedoms we celebrate every day of our lives, to remember them, and be thankful for them.

This week as you think of the freedom of worship, think of your relationship with God and where you are in that relationship based upon your faith tradition and beliefs. Also, make a commitment to draw even closer to God each day of your life.

If you are not involved in worship with others of your faith tradition and beliefs, find a place of worship and reconnect with your faith.

1-21st Inf. Regt. sees beacons of change in school reconstruction

CPL. DUSTIN WEIDMAN

1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment

BAGHDAD – Buildings are an important part any culture, whether an office building, restaurant or a coffee shop. However, one of the most important structures for most citizens is a building that will be used to educate children.

Leaders and local residents of the Karmah Nahia, northwest of Baghdad,

gathered with Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment "Gimlets," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, at the future site of the Mossab Bin Omer School for a groundbreaking ceremony, June 24.

"This celebration bodes a bright future for the citizens of Eastern Karmah," said Capt Jeffery Higgins, B Company commander, 1-21st Inf. Regt. "The construc-

tion of the Mossab Bin Omer School really marks a major accomplishment of the local tribal council and Karmah Nahia working closely together and providing essential services to the citizens out here. Without their hard work and dedicated selfless service to the people, this even would not have been possible."

The school was built with support from coalition forces and helps serve as a

monument of change in an area once plagued by terrorism. Now the community can build in an atmosphere of safety, said Sheik Larence.

Once the project is complete, he added, the school will serve as a beacon of hope to the rest of the Karmah Nahia area and Iraq.

"This project is very important to the children of this area," he continued, as

generations to come can have a good education. "It is important to have the project in this area, the school is for (the children) and their children."

For Gimlet Soldiers, the ceremony enlivened hopes about reconstruction in the once war-torn area of Karmah Nahia.

The school's construction is planned to be completed in time for the start of the next school year.

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recently thwarted acts of vandalism and property damage. These dedicated individuals made a difference.

Report any suspicious or illegal conduct to the Schofield (655-7114/5555) or Fort Shafter MP stations (438-7114/5555).

Lending support is encouraged. Anyone interested in assisting the PMO in establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program in their community should call Fred Makinney at 656-6750 or Master Sgt. West at 656-6751.

Forthcoming change to installation access procedures. Effective August 1, individuals who do not possess a Department of Defense (DOD) or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) issued ID card will only be issued a 24-hour temporary access pass from

the Lyman, Buckner, and Tripler Vehicle control centers. This measure is being implemented to expedite installation access and enhance force protection.

Upon issuance of the 24 hour pass, individuals will be directed to apply for and obtain an installation access picture ID from the Installation Access Control Office at the Leilehua Golf Course. Upon application, the Installation Access Control Office will issue temporary passes of longer duration if necessary until the ID is approved.

Effective Sept. 1, access will not be granted to those who routinely access the installations unless they possess a DoD, VA, or access control picture ID. Hours of operation for the Installation Access Control Office are 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Additional details will be publicized in the July 18 edition of the *Hawaii Army Weekly*.

News Briefs

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

14 / Monday

Office Closure – The Supply Support Activity (SSA) will be closed July 14–25 for a 100 percent physical inventory. Only high-priority emergency requests will be processed during this time.

Normal operations will resume July 28. For emergency services during the closure, call Alfred Chugen, 656-0744, or Sam Sapatu, 656-2277.

15 / Tuesday

Finance Class – The 125th Financial Management Company's Finance Operations Team will teach its next quarterly Personnel Actions Clerk (PAC) Finance Class, July 15-16 at the Education Center, Schofield Barracks.

The course is designed to introduce the unit PAC or S-1 personnel (military or civilian) to Army finance issues and local operational policies and procedures. Topics include the monthly finance newsletter, military pay and entitlements, leave processing, the Unit Commander's Finance Report (USFR), debt management, disbursing and absence status.

Sign up for the class by e-mailing Staff Sgt. Singley at Danielle.singley@us.army.mil or Staff Sgt. Pender at runnie.pender@us.army.mil.

Oahu North Community Town

Hall – The next town hall meeting for the Oahu North community will be held at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, July 15, at 6:30 p.m.

The town hall provides information about community events, security, housing updates, deployments and much more. Call Melvin Wright at 655-0497.

19 / Saturday

Military Reserves Retiree Association – The next bimonthly meeting for the Military Reserves Retiree Association (MRAA) is July 19, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kyzer Conference Room, Tripler Army Medical Center.

The guest speaker's presentation will focus on submitting claims for reimbursements from Tricare.

The meeting is open to all retired military personnel and their spouses from the Army Reserves and National Guard.

Spouses buckle up for Black Hawk orientation flights



Spc. Gabriel Noxon, crew chief with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th CAB, buckles in a passenger during Spouse Orientation Flight Day, held at Wheeler Army Air Field, June 27. More than 300 spouses participated in the event and flew over the island in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

Story and Photos by
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WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD – Being an Army at war, Soldiers are constantly faced with long deployments and numerous separations from their spouses.

A job in itself, Army spouses provide continuous support while tackling many of the Army’s challenges alongside their Soldiers.

Adding to their resumes, more than 300 husbands and wives of service members received firsthand insight of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade’s (CAB) overall mission during spouse orientation flights here, June 27.

“I was really excited when I found out spouses were going to be allowed to ride in a Black Hawk (UH-60),” said Chelsey Raszkowski, whose husband, Spc. Mark Raszkowski, is a crew chief with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment.

“Today (gave spouses) an eye-opening understanding on what the 25th CAB does,” Raszkowski said. “I never realized the complexity of what my husband deals with just to get the aircraft and passengers flying.”

Run per Army Regulation 95-1, the Spouse Orientation Flight Program acknowledges a spouse’s crucial role in influencing a Soldier’s career decisions, ultimately increasing morale and retention of Army aviation personnel.

Allison Mueller, wife of Capt. Chris Mueller, commander, D Co., 2-25th Avn. Regt., said the program is a wonderful opportunity for spouses to gain appreciation for what the 25th CAB does, as well as a great way to interact and meet other family members.

Prior to the flight, spouses performed the same safety and op-



A UH-60 Black Hawk crew prepares to take flight at Wheeler Army Air Field during the 25th CAB’s Spouse Orientation Flight Day, June 27.

erational procedures as military members.

“Upon arrival, spouses are manifested before ... (receiving) a safety brief, static load training and ... flight suit,” said 1st Sgt. Scott

King, battalion command sergeant major, 2-25th Avn. Regt.

While the orientation flight was mainly for spouses, the 25th CAB also provided activities for kids. From baked goods sold by the family readiness group to climbing on a Kiowa Warrior helicopter, children had as much fun as their parents.

