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Staff Sgt. Stacy L. Pearsall | U.S. Air Force

During the blue phase of training, a female recruit accomplishes an obstacle with her combat buddies at the team building course on June 15, 2006. Basic combat training is nine weeks in length and is divided into three colored phases which are red, white and blue. Soldiers in the red phase are in their first two weeks. The white phase lasts for three weeks and the blue phase completes the trainees time at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

## Army raises enlistment age

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FORT KNOX, Ky. — The Army has raised the enlistment age to 42, made possible under provisions of the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization Act.

The Army raised the active-duty age limit to 40 in January as an interim step while it worked out the additional medical screening requirements for recruits ages 40 to 42. Before January, an applicant could not have reached

his or her 35th birthday. The Army Reserve age limit was raised from 35 to 40 in March 2005.

Raising the maximum age for Army enlistment expands the recruiting pool, provides motivated individuals an opportunity to serve and strengthens the readiness of Army units. More than 1,000 men and women over age 35 have already enlisted since the Army and Army Reserve raised their age limits to age 40.

"Experience has shown that older recruits who can meet the physical de-

mands of Army service generally make excellent Soldiers. They are mature, motivated, loyal and patriotic, and bring with them a wealth of skills and experience to our Army," said Col. Donald Bartholomew, U.S. Army Recruiting Command Assistant Chief of Staff, G5.

"We certainly do not expect for this change to result in a large increase of recruits, however it will allow for those individuals who have the passion for service, but for whatever reason could not

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## Stage set for deployment ceremony, luau

The 25th Infantry Division will conduct a farewell deployment formation and ceremony July 7 at 2 p.m. on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks. The ceremony is being held to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of the nearly 7,000 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Hawaii Soldiers deploying in support of the global war on terror.

The entire Tropic Lightning family is en-

couraged and invited to attend.

Traffic around Sills Field (Cadet Sheridan and Trimble Roads) will be halted during the dress rehearsal July 6 at 10 a.m. and the July 7 ceremony.

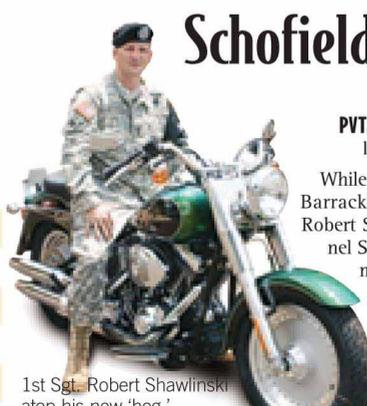
Overflow parking for the ceremony will be on Stoneman Field and a bus will shuttle guests to and from the event site.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general of the 25th Infantry

Division, is to take charge of the Multinational Division North in Iraq.

Following the ceremony, the "Farewell to the Troops" deployment luau will be held at the Nehelani.

Tickets purchased before July 7 are \$5 and \$7 the day of the event. Tickets for deploying Soldiers are free. All military ranks, civilians and family members are welcome. For more information, call 655-4466.



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While walking into the Schofield Barracks commissary, 1st Sgt. Robert Shawlinski, 556th Personnel Support Battalion, Replacement Detachment, passed a Harley-Davidson on display.

"It would be a dream to win this motorcycle," Shawlinski thought as he quickly wrote his

name on an entry form and dropped it into a box next to the bike. He had just entered the Cadbury-Schweppes Harley-Davidson Sportster XL1200L giveaway.

Little did he know that within a few months would actually own that same Harley-Davidson.

One finalist was chosen at random from each of the five commissaries on Oahu. Finalists competed in a putting contest June 22. The person with the closest putt would drive away with the motorcycle.

"I didn't know how to play golf, period," said Shawlinski. "So I had a close friend teach me some lessons on the fine art of putting."

"Although I didn't get a hole-in-one, I was closer ... than any of the other competitors," he said. "I beat a retired Marine colonel by about 12 inches."

"After I won, I called my wife ... she was ... hollering with joy. 'I felt as high as a kite,' he said.

Ironically, Shawlinski already owned a Sportster that his wife,

Robin, bought him for Christmas last year.

While picking up his prize at the Harley-Davidson store, the manager offered to trade in his old bike and the price of the new one to upgrade to a bigger, better model.

Shawlinski is now the proud owner of a 2006 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy 1450CC, which is twice the price of the Sportster.

"I feel so lucky," he said. "I think I'm going to start playing the lottery now."



U.S. Army photo

Sgt. Maj. Hugh O'Reilly started a tradition of helping out at the Holy Family Home orphanage in Osaka, Japan, in 1949.

## Wolfhound leaves big shoes to fill

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Schofield Barracks' Wolfhounds, distinguished guests and family members gathered to celebrate and honor the life and legacy of retired Master Sgt. and honorary 27th Infantry Regimental Sgt. Maj. Hugh F. O'Reilly at a memorial ceremony at Sgt. Smith Theater, Wednesday.

O'Reilly died of natural causes June 23. He was 91 years old.

O'Reilly's distinguished military career spanned three enlistment periods from 1932 through 1962. He fought and served in both World War II and the Korean War. However, it was one fateful Christmas Eve in 1949 that marked O'Reilly's life forever and would prove to be an inspiration for generations to come.

In June 1949, O'Reilly was ordered to Japan and was stationed with the 25th Infantry Division's 27th Infantry Regiment at Camp Sakai, five miles from the city of Osaka. He was assigned to Baker Company as a platoon sergeant and then worked in the regiment's public information section, recounted Command Sgt. Maj. David Yates, command sergeant major, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment.

That Christmas, O'Reilly was one of a few Soldiers who attended a holiday party at the Holy Family Home orphanage in Osaka. The devastation suffered by the orphanage because of the war and the heavy toll on the children there touched a chord in O'Reilly. The very next day, he took up a collection from the Wolfhounds in his unit and presented the offering to the orphanage on New Year's morning, continued Yates.

O'Reilly came to know the orphaned children well, and for the next six months he spent five hours a day helping the sisters repair the orphanage. Soon, Wolfhounds began collecting funds for the Holy Family Home orphanage on a regular basis. To this day, the Soldiers of the 27th Inf. Regt. donate to the orphanage and continue to strengthen the bond of love created by O'Reilly's compassionate spirit.

O'Reilly's humanitarian efforts have been chronicled in newspapers and magazines around the world, and his story inspired the 1955 Columbia Pictures film "Three Stripes in the Sun." He was truly a Wolfhound celebrity.