“Children were sitting in the pilot seats pretending they were flying,” said Spc. Gabriel Noxon, crew chief with A Co., 2-25th Avn. Regt., who conducted the static load training. “Everyone seems to be having fun today.”

“The experience today has made me appreciate the importance of my husband’s mission,” said Brenda Kent, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Otis Kent, a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot with B Co., 2-25 Avn. Regt. “This is a rare opportunity for spouses ... not everyone can say they flew in an Army aircraft.”

“Behind bars for good”

SAMC volunteers work to benefit Muscular Dystrophy

Story and Photo by

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HONOLULU — As part of supporting numerous charitable organizations, several Sgt. Audie L. Murphy Clubs (SAMC) volunteered to help hold a “lockup” benefit to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), June 24.

Participating SAMCs included the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Special Troops Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 30th Signal Battalion, and other U.S. Army, Garrison-Hawaii units.

“The lockup program is really our bread and butter,” said Audrey Hirayama, district director, MDA, explaining that volunteers “lockup” executives or individuals in the community, who must raise “bail” to get out of jail. The bail turns into the fundraising aspect of the event.

Once contributors had committed to the MDA, volunteer Soldiers and SAMC members stepped in. They paired up as drivers and arresting officers and descended upon local businesses, schools and other venues

to “escort” contributors, who were then handcuffed and driven to the lockup. At the lockup, they faced the wrath of the MDA judge, Eden Lee, another volunteer.

With more than 100 contributors to “apprehend,” the lockup kept the SAMC and other volunteers busy. They “photographed” contributors behind makeshift bars, released them after their “bail” donations, and treated them to lunch and gifts. Then Soldiers escorted contributors back to work.

“Our goal is to raise \$35,000 net. In order for us to get to that net (amount), we have to raise \$50,000,” said Hirayama. “We came into this event with half of it already, because people started to raise money online.

“We’re halfway there,” she said, with delight.

Hirayama added, the lockup isn’t the first time Soldiers have helped the MDA.

“Our last lockup, in western Oahu, we had ten from (Schofield Barracks),”

she said.

SAMC members wore exclusive medallions, supported by “infantry blue” ribbons, when they escorted contributors to and from the lockup.

“It definitely brings more visibility to the club and allows members of the club to get out and be actively involved in the community,” said Staff Sgt. Arshad Jones, 30th Signal Bn., a SAMC member since April 2008. “One thing that I personally take from it is the satisfaction of giving back and being able to help other people.”

Sgt. 1st Class Jessica Stein, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, 25th STB, agreed, stating, “It presents a positive image of the military.”



Sgt. 1st Class Jessica Stein of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Special Troops Battalion’s Sgt. Audie L. Murphy Club (SAMC), “apprehends” John Mooy, a school principal, June 24.

Stein and other SAMC members volunteered to assist the Honolulu Muscular Dystrophy Association during its fundraiser.

Maintenance guru visits 25th CAB, solicits best practices

Story and Photos by
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WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD – From tail rotors to engine parts, numerous components make up an aircraft. Each component must work in unison to allow the aircraft to fly and the aviator to complete the mission.

Another requirement for mission success, Soldiers who spend countless hours turning wrenches to ensure components do work in unison must remain current on technical manual (TM) updates, safety notifications and maintenance trends. To remain current, Soldiers of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) turn to the *PS Magazine*, a preventive maintenance monthly publication.

Recently, Soldiers from the 25th CAB had a chance to share ideas for *PS Magazine* with Frank Chase Jr., the senior aviation writer, when he visited Wheeler Army Air Field. Chase's focus was to find out which practices the 25th CAB was performing in the field of maintenance and safety that would be useful to Soldiers across the Army.

"I visit three installations a year to get



While working on an OH-58, mechanics must follow all safety guidelines and maintenance regulations as defined in Army technical manuals.

story ideas from Soldiers," said Chase. "Basically, *PS Magazine* writes articles on general repairs and better ways of doing something in the (technical manuals)."

The input comes from

the bottom up as Soldiers feed Chase with story ideas.

Based out of Redstone Arsenal, Ala., *PS Magazine* is an official publication of the U.S. Army Material Command's Lo-

gistics Support Activity (LOGSA). The magazine seeks to provide insightful information for Soldiers with maintenance and supply duties and the leaders providing oversight of those areas, Chase said.

A native of Baltimore and graduate of Washington State University, Chase earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and a minor in sociology, after serving four years in the Army.

"During my time in the Army, I served as a 'ground pounder' or 'gun bunny' (cannon crewmember), where I worked on M109's (self-propelled 155mm Howitzers)," the father of six said. "Following the Army, I graduated college and got into an intern program working for Troop Support Equipment, writing and editing Army technical manuals (TMs)."

Chase wrote and edited Army TMs for more than a decade before taking a position at *PS Magazine*. Chase's job has en-



Chase

abled him to visit a variety of aviation installations and gather input on story ideas from Soldiers.

Interestingly enough, this past visit with the 25th CAB was the first time the magazine has been to Hawaii, Chase said.

"A former chief warrant officer-5 stationed at Wheeler transferred to Redstone Arsenal and mentioned the aviation unit here. After some research we (*PS Magazine*) found out (one of) three of the major aviation units (was) here."

Concluding the weeklong visit with Soldiers from 25th CAB, Chase received a variety of story ideas and boosted Soldiers' morale. He ultimately achieved his goal of gathering 25 to 30 ideas for future maintenance articles from Soldiers in the field. His presence also provided encouragement to the Soldiers at the 25th CAB. It demonstrated that the "powers that be" want to know what is happening where the rubber meets the road.

"Everyone in aviation seems to like *PS Magazine*," Chase said, "so when I talked to Soldiers and told them who I was with, they all were excited to speak to me and made my visit here exciting."

Volunteer: Army's strong tradition continues today



Photo Courtesy of Tropic Lightning Museum

Pfc. Patrick Mischel, seated in the foreground, works the Tay Ninh Exchange during the Vietnam War. After the withdrawal of forces from Vietnam, the U.S. Army adopted an all-volunteer, "zero draft" force.

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to rebuild the Army into a first-rate fighting force. To do this, they put the Soldier and his ability to win on the battlefield at the center of any reform program. In fact, both men saw the all-volunteer force as a means to restore combat arms' primacy.

With strong support from Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor, Westmoreland and Forsythe instituted reforms that redirected the Army's focus from Vietnam toward being capable of defeating a Soviet/Warsaw Pact attempt to overrun Western Europe.

To help recruit a qualified force, the two generals created a modern recruiting corps. Through various pay and education incentives, as well as such personnel reforms as restoring the much-depleted non-commissioned officer corps, Westmoreland's efforts seemed to have paid off by the end of his chief of staff tenure in October 1972.

By the end of 1973, the Army had enlisted some 180,000 young men, primarily for armor, infantry and artillery. For the next several years, despite declining propensity for military service among America's youth, the Army met or exceeded its recruiting goals.

And even with the difficulties Army recruiters faced in attracting people to the ranks in the late

1970s, Army Recruiting Command labored on, and through much effort had by 1980 turned the corner in attracting qualified high school graduates.

By the mid-1980s, the Army's ranks began to fill not only with qualified high school graduates, but also, and more importantly, with highly motivated young men and — for the first time — women.

By the end of the AVF's first decade, senior leaders could point to success. More importantly, leaders could point to the fact that AVF passed its first major combat test on Grenada in October 1983, when Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen liberated the Caribbean island from brutal communist dictatorship.

By the AVF's 20-year mark, the all-volunteer concept had undergone perhaps its most arduous test during Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991). U.S. and coalition forces defeated and evicted a battle-hardened Iraqi Army from Kuwait in four days.

Today, Regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers carry forth that tradition as they patrol Baghdad, Sadr City or the mountains of Afghanistan.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Leo J. Daugherty III is the command historian for the U.S. Army Accessions Command. He is presently writing a book on Recruiting and Training in the U.S. Army, 1946-1980.)

SAMC: Members make a difference

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Formed in 1986, the club seeks to recognize noncommissioned officers who embody the highest standards of leadership, professionalism, military skills and knowledge — tactically and technically — and who always put the needs of Soldiers above their own. The club spread Armywide in 1994.

Today one of the club's main attributes is its members' active volunteer efforts within their communities.

"Audie Murphy members do anything that contributes back," said Sgt. 1st Class Anna Cortes, a SAMC member since 2007.

Some of Hawaii SAMC's contributions have included providing water stations for the March of Dimes, raising funds for Easter baskets, visiting veterans, and assisting with wounded warriors, according to Cortes.

"I believe in all the things the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club stands for," said Sgt. Michael Davids, C Company, 205th MI Bn., who was inducted into the club after standing before the board. "The club does a lot with volunteer work in the community, and I wanted to give back through the club."

Not only does the SAMC afford Soldiers an opportunity to volunteer, but being a member puts

them in an elite category.

"The Audie Murphy Club is one of the few organizations that (doesn't) compromise their standards; they maintain them," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hires, 500th MI's Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, and also a new inductee. "(Being a member of the SAMC) definitely sets you above your peers and paves the way for Soldiers to follow your example."

While the method of being inducted into the SAMC is through a board, Soldiers should not be deceived. The board selection process is not typical. Even if Soldiers believe they performed well, there's no guarantee they will be selected.

"The Audie Murphy board is considerably different in the way that one cannot typically 'study' for it," Cortes said. "The board is designed to ask scenarios in order to determine whether the leader knows how to lead, is resourceful, and has experienced situations in which they learned and improved themselves."

"Young leaders may not necessarily do well even though they have all the Army board answers memorized," she said. "They will find that their experience rather than books will help them through this board."

The tough guidelines the board panel adheres to are nothing to joke about either. Of the seven well-seasoned Soldiers who appeared before the board, only three were inducted.

PTA: Physical fitness and mental preps key to success for firefighters

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"We do an array of fire and emergency operations — from structural fires and damages, crash fields, wildland fires, search and rescue missions, and emergency medical responses — with ambulances," Coloma said.

PTA has 21 firefighters/emergency medical technicians who remain prepared for all types of responses on a daily basis.

"Besides identifying daily tasks and assigned apparatus equipment, we also do a lot of mental preparations every day," Coloma said. "... We keep ourselves prepared by continuing to check our apparatus and equipment, and reviewing certain procedures based on our certification levels."

Coloma also stressed physical fitness. "We do one-and-a-half hours to two hours of working out each day. We do wildland pack training, which consists of 45 minutes of activities with 45 pounds of gear on our backs."

To receive the prestigious award, PTA's Fire and Emergency Services had to pass a rigorous DA-level selection board.

The board was especially competitive as each of the nominations represented outstanding service and accomplishments, according to Maj. Gen. John MacDonald, deputy commanding general, Installation Management Command.

The candidates who were selected will represent the Army before the Department of Defense selection panel at the DoD Awards Banquet in August.

Brig. Gen. Dennis Rogers, director of Operations and Facilities, Installation Management Command, had much praise for PTA Fire and Emergency Services in a letter addressed to Moller.

"Your department's accomplishments ensure the type of service our Soldiers, civilians and their families deserve, and truly provide an organization for other Army Fire and Emergency Services departments to emulate," Rogers wrote.

"The comprehensive and professional fire and emergency medical services you provide to the Army, Air Force and Marine live-fire training area on the Big Island of Hawaii is commendable.

"Your department is truly top notch ... and is a key element in making (PTA) one of the Army's finest installations."

PAU HANA



Soldiers from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team's Rear Detachment do their best to stay motivated as they get pulled into the mud.

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Tropic Lightning Challenge Week '08

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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The 25th Infantry Division (ID) marked 66 years of division history with "Tropic Lightning Challenge 2008," the division's annual three-day celebration of camaraderie and competition here, June 30-July 2.

Tropic Lightning Challenge Week (TLCW) was conceived as a morale-building event to foster unit cohesion and esprit de corps.

"Each year, this event brings the division closer by developing new and different bonds through teamwork and, most importantly, fellowship across the division," said 25th ID Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota. "It's important to recognize that we don't only build teams on deployment in places like Iraq, but we also do it here. This week is an important part of that."

During a three-day span, teams of Soldiers competed in athletic and Soldier skill challenges. This year's events included ultimate football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, tug-of-war and softball competitions, as well as a squad "Endurathon," a golf scramble at neighboring Leilihua Golf Course, and a senior leader softball game.

Hundreds of Soldiers clad in distinctive, colorful unit T-shirts kicked-off the celebrations June 30 with the early morning Division Run. Two days and dozens of sporting matches later, those same T-shirts adorned Stoneman Field for the closing ceremony. There, the week's winners were honored and recognized.

Two Soldiers whose battalion received "hardware" were Sgt. Marlon Brown and Sgt. Kelly Maxwell, both with the 25th Special Troops Battalion's security detachment. With their help, 25th STB earned top honors in the squad Endurathon, a six-mile ruck march that included different team challenges at each mile-marker, concluding with a one-mile litter carry.