Despite the national and international honors and accolades, O'Reilly remained resolute that no credit was due him and that the true heroes were the Wolfhounds

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## We want to hear from you...

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

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# Army must keep in touch with 'Joe Average'

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Once again, all the major national polls are reporting that the military services are the most trusted institutions in the United States.

After recently celebrating the Army's 231st birthday, it is pleasant to know that the service we are all part of is held in such high esteem. But after a brief period of self-congratulations, it would be well for us all to reflect on the implications.

Having that degree of trust from the American people implies an awesome responsibility. If people are going to place that degree of trust in you, you better live up to expectations.

That is the secret of the Army, I think. We are answerable to every voter, every Joe Average in the nation. Soldiers might be remote from the senior levels of their chain of command, but to see the boss, all

they have to do is drive out the main gate.

In this time of a professional Army, it might be easy to lose that connection. The pace in the Army is pretty intense. Units all seem to be preparing to deploy, deployed or recovering from a recent deployment. There is no time out; few opportunities to get away from the green machine and just be one of the guys.

That is the case even for civilian workers on post. Tight budgets mean more has to be done with fewer people. Everyone feels the pressure.

With all that, it would be easy to stay within our own Army world — easy, but dangerous.

In the history of the world, since our nation's founding, effective, professional militaries have rarely been associated with democracy and freedom. Think about it. There were the British in the 19th century, the U.S. now and ... I can't think of another case.

Democracies have always depended on conscription, the draft, to fill the ranks of their armies during war and usually during peace, too. Otherwise, their ranks have slipped to small cadres that barely stayed prepared for the next mobilization, when they would train a new wave of citizen Soldiers.

But a professional Army — especially one that is isolated from the population it protects — could easily transform into a military class, one with more allegiance to its own members than to the rest of the nation's people.

Sound far-fetched? Look around the world and think of how many nations must think of their militaries when considering political power. That the military isn't considered a political force here might be one of the most remarkable things about our country and our armed forces.

That high level of trust the polls report

comes because the Army and its sister services have shown they are good at their jobs, certainly, but also because rarely have those in our nation's uniforms ever questioned the authority of the civilians they serve. Only the lunatic fringes seriously consider anyone in the Army, the Navy, the Air Force or the Marines a threat to the civilian institutions that run the country.

We would all do well to stay connected to that off-post world. That trust is a valuable commodity. It means having the support needed to accomplish the mission, knowing families are cared for when Soldiers deploy, and knowing there is a welcoming community to turn to when that career in uniform is over.

And it is always good to remind yourself who the boss is.

*(Editor's Note: David W. Kuhns Sr. is the editor of the Northwest Guardian at Fort Lewis, Wash.)*

## LIGHTNING SPIRIT

# Becoming an instrument of peace

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I would like to share a prayer that has made a profound impact on my life and the lives of many, many people who have prayed it. It was attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, Italy:

Lord make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred,

let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardon-

ing that we

are pardoned.

And it is

in dying

that we are

born to eternal

life. Amen.

This prayer was composed by

an anonymous Norman, circa 1915.

This prayer pretty much encapsulates what Giovanni di Bernardone was about, and whoever

wrote this prayer grasped the essence of the "Pavarello", the poor man of Assisi.

Francis or Francesco was what the locals called him. He was born in Assisi, Italy in either 1181 or 1182 of a very wealthy family.

Early on, he was given all the luxuries that a boy of his status could enjoy. But that, apparently, was not where God was calling him.

Francis had dreams of becoming a great Soldier and enlisted for several military expeditions with local militias. Around 1201, he was captured and imprisoned for a

year in a military

stockade where he

began questioning

where God was lead-

ing him.

Francis had a kind

heart and cared very lit-

tle for material goods. He finally discerned God's call in his life

— to serve the poor and disenfranchised. After this conversion he renounced all his worldly possessions and inheritance and lived for a while as a beggar.

Ultimately, Francis founded the Franciscan Order, which is one of the largest religious orders in the world. The order consists of three sub orders and has over 5 million members worldwide. Their preferential option is to serve the poor and support people across the globe who struggle for peace, freedom and quality of life.

Pax Et Bonum! (Peace and all good.)



As of 6/21/06

# 38 days

since last fatal accident

Soldiers, as your daily reminder to be safe, place a "red dot" on your wristwatch. Remember, a division training holiday will be awarded for the first 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.

Be safe. Tropic Lightning!

**2nd Louie** By Bob Rosenburgh

## PMO - Did you know?

Traffic points are assessed against a person's driver's license for tickets received on post. Points assessed against a person will remain in effect for point accumulation purposes for 24 consecutive months.

Infractions and associated penalties while driving on post include:

- Driving under the influence of an intoxicant

- If age 21 and older — 14-day minimum alcohol rehabilitation program, license suspension for 90 days, 48 hours to 5 days of community service;

- If under age 21 — License suspension for 180 days, not more than 36 hours of community service, a fine between \$150 to \$500.

- If under age 18 — Parent or guardian and individual will attend an alcohol abuse education and counseling program for not more than 10 hours.

When a Soldier is ticketed, a copy of the citation is forwarded to his or her company commander. The commander is required to take action and forward the result to the provost marshal.

DoD civilians can be cited as well. The citation will be forwarded to their supervisor for action.

The punishments can range from verbal counseling to Article 15's (nonjudicial punishment).

The post commander can use the following driving improvement measures:

- An advisory letter will be sent through the unit commander or supervisor to any person who has acquired six traffic points within a six-month period.

- A counseling or driver improvement interview, conducted by the unit commander, of any person who has acquired more

than six but fewer than 12 traffic points within a six-month period. This counseling or interview should produce recommendations to improve driver performance.

- The Soldier in question can be required to attend a remedial driver training to improve driving performance.

- An active duty Soldier can be referred to an alcohol or drug treatment or rehabilitation facility for evaluation, counseling or treatment for action in all cases in which alcohol or other drugs are a contributing factor to a traffic citation, incident or accident.

- An individual's driving privileges may be suspended or revoked as provided by AR 190-5 regardless of whether these improvement measures are accomplished.

- Individuals whose driving privileges are suspended or revoked for one violation or an accumulation of 12 traffic points within 12 consecutive months, or 18 traffic points within 24 consecutive months will be notified in writing through official channels.

- Any revocation based on traffic points must be no less than six months. In all cases, Soldiers must successfully complete a remedial driver training course before driving privileges are reinstated.

A longer period can be imposed on the basis of an individual's overall driving record considering the frequency, flagrancy, severity of moving violations, and the response to previous driver improvement measures.