"The Endurathon was challenging, and it gave us good insight into how we'll perform when we're deployed," said Brown. "We really know that we have what it takes. The motivation, determination and willpower were all there. That's what you need on deployment." "No one gave up, and we all picked each other up," the combat veteran added. Maxwell agreed.

"It was tough, and the really amazing part is that there was no real guidance or preparation for the event," Maxwell said. "Still, we were all motivated to do it, came together as a team when it mattered to win it, and no one quit," he emphasized.

Brown and Maxwell's commander, Lt. Col. Eric Angeli of 25th STB, was equally im-



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Lt. Col. Samuel Whitehurst (far left), commander, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and Maj. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr. (far right), commanding general, 25th ID, stand with members of the 25th Infantry Division Association and others for the awarding of the Guadalcanal Bowl. The Bowl is awarded to the battalion with the most aggregate points. This year's winner is 3rd Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment.

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• For more coverage of the competition, see page B-5.

pressed with his Soldiers' commitment throughout the week.

"The most impressive thing was the competitive spirit that all my Soldiers displayed during the entire competition," said Angeli. "Everyone was helping each other, no one lost their temper, and they all seemed to communicate well with each other," he said.

"It shows that we're truly on the glide-path to success. I am not only proud of the Special Troops Battalion, but also super proud to be its leader," Angeli said.

Pride was the dominant emotion expressed by all leaders who witnessed the camaraderie throughout the week. Among those leaders was the commanding general

of the 25th Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., who commended all participants for a wonderful team-building week, cautioned all to be careful over the holiday weekend, and praised each Soldier's continued commitment to service.

"This is a great place to be on the Fourth of July weekend, and I have never seen a better celebration of our nation's birthday than what goes on here at Schofield Barracks," Caslen said. "You are not only members of the best division in the Army, but the best army in the world. Be proud of that."

"When you go out this weekend, don't forget that you are part of a great country with great privileges and freedoms that you all represent," Caslen continued. "You are standing in the gap of protecting it and defending it and preserving it."

"The security of our country is on your backs," he said. "You ought to be proud of that, and I know you are."

The Winners Circle	Basketball	Tug-of-War
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer 1st place, 2-35th Inf. Regt. 2nd, 209th ASB 3rd, 3-25th Avn. Regt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball 1st place, 25th Inf. Regt. 2nd, 325th BSB 3rd, 2nd SBCT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squad Endurathon 1st place, 25th STB 2nd, 2-35th Inf. Regt. 3rd, 3-4th Cav. Regt.

Warrior Brigade's 'Rear-D' represents at 2008 competition

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – They may be gone, but they're not forgotten!

Rear-Detachment Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), "Warrior Brigade," represented their comrades currently deployed to Iraq by competing in this year's Tropic Lightning Challenge Week, June 30-July 2.

For their efforts, the 2nd SBCT earned third place honors in the volleyball competition. But, it wasn't winning that was the ultimate goal for the Warrior Brigade. Honor and sportsmanship were the ideals exemplified by its Soldiers.

"Our whole idea here was to represent our brigade and to join in the team spirit and friendly sportsmanship throughout the competition," said 2SBCT's Rear Det Command Sgt. Maj. E.J. Snyder. "We planned on simply competing in everything we possibly could with so many of our Soldiers deployed to Iraq." "We have about 49 Soldiers getting ready to deploy this month," he continued, "and a good number of them still participated."

Snyder's sentiment was echoed by Maj. Adelaido Godinez, the Warrior Brigade's rear detachment commander.

"I love events like this because it's shared adversity, and to be included in the celebration is very important to us," Godinez said. "We're here to bring honor and credit upon Second Brigade and specifically our Soldiers who are deployed."

"We took pride in the fact that, on every field of play, we took it with honor without any trash talk and with pure sportsmanship," said Godinez.

One of those Soldiers who participated in the week's team-building events was Capt. Lawrence Lewis, commander, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 2SBCT. Lewis helped organize teams and played in the sporting events.

"It was challenging and kinda' funny, with the majority of the brigade deployed," said Lewis. "We had to really scrape together Soldiers to put together teams. In volleyball, that took third place overall, so that's something definitely to be proud of," he said.

But Lewis, too, was philosophical about the true importance of Tropic Lightning Challenge Week.

"The importance of the week really, though, is that it brings the whole division together. Units, sometimes, tend not to think of themselves as bigger than their own specific elements or battalions."

"This was a chance for all of us to see ourselves as part of something bigger – as one division," Lewis said. "We are all part of something bigger. This was a great team-building week."



11 / Today

Greenware Sale — Receive a discount of 10-50 percent off Greenware shelf items the entire month of July. Paint and take home ceramic vases, lamps, pitchers, bowls and more at the Arts & Crafts Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4202.

12 / Saturday

Digital Photography Classes — Learn the basics of operating that fancy new digital camera and photo composition. Classes are offered July 12, 19 and 26, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$20 per person per class. Call 655-4202 for reservations.

17 / Thursday

Texas Hold 'Em Poker — Put on your best poker face and test your skills against the best of the best in this free tournament, July 17, 7-9:30 p.m., at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. All ID cardholders 18 and older are welcome, but only the first 120 will be able to play. Call 655-0002.

25 / Friday

Big R: Game Extravaganza — Test your game skills and enjoy a free tournament night with your friends at the Nehealani, Schofield Barracks, Wednesday, July 30, 6-8 p.m. Free child care is available and complimentary pupus will be served.

Favorite games will include Scattergories, Taboo, Uno, Wii Bowling and more. To reserve child care, or to reserve your space, e-mail Darlene.j.marshall@us.army.mil by July 25 or call 438-0376.

Ongoing

Recreation Storage — Don't have enough room for all your toys? Deploying soon and need a safe place to keep your valuables?

A brand new recreation vehicle/boat storage facility is now available for use at the Fort Shafter Auto Skills Center.

The Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center also offers long-term storage options for vehicles and other personal items.

Cost is \$30 per month. Call Fort Shafter at 438-9402 or Schofield Barracks at 655-9368.

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

If you are in 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.



Photo by Nikki Sturm

Giving 'proof through the night'

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 25th Infantry Division's Tropic Lightning Band lights up the evening sky with patriotic songs for an audience of more than 40,000 at the Fourth of July Spectacular on Sills Field.

A nutritious snack is offered each day, and 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 — Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) libraries hold 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).

Mongolian Barbecue — Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables and watch it grilled to your liking at the KoleKole Bar & Grill, Schofield Barracks, every Monday, 5-8 p.m.

Cost is 65-cents an ounce. Call 655-4466/0660.