*(Editor's Note: Information gathered from Army Regulation 190-5.)*

## Infractions and traffic points

### Infraction

### Points on license

Speeding contest	6
Driving too fast/slow for conditions	2
Failure to use seatbelts	2
Accidents (additional violations can be assessed)	1
Wearing headphones while driving	3
Failure to wear an approved helmet and/or reflective vest	3
Reckless driving	6
Disregarding traffic signs	4
Failure to restrain child/children	2
Operating an unsafe vehicle	2
Fleeing the scene (hit and run)	6
Failure to obey traffic signals/instructions of an enforcement officer	4
Failure to yield right of way to emergency vehicle	4

**Getting it straight:** A headline on the A-1 page of the June 23, 2006 Hawaii Army Weekly mistakenly read, "45th BSB dons new patch." The headline should have read "45th SB dons new patch."

# Voices of Lightning: What is your fondest Fourth of July memory?



"Back home, the fire department hit the fireworks cart and blew up the stage."

Spc. Terry Makela, 3-25 CAB Black Hawk Mechanic



"[At] Bayfest, and I watched my mother-in-law dance to Lynard Skynard."

Staff Sgt. Jamie Giles, B Co., 1- 21 Inf. Regt, Weapons Squad Leader



"When I first got here, the 4th of July special on post, three years ago."

Spc. Dustin Hawley, D Co., 2-27 Inf. Regt. Infantryman



"When I rode my bike down the street with sparklers attached to my helmet."

Eric Bertrand, Family Member



"I'm looking forward to this one now that I'm in the Army."

Pvt. 2nd Julio Navarro, C Co., 1-14 Inf. Regt. Infantryman

## USMA cadets increase service obligations to pursue academic goals

**ERIC S. BARTELT**

*Army News Service*

WEST POINT, N.Y. — A new program offering future commissioned officers the choice of graduate school, particular branch or a particular post in exchange for three more years of active-duty service drew an enthusiastic response from 600 of this year's cadets from the U.S. Military Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Army officials said the results of the Officer Career Satisfaction Incentive Program have been remarkable and, by balancing the force, will save money as well as create better-trained officers with a wider range of skills.

Starting with the class that graduated this spring, year group 2006, the Army is offering 300 USMA cadets and 300 ROTC three- and four-year Scholarship and Distinguished Military Graduate cadets, the opportunity to attend graduate school. West Point was successful in the initial

year of this new Army-wide program, as 352 USMA cadets — 40 percent of the class — signed up to participate. Two hundred fifty-seven USMA cadets chose the graduate school option.

"It's been a tremendous success that exceeded our expectations," said Maj. David Lyle, the deputy director of the Office of Economic Manpower and Analysis. "We estimated that about 150 cadets would be willing to participate in this program. The Army gave USMA 300 graduate school slots and to see West Point fill nearly all of these slots with 257 cadets signing up is a tremendously positive response."

"By providing these incentives, the Army is supporting the superintendent's recent change to the mission statement, calling for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation," Lyle added. "It is a lot easier for officers to think about staying in the Army when they know they will be able to update their skill set halfway through their career

to keep pace with their civilian counterparts.

"Most cadets graduate with the intention of serving as a company commander. This takes them out to 7 or 8 years of service, so the cost of signing up for this program is next to nothing for these cadets," he said.

"Moreover, when they sign up for graduate school before they are commissioned, they have much greater certainty about their chances of getting graduate school in the future," he added.

With the continuing nature of the war on terrorism, Lyle said the Army requires the type of high-potential and high-performing officers West Point produces.

"These officers have a lot of opportunities in the civilian sector, and the Army now has incentives that are competitive with what civilian firms offer," Lyle said. "Graduate education is important to this generation. It is more important to them than money, and it is also worth more to

the Army in terms of professional development than comparable monetary incentives."

Class of 2006 cadets said they are happy that after several years of active service they can continue their education at top-notch universities and still serve in the Army.

"Education is very important to me (and) during those three years of service prior to graduate school I should have the opportunity to take a command," said Cadet 1st Class Brandon Archuleta, who took the graduate school option and would like to pursue a Master's in Public Administration. "Having (company command) makes me very marketable in the private sector."

Some cadets see adding three years of active-duty service in exchange for graduate school as a good deal.

"It's more than a fair trade off. The three years of extra active-duty service are years I would have spent on inactive ready

reserves or in the Reserves, so it is a small price to pay," said program enrollee Cadet 1st Class Michael Wisser, who hopes to go to Duke or the University of Pennsylvania. "After that, I pay three months (of active duty service) for a month of school — that is a great deal."

One question that may enter some cadets' minds is the uncertain future of more deployments to far-off lands in exchange for the promise of an even higher education.

"Right now, cadets know they're going to get combat experience and that they will be doing something noble," Lyle said. "More and more cadets are coming here, not for themselves, but to do something bigger for the Army. I don't know if it's 9/11, but they really seem to be in tune with doing something important for the nation."

*(Editor's Note: Eric S. Bartelt is assistant editor for "On Point" at the U.S. Military Academy.)*



Courtesy photo

Student representatives from each team carry their colors as part of Hawaii's Drug Education for Youth Program (DEFY) last year. At the two-week summer camp, children learn to cooperate as a team with their peers and how to say "no" to drugs.

## Program teaches kids to say 'no' to drugs

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There are many drug prevention programs geared towards youth that have the goal of preventing future use of illegal and addicting substances. The Drug Education for Youth Program (DEFY) is a Navy-funded, yearlong program that teaches children in the community, ranging from ages eight to 18, about the dangerous and harmful effects of drug use.

DEFY allows children to get hands-on experience in how to work with their peers and cooperate as a team, while learning how to say no to drugs. The program con-

sists of a monthly meeting and a two-week-long summer camp.

Wheeler Middle School is the new home of the DEFY summer camp. During the camp, children will be able to conduct physical fitness training as well as learn how to fold the American flag, said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Troy Cayton, direct support and DEFY assistant program manager.

"Movies will also be shown to help stop peer pressure and drug use," he said. "The movies cover everything from illegal drugs to alcohol and even tobacco."

"The program is meant to help kids, especially the ones who have been sheltered, to know exactly what drugs

are," said Petty Officer 1st Class Peggy Cayton, DEFY program manager. "This summer is going to be fun. The children love the program and we have a lot of fun stuff planned this year." The Cayton husband-wife duo has been coordinating the program for a combined five years.

The nation-wide program was previously offered only for the Navy and Marine Corps, but has expanded to include the Army and the Air Force.