Summer Reading Programs — Reading is "dino-mite" with the summer reading program, which started June 17 and runs through July 17. Read at least one book per week, record it in your log and get a prize.

This program is open to children ages 3-12. Weekly story times are available at all libraries and other events.

The reading program for teenagers, Stuck on Reading, is for middle and high school students, ages 12 and up. It runs the same time as the youth program, and the grand prize for the teenager program is an iPod Shuffle.

Pick up a summer reading program packet at your local Army library. Registration is required. Visit your local Army library for scheduled events or to pick up a packet.

2008 Arts & Crafts Contest — Entries are now being accepted for the 2008 Army Arts & Crafts contest. Enter two- and three-dimensional works of art to compete for cash prizes against other artists from the Army.

Contact the Schofield Barracks Arts & Crafts Center at 655-4202 or the Fort Shafter Center at 438-1315.

Flat Stanley Project — Pick up your "Flat Stanley," a flattened paper cutout of the title character from Jeff Brown's Flat Stanley books, at any Army library. Take him on an adventure and bring him back to the library by Aug. 11.

Be creative, dress him up and take a photo of his travels. Prizes will be awarded for the furthest traveled and other creative entries. Grand prize for most creative photo is a digital camera. Visit your local Army library for more information.

Fort Shafter Thrift Shop — Browse the Thrift Shop for all your décor. 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 as 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.

Auto Services — Get your oil changed, transmission services performed, tires rotated and other auto services performed at the Auto Skills Center while you're at work.

Call 438-9402 (Fort Shafter) or

655-9368 (Schofield Barracks).

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 for sale. Call 655-9368 (Schofield Barracks) or 438-9402 (Fort Shafter).

Arts & Crafts Classes — Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts programs include basic ceramics, wheel throwing, hand building and open studio ceramics. Classes are scheduled every week during May.

If clay isn't appealing, the center also hosts stained glass and mosaic classes, keiki art classes, and quilting classes, scheduled weekly. Call 438-1315.

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

Pau Hana Social Hour at KoleKole — Stop by after work at the KoleKole Bar & Grill, Schofield Barracks, and enjoy ice-cold beverages.

Specials for drinks and food run Monday-Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Call 655-4466/0660.

Lunch Buffet — Have lunch, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., or brunch on Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the KoleKole Bar & Grill, Schofield Barracks.

The brunch buffet features an omelet station, French toast, Belgian waffles, eggs, assorted pastries and hot lunch entries. Call 655-4466/0660.

ents and college or high school students. Call 839-4319 or 833-8175.

15 / Tuesday

Free Online Job Training Classes — Attend job search training from your home or office. All you need is a phone and a computer. Join ACS, July 15, 10-11 a.m. for a class on Strategies for Private Sector Resume Writing.

Register at www.acshieemployment.com and click on the TeleSeminar link under the Virtual Classes header. Call 655-4227.

17 / Thursday

Tour of Wahiawa — Registration is due July 17 for the free bus tour of Wahiawa, July 19, 10 a.m.

The 45-minute tour will begin and end at Center Street and is offered by the Wahiawa Community and Business Association's Community Strengthening Program.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 621-6531.

Army Civilian Resume Builder — Army Community Service (ACS) will host training on the Army civilian resume system, Resumix, July 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

The training is open to military, family members, and Department of Defense employees.

Training will be held at Fort Shafter's Outreach Center, Building S330. Call ACS at 438-9285. Register online at www.acsclasses.com.

18 / Friday

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. Orientations will be held these dates:

- July 18 & 25, 9-10:30 a.m., Schofield Barracks' ACS. Call ACS at 655-4227 (Schofield Barracks). Register online at www.acsclasses.com.

Child care vouchers are available if children are registered and space is reserved.

19 / Saturday

Enrollment Deadline — The deadline to apply for the next course in a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics with the University of Oklahoma is July 19. Fall registration began July 1.

This nonthesis program can be completed in 18 months or less. Contact Oklahoma University at aphickam@ou.edu or 449-6364.

"Home of the Brave" Quilt Project — The public is invited to the Pacific Aviation Museum, Pearl Harbor, July 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to sign names and write messages of hope and comfort on "Home of the Brave" quilts, sewn by volunteers and given to families of fallen service members.

No reservations are needed. Admission is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. Kamaaina and military discounts are available.

The quilts will be at the museum again on Sept. 1. Call the museum at 441-1000 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

22 / Tuesday

AHFH Open House — Army Hawaii Family Housing will host an open house showcasing its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Homes Gold pilot initiative, July 22-23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Schofield Barracks.

AHFH residents can take self-guided and guided tours of homes. Register at rsvp@armyhawaii.fh.com. Call 275-3177 for more details.

24 / Thursday

Volunteer Ceremony — The next 25th Infantry Division Quarterly Volunteer Ceremony will be held at Schofield Barrack's Post Conference Room, July 24, at 2 p.m.

Ke Kani O Ke Kai Summer Concert Series — The Waikiki Aquarium will continue its annual oceanside concert featuring some of the island's top performers, restaurant partners and fun for all.

Concert dates (and artists) are July 24, Eddie Kamae; and Aug. 7, Willie K.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and concerts begin at 7. Aquarium galleries and exhibits will remain open throughout the evening.

Each concert is \$25 for adults, \$10 for juniors (ages 7-12) and free for children ages 6 and younger.

Due to space limitations, only the first 500 reservations will be accepted. Visit www.waquarium.org or call 440-9015.

25 / Friday

Essay Contest — The deadline for entries in the Elva Resa Publishing and Military-FamilyBooks.com writing contest for essays, short stories and poems focusing on stories for children about military life is July 25.

Entries should be appropriate for children ages 4-10. The contest is open to anyone, but children under 18 must have a parent or guardian's permission.

Grand prize is \$500 and all additional published entries will receive \$300. Each writer with a winning entry will also receive five copies of the book.

For complete contest rules and submission guidelines, e-mail contest@elvaresa.com or visit www.elvaresa.com/anthologycontest.html.

August

3 / Sunday

Cooking Demonstration — Master Chef Martin Yan of the "Yan Can Cook" series of cookbooks and cooking show will conduct a cooking demonstration and autograph signing, Aug. 3, 2:30-4 p.m. at the Navy Exchange, Pearl Harbor. Call 421-1568 for more information.

Ongoing

Civil Air Patrol — Civil Air Patrol's Wheeler Composite Squadron will meet every Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wheeler Army Air Field. The squadron regularly accepts new members, ages 12-18, who are interested in aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness, and character development.

Call or e-mail Lt. Anthony Ferrara, 386-1374, or tony4atmos@aol.com.