Formal enrollment for the program has passed, but parents can still contact Troy Cayton at 781-2198 to sign up.

"We hope to recruit at least 60 children for this year's program," Troy Cayton said.

# Tough times breed great opportunities

**BRIG. GEN. JOHN A. MACDONALD**  
Installation Management Agency

In the month I've been privileged to serve as the director of the Installation Management Agency (IMA), I've become acutely aware of what you're all going through on our great installations as we work through some truly daunting funding challenges. It may not help much, you need to know we understand and appreciate the sacrifices you make, and the really hard decisions your leaders make every day in the interest of providing the most critical services to our customers. The Chief of Staff of the Army, General Peter J. Schoomaker, has declared, "Our installations are our flagships."

This drives home the tremendous importance of our installations to Army readiness. The IMA stands on point to support this effort through SERVICE: Stewardship, Efficiency, Respect, Vision, Integrity, Consistency and Empowerment.

It would be great to tell you the situation will get better now that the long-awaited supplemental appropriation is approved and distributed. Quite simply, we still have a hard road ahead of us. The funding IMA received from the supplemental was reimbursement for the OMA dollars we contributed this year in support of the global war on terror.

As we've said very publicly, we are still more than \$500 million short of successfully completing the fiscal year at our current rate of expenditure. There is no more money coming to us, so we have to spend less to get through the fiscal year. Garrison commanders and staffs still have hard decisions to make, and we anticipate a level of austerity for the foreseeable future that is unprecedented in memory.

The shortfall in funding for installations will not be resolved by finding extra millions or billions of dollars each year to rescue us from insolvency — the trend is very much in the other direction. The situation will only be

resolved by strategically changing our fundamental notion of what installations are and the services they provide. Next year's projected funding picture looks very much like this year, only we may get somewhat less. That trend means our only recourse is to plan for it and try to increase the level of predictability.

The Army leadership is very aware of our dilemma, and at the same time is committed to

providing a high standard of living for Soldiers and family members. If that sounds contradictory, it's not. It means that our leaders are taking a hard look at what installations should be and how they should do their business. They are asking IMA and the garrison commanders to lead the way because we are the experts.

So the installation world is in transition, just like the rest of the Army. And, like the rest of the Army, we are at war, and support for the war effort will be all of our top priority. As difficult and frustrating as it is right now, this is a great time to be in the installation management business because we are on the front lines of shaping the Army installations of the future. It doesn't get more important than that.

We will keep you informed of coming events and will do everything in our power to mitigate the impact on the installations. Do your best to ensure your communities are well informed and well supported within available resources.

Thanks to all of you — members of the IMA team for your unflagging dedication to our customers during this trying time. Thanks also to our customers — Soldiers and your families, senior mission commanders, installation tenant activities, members of installation communities — for supporting us as we work through the current challenges.



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# ACS offers assistance to job-hunting family members

Story and Photo by  
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The Army Community Service office (ACS) offers assistance to family members searching for employment through the Employment Readiness Program.

Alohalinda Bolosan heads the program and leads weekly workshops that guide job hunters toward success. During the 90-minute workshop, attendees learn about many free resources offered by the ACS that can help in their job search. These resources include assistance in building a resume packet, software tutorials and computer classes for all levels of experience, one-on-one career and financial planning, countless job listings, and valuable contacts.

During the workshop, attendees get tips on putting their best foot forward.

Bolosan suggested taking steps such as recording professional greetings on one's voice mail, dressing professionally for job interviews, and researching the company prior to an interview. If questions arise while preparing for an interview, a quick call to the company's secretary can be very informative, giving the interviewee knowledge needed to impress potential employers.

Job hunters can also build skills and gain experience through the various volunteer assignments offered through ACS.

Erlinda Vergara was volunteering with the ACS when she learned about the Dental Assisting Program offered by the American Red Cross and DENTAC of



**That's a mouthful** — Erlinda Vergara (right) assists Lt. Col. Sung Y. Lee in a procedure on Spc. Tamika Green. Vergara learned of the dental assistant position while she worked as a volunteer at the Army Community Service office.

Hawaii. Within five days of completing the seven-month program, she landed a job as a dental assistant. Currently serving Soldiers at the Schofield Dental Clinic, Vergara loves her job and enjoys working on post, giving her more time with her husband, Staff Sgt. Allan Vergara.

Bolosan has seen many success stories over the years, just like Vergara.

"If you want to get ahead in your job search, you should attend the ACS weekly employment orientation. This workshop is the first step in helping you find the job you want," Bolosan said.

Job hunters can explore possible careers within companies or staffing agencies that have signed an agreement with the Army Spouse Employment Partnership (ASEP). Through this partnership, companies located on Oahu such as Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES),

Sears Logistics Services Inc., Adecco, and more have vowed to give Army spouses priority during the hiring process. Other local and national companies, including other staffing agencies, are members of the partnership.

Bolosan understands that family members have many concerns associated with their job search, however, the program offers many solutions and alternatives.

For instance, a concern shared by many is lack of transportation. Oahu's "The Bus" has wide-ranging routes with a bus stop just outside of Schofield Barracks. Employees can opt to ride "The Bus" to nearly any job site.

If family members decide to take that route, they may be able to find employers who encourage the use of public transportation by covering the cost of a bus pass or by providing carpooling programs.

If childcare is a concern, Bolosan advised getting it assistance through family child care or the child care centers before beginning the job search, so last-minute interviews and immediate start dates are not a problem.

In addition to the weekly workshop for job hunters, many other employment-related classes are offered at the ACS. Upcoming classes include: 10 Steps to Federal Employment, Creating a Winning Resume, Starting a Small Business, and Tips for a Successful Interview.

For more information on these classes as well as the other services offered by the ACS, call (808) 655-4227.

## Deployment run set for July 6

Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, the commanding general of 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, will lead the 25th ID on a 4.8-mile run July 6, starting at 6:30 a.m.

Family members are invited and encouraged to participate along the run route as spectators and may position themselves anywhere along the route, including the area in front of Fernandez Hall for the "Pass in Review."