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel 836-4599

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

Fort DeRussy Chapel 836-4599

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass in Chapel (May-Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. — Mass on Beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Service
- Buddhist 1st Sunday, 1 p.m.

Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

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

Helemano (HMR) Chapel 653-0703

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

Main Post Chapel 655-9307

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

MPC Annex, Building 791

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

Soldiers Chapel

- Catholic Friday-Saturday, noon — Adoration
- Liturgical Sunday, 9:30 a.m. — Worship

Tripler AMC Chapel 433-5727

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

Wheeler Chapel 656-4481

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



Sex and the City

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Friday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

What Happens in Vegas

(PG)
Saturday, 4 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

(PG)
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 4 p.m.

Speed Racer

(PG)
Sunday, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



Send announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

11 / Today

JROTC Summer Camp — Today is the deadline to apply for the weeklong Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Summer Camp, July 28-Aug. 1.

The camp, offered by the Punahou School to high school students who attend any school that does not offer JROTC, is also open to home school and charter school students.

The camp will be held at the East Range, Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$50 and includes uniforms, equipment, housing and food during the camp.

Activities will include rope bridging, rappelling, a confidence course, a leadership reaction course, map reading, land navigation, swimming exercises and more.

Contact retired Lt. Col. Bob Takao at rtakao@punahou.edu or 944-5723 to register for the camp.

14 / Monday

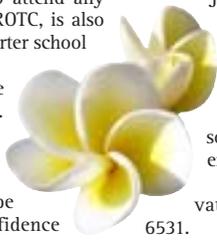
FRSA Town Hall — The 25th Infantry Division Chief of Staff will hold a town hall meeting July 14, 2-4 p.m., at the Kalakaua Community Center.

The meeting is open to family readiness support assistants, brigade and battalion level commanders. Call 655-4823.

Vacation Bible School — Registration is now open for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS), entitled "Power Lab - Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power."

VBS will run July 14-18, 9-11:45 a.m., at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, Building 1790. It's open to children ages 4-sixth grade. Call 839-4319 or 833-8175.

The program features Bible stories, drama, crafts, songs and recreation. Volunteer positions are still available for par-



Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus visits wounded warriors

Story and Photo by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — More than 100 wounded warriors and their family members gathered in anticipation for a meet and greet with Grammy Award-nominated American country star Billy Ray Cyrus at the Warrior Assistance Center here, on the Fourth of July.

As the performer entered the building, one could not decide who was more excited — the star or the fans — each thanking the other for their presence.

“Our wounded warriors are very deserving of an opportunity like this,” said Kristina Kalili, outreach program coordinator at the Warrior Assistance Center. “The Soldiers are excited and feel honored to have a superstar donate (his) time for a visit.”

Making his way to the lounge area, Cyrus stopped to shake hands with numerous people, posed for pictures and complimented Soldiers for their service to our country. Complete with sunglasses, cowboy boots, a T-shirt with the word “Tennessee” across his chest, and an accent to match, Cyrus exuded southern hospitality as he engaged each person in conversation.

“I get a chance to say thanks to the troops, their families ... just looking them in the eyes and reaching out and shaking their hands,” said Cyrus in an interview after the meet and greet. “The sacrifice they make for this great country is overwhelming.”

For the next hour, Cyrus signed autographs, chatted with Soldiers, and told young children to follow their dreams.

“I sign a lot of my autographs ‘Follow your dreams,’” said Cyrus. “I think now’s a great time for the kids and families to think about what they want to do with their lives ... knowing that anything is possible.”

“I’m a huge supporter of people reaching out and going beyond their comfort zone and reaching their dreams,” he con-



Sgt. Richard Montgomery, Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), watches as his son Brennen shows Billy Ray Cyrus (left) where to autograph his photograph. Montgomery, along with his daughters Kaia and Felicity (left to right) and wife Lyndse (not pictured) joined other members of the WTB for a chance to meet the famous country singer.

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During the meet and greet, Cyrus listened attentively as Soldiers told stories of injuries they sustained in battle. Cyrus asked questions about their service and recuperation.

“(Cyrus) came a long way, and I think it’s great he is taking out time to give the Soldiers individual attention,” said Spc.

Joshua Floyd, Warrior Transition Battalion. “This is an outlet and brief moment when (the Soldiers) are not worrying about healing or transition. It’s about the community effort, and he’s a part of it.”

Cyrus is most known for his hit single “Achy Breaky Heart” that catapulted him into worldwide fame. He also holds the

record by a debut artist for his album “Some Gave All,” which was number one on Billboard’s Hot 100 Album chart for 17 weeks in 1992.

Cyrus explained he wrote the “Some Gave All” after meeting a Vietnam veteran in 1989. He repeated the lyrics, emphasizing the line “some stood through for the red, white and blue, and some had

to fall.” He said the song brings a great deal of positive attention to and has received appreciation from Soldiers.

“I always prayed that God would give me the wisdom and the ability to do what I was supposed to do on this earth, to fulfill my purpose,” said Cyrus. “I think that singing that song and writing that song is part of my manifest destiny.”

Adding actor to his resume, Cyrus currently stars as Robby Stewart, father and manager to his teenage daughter, played by real-life daughter and teen icon, Miley, in the Emmy-nominated Disney Channel series, “Hannah Montana.”

He has also appeared in numerous movies and other television shows, including the lead role on the 2001 comedy and drama program “Doc.”

Jumping on the reality television show craze, Cyrus recently appeared on “Dancing with the Stars,” making it to the final five. He was eventually eliminated in week eight.

The busy star is also a host on the Country Music Television show “Nashville Star,” and continues to make numerous appearances to showcase his musical talents around the country.

No stranger to travel and being away from his family and farm near Nashville, Tenn., Cyrus offered advice to families of deployed Soldiers: “Stay busy ... and stay focused on being positive,” he said about separations.

“I believe the support of the Army and military in general begins in the home,” he added. “It’s a tight-knit foundation that needs to become stronger day-by-day.”

As the meet and greet neared an end, Lt. Col. Harold Xenitelis, commander, Warrior Transition Battalion, presented Cyrus with a certificate of appreciation for visiting the wounded warriors. Cyrus graciously accepted with a smile, a handshake, and numerous words of thanks.

“Wow,” said Cyrus. “I wasn’t expecting this ... and it sure is an honor.”



Sgt. Corey Strand | 45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Show of force

NORTH SHORE — Sgt. Jason Jinks, 13th Military Police Detachment, 45th Sustainment Brigade, discusses some of the equipment frequently used in military police operations with a guest, at the Turtle Bay Resort, July 4.