Units will have varying starting positions along route, finishing at their starting point:

- Command Group (USAG-HI, 1101st GSU and 25th ASOS) and Special Troops Battalion starts at Sills Field
- 2nd Stryker Brigade starts on Trimble, between Heard Street and Meigs Avenue
- 3rd Infantry Brigade starts on Trimble, between Humphries Road and Foote Avenue
- 556th Personnel Support Battalion starts on Ayers Avenue, between Waianae Avenue and Hamilton Field.
- 45th Corps Support Group starts on Ayers Avenue, between Hamilton Field and Cadet Sheridan Road
- Military Police Brigade starts on Cadet Sheridan Road, between Trimble and Kolekole Avenue

### Run Route

Start – Sills Field near Richardson Pool

1. Right onto Cadet Sheridan Road
2. Right onto Trimble Road (across AAFES military clothing sales)
3. Merge onto Foote Avenue (near "D" quad)
4. Left onto Meigs Ave (near Shoppette and post office)
5. Left onto Waianae Avenue (across General's Loop)
6. Left onto Ayers Avenue (across Hale Kula Elementary School)
7. Left onto Cadet Sheridan Road (near Post Chapel)
8. Right onto Trimble Road (across AAFES military clothing sales)
9. U-turn at Carpenter Street continuing on Trimble Road (across Solomon Elementary School)
10. Right onto Cadet Sheridan Road
11. Left onto Kolekole Avenue returning to unit's starting point

Traffic intersecting with the run route will be halted until the entire procession passes.



From source to sink: part one of a two-part series on water in the community

# Schofield-Wheeler well's history runs deep

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Assistant Editor

**WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD** — At the bottom of a 1,200-foot tunnel lies a precious resource most Soldiers, family members and the local community will never see, yet can't live without — the Schofield-Wheeler aquifer.

And while the aquifer's maximum capacity is largely undetermined, it has faithfully provided water to the Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Air Field and Helemano Military Reservation communities for more than 70 years.

Each day nearly five million gallons of water are pumped from the aquifer to storage tanks scattered around various central Oahu Army communities. The communities draw water from the storage tanks, which are constantly monitored and adjusted for demand at the waterplant control center.

As rain trickles down through hundreds of feet of volcanic rock, sediments are removed and the aquifer is replenished.

"The volcanic rock acts like a giant filter," Kent Anderson, a Directorate of Public Works water systems engineer, said.

Water can take many years to travel from the top of the Waianae range to the aquifer, he said. On a recent trip down the rugged, seven-foot-wide tunnel to the top of the aquifer, Anderson noticed water slowly dripping from stalactites on the tunnel's ceiling; he proposed the quick turnaround was probably due to heavy rains the past few months.

"The water is so clean ... 60-70 year-old pipes are still clean on the inside [and] look almost brand new," Anderson said.

However, central Oahu was not always a bastion of pristine, accessible water.

Prior to the well's construction in 1938, Soldiers drove horse-drawn carts down primitive roads to Fort Shafter or drew water from the Ku Tree reservoir (in the present-day East Range on Schofield Barracks).

Before long, trips to Fort Shafter became tedious and residents were concerned about



Above — Soldiers haul a water cart onto a railroad car circa early 1900s. Prior to the development of the Schofield-Wheeler well, central Oahu inhabitants had to brave the primitive road to Fort Shafter or endure the "hardy" water from the Ku Tree reservoir. (Photo courtesy of Schofield Barracks' Tropic Lightning Museum.)

Right — Kent Anderson, a Directorate of Public Works water system engineer, motions towards stalagmite formations as Wayde Nakai, waterplant supervisor, operates the car in the tunnel leading to the aquifer. The tunnel, which is nearly 1200 feet long and burrows at an angle of 30 degrees, delves nearly 600 feet below the surface to the top of the aquifer.

the quality of water being drawn from the Ku Tree Dam. They needed their own well.

"The [Ku Tree] water quality was really poor," Scott Daubert, a Tropic Lightning Museum technician, said. "Anytime you get water from a reservoir, it's not the cleanest."

Anderson echoed similar sentiments but also mentioned security concerns about the reservoir and the overarching need for an independent water supply.

## A well is born

The Schofield-Wheeler well was discovered and developed by renowned hydrologist Dr. Harold T. Stearns. Stearns produced geologic and hydrographic maps of all the Hawaiian Islands and even developed several methods for drawing water from aquifers.

Stearns and company originally intended to drill down to sea level until they hit fresh water. However, they were pleasant-

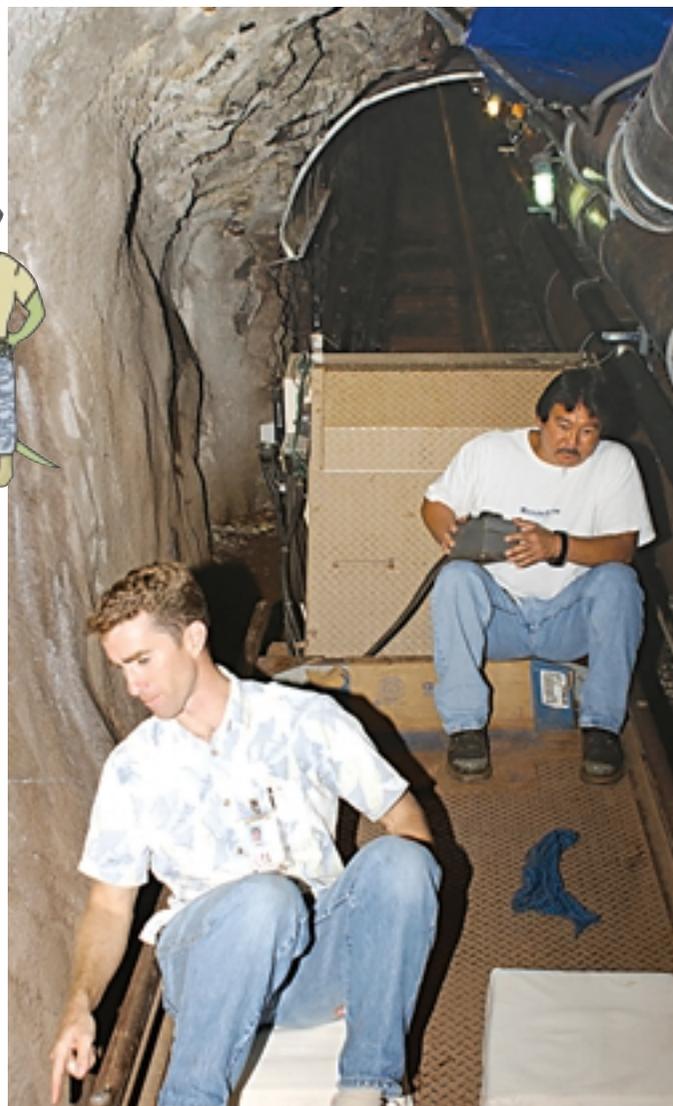
ly surprised to find water almost 200 feet above sea level. According to Anderson, it is generally thought by hydrologists that the central Oahu water is retained by dam-like volcanic dikes.