Two Soldiers ‘work the crowd’ at BayFest

Story and Photo by
PFC. ASHLEY M. ARMSTRONG

94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay — After they tied for first place in the BayFest Emcee Maniac Competition, two Soldiers were awarded the privilege of introducing the bands Everclear and Live, the final concerts at BayFest, Sunday.

Master Sgt. Stan Cooper, training and plans noncommissioned officer in charge, 516th Signal Brigade, and Staff Sgt. Justin W. Lewis, intelligence noncommissioned officer, 516th Signal Brigade, were the only Army participants in the competition and two of the four winners. “It was really cool to get an Army element up there representing the Soldiers,” said Lewis.

The Emcee Maniac Competition was conducted at Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill, June 26, at K-Bay. According to the BayFest Web site, the participants were judged on personality, ability to work the crowd, and showmanship.

“They gave us a list of sponsors and the scenario, and we had to get up and make it fun and entertaining,” said Lewis about the competition.

A total of six competed and four won, said Cooper. The winners received the opportunity to host the concerts each night of BayFest. They introduced the bands, acknowledged the sponsors, and gave away free merchandise while entertaining the crowd.

Both have experience working a crowd, they



“Where are my party people,” Staff Sgt. Justin W. Lewis, intelligence noncommissioned officer, 516th Signal Brigade, asks the crowd at BayFest 2008 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, July 6.

said. Cooper has acting experience, and Lewis has done stand-up comedy.

Cooper and Lewis were the only ones who got to perform with a partner because of the tie.

“Performing together takes a little bit of the edge off because we are supporting each oth-

er,” said Lewis.

The judges of the competition picked what night would be best for each of the competitors to perform.

“As an emcee, your job is not so much to entertain the crowd, but to get them ready for the main act,” Lewis said about the 10,000 people in attendance.

Despite receiving a script and a list of sponsors, the pair had no other plan.

“What you see is what you get. We basically make it up as we go along,” said Cooper.

On top of introducing the bands, Cooper and Lewis received meet and greet passes that allowed them to meet the band members, get their autographs and a group photo.

“Meeting the bands was unbelievable. They were humble and down to earth, just regular guys who like to rock,” said Lewis.

Overall, both Lewis and Cooper believed the night went really well. They described the experience as “insane” and “exciting,” and said that the crowd was amazing.

Spc. David A. Arroyo, power generation equipment repairer, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, was delighted with the Army representation, too.

“The emcees were cool. They built up the bands before they introduced them,” Arroyo said. “So everybody was yelling by the time they took the stage, which was an amazing experience being up in the front and just hearing the deafening screams come from behind me.”



11 / Today

Personal Training Summer Special

— Receive one free Personal Training Session when you purchase a 10-pack of sessions during the months of July and August.

Call Kristy Osborn, 381-5944, or the Health & Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks, 655-8007.

12 / Saturday

Hawaii Championship Wrestling

— Be front and center for the best action local wrestling has to offer, July 12, 7-9 p.m., at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0002.

Deep Sea Fishing — Don't miss your chance to catch the big one, July 12. Outdoor Recreation will provide transportation, a cooler with ice, snacks and drinks. Space is available for groups up to six. Cost is \$130 for a half-day session. Call 655-0143.

15 / Tuesday

Tour de North Shore

— Register by July 15 for an eco-friendly low-impact bicycle tour, July 20, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Explore the local hot spots on easy, paved biking trails, suitable for riders of all ability levels and ages.

Cost is \$15 per person, or \$20 with bike rental (adult bikes only). If using your own bike, please ensure that your bicycle is in working order prior to the trip.

Outdoor Recreation can inspect your bike and recommend any repairs/maintenance needed. Call 655-0143.



Spc. Jazz Burney | 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Getting their kicks

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment "Cacti," and 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion battle for the ball in a soccer game held during Tropic Lightning Challenge Week.

16 / Wednesday

Workout Without Walls — Trying to get in shape but the same old routine has you unmotivated? Outdoor Recreation will offer a brand new program, giving you the chance to try a different workout in a new location every week.

The next class is July 16, 9-11 a.m.; classes will be held every Wednesday. Each session costs \$10. Call 655-0143 for more information.

August

10 / Sunday

Military Long Drive Championship

— The Army Leilehua Golf Course will host the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) Long Drive Championship, Aug. 10, 8 a.m.

This event is an official Long Drivers of America (LDA) qualifier. For official rules

and registration forms, call 655-4653 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Active duty service members from any branch of service, Reserve and National Guard, and retirees and family members ages 18 years and above with valid military ID cards are eligible to compete.

Locally, prizes will include gift certificates to the pro shop. Also, the top long drive competitor at each of the five geographical zones will win an all-expense



Send sports announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

12 / Saturday

North Shore Swim Series — The 20th Annual Surf 'n Sea North Shore Swim Series continues with Cholo's Waimea Bay Swim, a 1.2-mile swim at Waimea Bay, July 12, 9 a.m.

Save the dates for these upcoming swims, too:

- July 26: Chun's to Waimea Bay Swim, and
- Aug. 9: Challenge Swim.

Each event will be patrolled by life-guards. Swims are electronically timed. Individual event times are combined and

series awards are presented to top swimmers in each age category.

Visit www.hawaiiswim.com to download an application.

13 / Sunday

Honolulu Tinman Triathlon — Registration ends July 13 at midnight for the 28th Annual Honolulu Tinman Triathlon, July 20, 5:30 a.m. at Queen Kapiolani Park.

The triathlon includes an 800-meter swim, 40-kilometer bike ride and 10-kilometer run.

Registration fees are \$120 for individuals or \$140 for teams. T-shirts can be purchased for \$15.

Visit www.tinmanhawaii.com.

19 / Sunday

Kailua Beach Run — Registration ends July 19 at 3 p.m. for the Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club's (MPRRC) Kailua Beach Run, July 20, 7 a.m.

The run, along the sandy shore in Kailua

is approximately 4.5 miles, out and back.

Fees are \$5 for MPRRC members, \$10 for non-members and free for life-members. Visit www.mprrc.com.

27 / Sunday

Mango Days 5K — The 6th Annual Mango Days 5K, July 27, 6:30 a.m. at Ala Moana Beach Park, will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Online registration closes July 22, 11:59 p.m. After that, register in person at packet pickup July 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Nike-town, Waikiki.

Registration fee is \$25 to run/walk or the stroller division. Late registration is \$30.

All participants will receive a t-shirt. T-shirt not guaranteed for late registration. Strollers are welcome.

Visit www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1587774 to register online.

Volksmarch — Join the Menehune Marchers Volkspport Club on a 5- or 10-

kilometer volksmarch (walk), July 27, at the Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden's Kahui Nui Pavilion, Kaneohe. Walkers can begin anytime between 9:15 a.m.-noon. Call Maria at 261-3583 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/menehu nemarchers.

Also, mark your calendars for another march, Aug. 3, at the Koko Head District Park. Walkers can begin anytime between 7:30-11:30 a.m. Call Marsha at 395-9724 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/menehu nemarchers.

Ongoing

Hawaii Youth Triathlon Club — Children, ages 7-19, are invited to join the Hawaii Youth Triathlon Club (HYTC), an organized sport club run by athletes. Membership is \$50 and includes an annual membership with USA Triathlon, insurance during training, swim cap and club certificate, review clinics and newsletter. Visit www.hawaiiyouthtri.com.

paid trip to compete in the military division a the Long Drive Championship in Mesquite, Nev.

The participant who hits the longest qualified drive during the World Long Drive Championship will win \$10,000.

Ongoing

Pool Seasonal Hours — Effective immediately, the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) and Helemano Military Reservation (HMR) swimming pools will be operating as seasonal pools.

Both pools will be open for business from Memorial Day through Discoverer's Day (Oct. 13), each year, and will be closed for the remainder of the year.

Richardson Pool on Schofield Barracks and the Tripler Pool will maintain their current hours of operation throughout the year. Call 655-9654 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com for the full schedule.

All Army Sports — Soldiers interested in applying for Army-level sports competitions must apply with their Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account at <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil>. Faxed copies are no longer accepted by the Sports Office. Call 655-9914 or 655-0856.

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

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

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

TOPS — The Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) support group meets every Thursday evening at the Armed Services YMCA. Join others to share weight loss tips, discuss concerns and provide encouragement to each other.

Call Cheryl at 696-4423 for more information.

Escrima Classes — Pedoy's School of Escrima, the Filipino art of self-defense, holds classes every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at its training center in Waipio.

Sessions cover hand-to-hand fighting, weapons, grappling, boxing and kicking. Call 678-2438 or 216-3211.

Eskrima classes for men, women and children of all ages are also held at Mililani Elementary School.

Develop character and self-confidence during a Wednesday class, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or Saturday class, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Call 398-0119.

Bronco Brigade is new owner of Guadalcanal Bowl



Spc. Brian Bucy | 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

"Wolfhounds" from the 2-27th Inf. Regt. "heave and ho" in unison while Soldiers from 3rd Brigade's Special Troops Battalion douse them with squirt guns in the tug-of-war event held during Tropic Lightning Challenge Week.

STAFF SGT. TIM MEYER

3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Units of the 3rd Infantry Combat Brigade Team won 11 of 24 trophies from eight events, plus the coveted Guadalcanal Bowl during the Tropic Lightning Challenge Week competitions last week.

The events were a welcome break from the rigors of training in preparation for the brigade's deployment to Iraq later this year. During the week, the spirit of camaraderie was just as important as the competitive spirit, according to Brigade Soldiers.

"The Tropic Lightning Challenge Week was instrumental in bringing our company and the brigade together for a week of unity, and ... to showcase the athletic talents ... in our brigade," said Spc. Tanya Rangemee, signal analyst, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 325th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB).

The 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, won the most events within the brigade, taking six trophies and the

Guadalcanal Bowl. It placed first in ultimate football and soccer, and second in the squad Endurathon, softball and the golf scramble.

Members of the 25th Infantry Division Association awarded the Guadalcanal Bowl to the unit that best embodied the spirit of competitiveness during the week.

The squad Endurathon involved combat-related events, including assembly and disassembly of weapons, a litter-carry race, and a road march with warrior tasks, which were selected immediately before the start of the event.

Soldiers from 2-27th Inf. Regt. nabbed three trophies, placing first in volleyball and second in the tug-of-war and ultimate football, while the 325th BSB placed second in volleyball.

"Soldiers interacting with their senior leadership throughout Tropic Lightning Week made it truly successful ... it provided the bridge necessary for Soldiers to build a more intimate level of respect for their leaders," said 1st Sgt. Carlos M. Banks, Sr., first sergeant, HHC, 325th BSB.

'Wings of Lightning' Brigade shows pride at TLCW competition

Competition gives Soldiers taste of camaraderie, fun outside normal workweek

STAFF SGT. TYRONE C. MARSHALL JR.

25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — The Soldiers of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), known as "Wings of Lightning," displayed their warrior spirit by providing tough competition during the 25th Infantry Division's Tropic Lightning Challenge Week (TLCW).

The brigade competed in softball, volleyball, ultimate football, the commanding general's golf scramble, and a host of other activities during the week.

The aviation brigade also hosted its own ultimate Frisbee tournament, won by 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, "Diamondhead," and senior leadership participated in the fiercely competitive commanders versus command sergeants major softball game.

Although many activities were cause for the celebration, TLCW was not lost on the Soldiers of the 25th CAB.

"They've been doing this for at least ten years," said 1st Sgt. Scott King, command sergeant major, 2-25th Avn. Regt. "I don't exactly know how long, but there is a tradition here. It's always been through the Fourth of July weekend, deployment pending, of course."

King, who has been a part of the division for two separate stints, also highlighted the value of letting Soldiers relieve some stress and compete against each other.

"It's always a good opportunity to take a few days and shake out a little stress for the Soldiers, and to enjoy the Army from a different perspective other than doing your job or completing missions out there," he said.

Other junior Soldiers had similar thoughts on the festivities.

"I love it," said Sgt. Shawn Sinclair, a team chief with 3-25th Avn. Regt. "I think it's good for the Soldiers, especial-



Spc. Carlee Ross | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Eric Angeli (center), commander, Special Troops Battalion, 25th ID, is presented the first place award for the Squad Endurathon at Stoneman Field, July 2.

ly since you have a bunch of new people coming in, because we're getting ready to deploy again.

"It's good when they come in and actually see it's not all about work, work, work," Sinclair continued. "We get to

have fun too."

"I think it's a good team-building type of activity to get all your units together and just show camaraderie," added Sgt. Vincent Ingram, A Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion. "It's about coming out and having fun with friendly competition against the rest of the units."

Sinclair, who played softball, also explained how the 3-25th Avn. Regt.'s command encouraged Soldiers to compete.

"They said, 'Hey, if Soldiers want to play sports, pass down the word — let 'em play.' The Soldiers really enjoyed it. I have four new Soldiers in my section (and) they all played at least one sport."

Ingram reflected on a different aspect of the competition.

"I'm a competitive person, so it's always an honor to represent our unit going against other units to show who the best in all the sports is," he said. "It's always good to come out and support your unit and try to do your best to help your unit win."