"The volcanic rock acts like a giant filter."

*Kent Anderson  
DPW water systems engineer*

Nearly two years and \$371,571 later, the Schofield-Wheeler well was complete. It was the first well in central Oahu. The Ku Tree reservoir was no longer used after 1938 and was completely drained in 1983. In today's dollars, the well would have cost approximately \$4.8 million.

*(Editor's Note: The Schofield Barracks' Tropic Lightning Museum and www.wikipedia.org were sources for this article.)*



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## Tree trimming comes to halt on USAG-HI posts

**MODESTO CORDERO**

Directorate of Public Works

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will not be able to issue delivery orders to the tree trimming contracts for all Army installations in Hawaii for the rest of fiscal 2006.

If there are trees that present a possible safety hazard (that is, falling coconuts or branches), occupants of administrative/industrial facilities should contact the DPW service order

desk at 656-1275, and request a service order to cordon off the area around the tree to keep people out of harms way.

Also, if large tree branches fall, occupants may submit a service order for pick up and disposal of the branches.

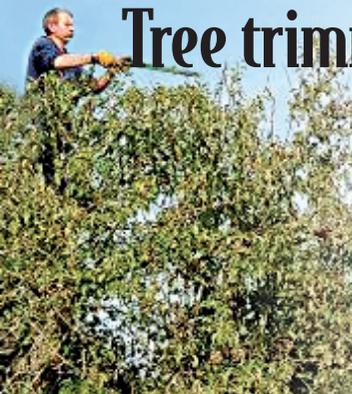
Emergency tree trimming or removal will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the DPW agronomist.

For tree trimming in the family

housing areas, residents should continue to contact their community centers.

Tree trimming safety is everyone's business, and DPW is asking for "kokua" in helping to keep installations and people safe during the upcoming months.

For more information, call Modesto Cordero, Department of Public Works operations officer, at 656-1288.





# No veteran left behind at annual Patriot fun walk/run

## U.S. VETS

News Release

EWA BEACH — Kevin Barnett usually walks the beaches, under bridges, and behind buildings in search of homeless veterans to help, but on July 1, he will be walking to honor his father, a Vietnam veteran who became homeless when he returned from war.

"My father returned from Vietnam with a severe case of post-traumatic stress disorder," said Barnett, a U.S. Vets outreach worker and Army veteran.

"He returned home to a society that didn't appreciate him, and every few people understood the need to treat his PTSD. That's how we lost him. At U.S. Vets, all the staff is determined to ensure that veterans and our Soldiers are always honored and given the help they need."

Barnett will be one of many walkers and runners participating in the 3rd annual Patriot Walk/Run, a 5k run held at Iroquois Point Island Club in Ewa Beach, Saturday, July 1 at 8 a.m. The theme of the event is "No Vet-

eran Left Behind" and all proceeds will benefit U.S. Vets - Hawaii, a home for former homeless veterans and the only facility in the state focused on housing homeless veterans.



For more information on the U.S. Vets program, call 682-9000 or visit [www.usvetsinc.org](http://www.usvetsinc.org).

The event will be officially timed with awards given for all age groups. Participants can register at [www.islandclubhawaii.com](http://www.islandclubhawaii.com) or call 682-6051 for more information. Race-day registrations are accepted. The entry fee is \$25.

"When a Soldier puts on a uniform they are making a commitment to give up their lives to serve us," said Barnett. "We should never forget that when we see them on the side of the road."

Each homeless veteran that

comes to U.S. Vets - Hawaii is provided immediate housing and is assigned to a caseworker who provides case management services, linking the veteran to resources within U.S. Vets, at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and other community-based organizations. If necessary, the caseworker also provides psychological and substance abuse counseling. Veterans also take part in job training services and is assisted with employment placement, because without a job, a veteran cannot achieve his or her life goals with purpose and dignity.

Seventy-eight percent of the veterans who go through the U.S. Vets-Hawaii program find employment and 85% remain clean and sober during the program and at discharge.

U.S. Vets - Hawaii opened in August 2002 on the de-commissioned Barbers Point Naval Air Station as a collaboration between the non-profit United States Veterans Initiative and the special needs housing developer, Cloud-break Development, LLC.

## News Briefs

**CRT Meeting** — The Crisis Response Team will meet Friday, June 30, 3 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theatre. Topics varying from the role of CRT members, how chaplains support CRT, or providing basic assistance will be covered. For information, call Capt. Brownlow at 655-4125.

**Patriots Celebration Dinner** — The Hawaii Foodbank hosts the 11th annual Patriots Celebration dinner, June 30 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village to honor the Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Keynote remarks will be given by Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon. Entertainment will include patriotic and 1940s-era tunes.

For information on the Patriots Celebration, contact Lara Grimm at 836-3600, ext. 223, or [lara@hawaiiifoodbank.org](mailto:lara@hawaiiifoodbank.org). Soldiers and spouses interested in attending the dinner free should call 655-0760.

**Road Closure** — Wright-Smith Avenue between Benjamin Franklin Court and Nathan Hale Court will be closed now through July 28. A new road intersection will be constructed for the Menoher Road extension. For more information, call 624-8201.

**Carrier Tours** — A U.S. Navy aircraft carrier will be open on hotel pier, Pearl Harbor, for public tours July 2. Tour times are 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Each DoD identification card holder can reserve up to six tickets. Visitors must be at least 8 years old. Tickets are limited and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your tickets, call the RIMPAC Tour Hotline, 471-5521.

**Canadian Ship Tour** — HMCS Vancouver, berthed at pier B22, Pearl Harbor will open for pub-

lic tours July 4 from 3 - 6 p.m. The tour is free. For safety reasons, visitors must wear shorts or pants and closed-toed shoes. No skirts, dresses or large bags are allowed aboard the ship. Ship memorabilia will be available for cash purchase only. HMCS Vancouver is one of the most advanced warships in the world and is in Hawaii to take part in RIMPAC 2006.

**Division Worship Service** — The division chaplain invites Soldiers, families, and community members to join the combined Division Worship Service July 9, 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks. The service will unite the faith community and the division's chaplains as we prepare for deployments. Childcare will be provided. A reception will follow the service on the chapel lanai. For more information, call 655-9303 or 655-2255.

## Ongoing

**Army Reserve Opportunities** — Are you an active, Guard, or Reserve Soldiers who wants to continue your Army career but job/school/schedule conflicts keep you from attending weekend drill? Or are you leaving active duty and want to continue earning points towards retirement? Consider joining points-only Reserve unit to continue your military career while maintaining your benefits. Drills are three evenings a month at Fort Shafter Flats. All ranks are eligible. Contact Maj. Pepper 655-6192 or Sgt. Maj. James Kahalehoe 228-3323.

**Military Channel Documentary** — The Military Channel is calling on viewers to share their personal war diaries. If you've served in a combat zone, the Military Channel wants engaging footage of Soldiers and comrades. Selected videos will be featured in a new television series, "My War Diary" or posted online at [www.dsc.discovery.com](http://www.dsc.discovery.com). For information, visit the [www.discovery.com](http://www.discovery.com).

## 25 YEARS AGO

July 2, 1981

- The third annual Underwater Pogo Stick races, said to be the only authentic underwater pogocross, were held July 4 at Shark's Cove.
- The Lt. Col. John U.D. Page, a beach discharge lighter, returned to Ford Island after undergoing \$2 million modernization and maintenance program in Tacoma, Wash. The largest ship at the time of its commission in 1958, the Page was designed to beach self-mobile cargo

such as trucks, jeeps and other equipment as well as to marry up to roll on/roll off cargo ships at anchor.

- In a five-four decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that employers need not allow reservists in the Army Reserve or National Guard to make up wages lost due to military training. The ruling also stated that reservists cannot be denied promotions, be discharged or discriminated against because of Reserve component training.

# Local vendors jockey for commissary shelf space

Fritz's European Bakery, Deb's ribs among vendors to grace commissary shelves

Story and Photos by  
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KO OLINA — Sixty-one local vendors wooed Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) buyers with their mouth-watering wares during the ninth annual Hawaii Food Show at the J. W. Marriot Ihilani Resort and Spa June 23.

From chocolate-covered coffee beans to island cocktail sauces, the vendors' 800 "ono" products spilled into the atrium of the resort's Ocean Ballroom. After the show, DeCA buyers decided nine first-time applicants and 140 products were worthy of commissary shelves. The following day all vendors received feedback on why they were or were not chosen. The expo, which is organized by the Hawaii chapter of the American Logistics Association each year, is the only one of its kind in the U.S.

In 2005, DeCA buyers chose 122 products out of more than 500 that were presented. That same year, the agency purchased \$97 million worth of consumables from businesses in Hawaii, 10 percent of which was produce.

"Hawaii has a more unique local market than any other region," said Patrick Nixon, DeCA's chief executive officer and acting director. The expo allows buyers to remain up-to-date with new local products and tailor them to customer demand, he said.

Dane Ontani, general sales manager for Enjoy foods, was one of the vendors who envisioned his rice crackers and li hing mui seeds adorning the commissary end caps.

"We try to blend the taste for the local people ... that's why it's working," he said.

The company also changed packaging for military consumers. "We try to package up in bigger bags so they can bring home a little taste of Hawaiian culture," he said.

Other businesses, though locally owned, offered fare that was anything but "local-kine grinds."

"Our food is soulicious," Deb Hopkins and company exclaimed as tasters filled



Above — Debra Hopkins of "Deb's Ribs and Soul Food" serves up Southern dishes such as cheese grits, hush puppies and pecan pie to passers-by during the American Logistics Association's Hawaii Food Show at the Ko Olina resort June 23. Hopkins, who made the cut, was one of 61 vendors competing for Defense Commissary Agency contracts in Hawaii's five commissaries.

Right — Tasters line up for a chance to sample products such as guava bread, scones and bearclaws at the Fritz's European Bakery booth during the Hawaii Food Show June 23. Fritz's Bakery, which was selected by Defense Commissary Agency buyers this year, was one of nine first-time entrants who obtained a commissary contract. In all, DeCA buyers chose 140 of the 800 products at the show.



their jowls with Southern staples such as cheese grits, hush puppies and her award winning barbecue sauce. Hopkins' friend, Dion Scott, solidified the Southern experience with thick blues licks on his Dobro guitar.

Hopkins attempted to break into the commissary market five years ago; this year she made the cut. In 2001, "She wasn't properly bottled," Steve Gentry, Hopkins' business manager, said. "I was jus' feedin' people then," Hopkins added.

After closing her Kailua restaurant two

months ago, Hopkins began serving her soul food in stores around the island, including the Schofield Barracks shoppette on Foote Avenue. When asked what was in the hush puppy mix, Hopkins replied, "Good stuff."

Hopkins wasn't the only one with a secret recipe at the show.

First time entrant Fritz's European Bakery has a secret ingredient routinely shipped from Germany that is only known by the head baker, said operational manager Julia Nelsoni, who is also an Air Force reservist. Nelsoni, whose company

provides bread to all the five-star hotels on Oahu, was initially leery of the paperwork.

"It's scary (the process) ... we thought, do we really want to take on the military?" she said. Fritz's also made the cut.

Two booths away, Irina Southwell, the vice president of operations for Aloha Superfoods, LLC, echoed similar sentiments.

"We resisted for a while," she said, referring to the company's mom-and-pop store roots. "But [we] eventually came around."

Southwell's all-natural products, such

mango jerky and organic popcorn, have thrived for the past five years at organic grocery stores.

## Taste not, want not

Secret recipes and ingredients aside, taste was not the only factor on which vendors had to sell buyers; they also had

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*Dane Ontani*  
General Sales manager  
for Enjoy Foods

prove they could deliver the goods.

"The last thing we want is to get a product on the shelf that customers like and be unable to keep it on the shelf," said Nixon.

Tracee Lara, a manufacturing representative for "Tropilicious" sorbet, learned this lesson the hard way. Tropilicious had a commissary contract in 2003, but lost the contract when they switched distributors to simplify operations.

"The vendor couldn't get a license to sell on base," Lara said. Now she's back knocking at the commissary's door, trying to get a spot on the shelf.

However, even a good distributor can't save vendors from the vagaries of customer demand.

DeCA makes use of purchasing trends every two to three years through a process called "resetting." Resetting allocates product space on shelves based on the relative amount of products customers purchase.

"[The reset] allows us to tailor our shelves to the shoppers' needs," Richard Page, DeCA West's regional director, said.

One day before the Schofield Barracks commissary reset last week, the Diamondhead Seafood Company established a free-standing fish market kiosk. According to Anthony Carlos, the company's retail manager, a similar kiosk has been doing "very well" for the past two months at the Pearl Harbor commissary.

"It's like a little bit of Chinatown in the commissary," he said.

# Tricare sponsors tobacco-free project

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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Tobacco use, particularly cigarette smoking, remains the leading cause of preventable illness and death in the United States, according to the 2004 Surgeon General's annual report.

Our uniformed service members and their families are not immune to such risks from tobacco use.

"Smoking by active duty personnel has increased for the first time in two decades, according to the 2002 Health Related Behavior Survey conducted by the Department of Defense. The results from the 2005 survey are expected later this summer," said Navy Capt. Patricia Buss, deputy chief medical officer, TRICARE Management Activity.

TRICARE Management Activity, in partnership with corporate administrators Lockheed Martin and Wellplace, will address smoking cessation by sponsoring the TOBACCO-FREE ME Demonstration Project. Initially spear-

headed by the assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs in 2004, the tobacco cessation demonstration project is now underway in four western states and will assess several factors aimed to educate service members and their families about the dangers of tobacco use.

More importantly, the study hopes to significantly aid personal efforts to curb or cease the use of tobacco products.

The states of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Minnesota are hosting the demonstration project for eligible Tricare Prime and Prime Remote beneficiaries, between the ages of 18 and 64, who reside more than 40 miles from an inpatient military treatment facility (MTF) Prime service area.



Beneficiaries who are Medicare eligible may not participate in the study.

"Smoking has a direct impact on the physical fitness of service members, which could also affect mission readiness," Buss added. "Our goal, with this demonstration project, is to reduce the number of tobacco users and improve their quality of life."



Outcomes of the TOBACCO FREE-ME demonstration will be used to assist TRICARE in establishing a valid framework for determining future courses of action, to help service members and their families choose healthier lifestyles by ceasing the use of tobacco products.

## Tricare health briefs

### Survivors retain benefit

Previously, survivors enrolled in Tricare Prime Remote for Active Duty Family Member (TPRADFM) were automatically converted to Tricare Standard as of the date of the sponsor's death and were not eligible to stay in Tricare Prime.

Effective May 5, 2006, survivors currently enrolled in TPRADFM may retain their TPRADFM benefit for three years after the date of the sponsor's death if family members continue to reside in the current TPR area.

### Notify provider of benefits

To avoid out-of-pocket expenses, members should inform their health care provider that they are a Tricare beneficiary prior to receiving care. Members who fail to do so may be held liable by the provider, whether Tricare is their primary or secondary insurance.

### Improved fee statements

TriWest has improved the Tricare prime enrollment fee statement as follows: New option for beneficiaries to set up recurring monthly enrollment fee

payments through MasterCard® and Visa® on [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com).

Redesigned fee statement displays the minimum amount and the total amount due, in addition to the type of coverage, changes, effective dates and fees.

New fee transaction history provides a summary of past fee payments. Tricare prime beneficiaries will receive a flier explaining the changes with their June and July statements.

For questions concerning these changes, please contact 1-888-TRIWEST or visit [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com).

*(Editor's Note: Briefs compiled from TriWest Healthcare Alliance.)*

# Hospice care provides comfort for terminal patients, families

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In the last stages of life, care and comfort await patients and their loved ones.

Hospice care fulfills physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs, focuses on maintaining the patient's quality of life during these final stages, and prepares everyone for the dying process, death and the period of bereavement.

Hospice care is designed to support and comfort individuals of any age who have a potentially terminal condition and a prognosis of six months or less to live. It is a covered benefit for all Tricare beneficiaries.

Hospice care effectively manages a patient's symptoms and provides supportive services for patients and their families. Unrelated conditions or injuries — such as the flu or a broken bone — are covered by the regular Tricare benefit.

### No Cost to Beneficiary

Tricare's hospice benefit covers the full cost of all covered services relating to the terminal illness, except for small cost-share amounts that may be collected by the hospice provider for outpatient drugs, inpatient respite care and biologicals. Biologicals are medical preparations made from living organisms and their products such as insulin and vaccines.

### Electing Hospice through Tricare

A beneficiary diagnosed with a terminal illness, or an individual authorized to make decisions for the patient, may elect to utilize the Tricare hospice benefit. "Election" involves signing a statement with the chosen hospice — which is Medicare-certified and accepts Tricare — and agreeing to have the hospice provide all care related to the

terminal illness. The patient's regular physician may still supervise his or her care with the assistance of the hospice medical director.

For TriWest beneficiaries, the hospice evaluation does not require authorization. All hospice services, however, do require authorization.

For more information call 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378), visit [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)

### Duration of coverage

Hospice care is provided in three benefit periods: two 90-day periods and a third comprising an unlimited number of 60-day benefit periods. The Tricare beneficiary must continue to meet hospice care criteria for all benefit periods.

A Tricare beneficiary may transfer from one hospice provider to another, one time, during any of the three hospice benefit periods. Such transfers require a signed and dated transfer document.

### Revocation

Beneficiaries may revoke the hospice election at any time if, for example, they want to try a new treatment method for the terminal condition. A signed and dated revocation is required. They may re-elect hospice services as early as the following day.

When the hospice election is formally revoked, the beneficiary may continue using the regular Tricare program for medical care related to the terminal diagnosis. Download a hospice brochure at: [www.hospicefoundation.org/hfa/Publications/brochures/](http://www.hospicefoundation.org/hfa/Publications/brochures/).

# Enlist: Older troops offer wealth of experience

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serve earlier in their lives, the opportunity to serve the nation now, when the time is right for them," he added.

All applicants must meet eligibility standards, to include passing the physical standards and medical examinations; however those 40 to 42 will be given additional medical screening.

For Shannon D. Morris, 36, of Shreveport, La., enlisting in the U.S. Army was a dream-come-true. She said she had wanted to join since she was a teenager but she didn't get the chance.

"My brother was in the Army and it was always something that I wanted to do," she said. "My father encouraged me to do it, but I became a mother at a young age and that took the priority."

Morris thought she had lost her chance, but learned that the Army had raised its age limit when her son, Robert McLain, began talking with an Army recruiter. She said the more her son talked about his decision, the more interested she became in doing something for herself.

"When Robert told me I might still be young enough, the wheels started turning and I thought this might just be my last opportunity to get the benefits for my education and see the world."

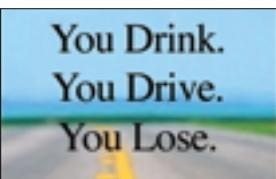
Morris said her family was surprised she wanted to enlist and serve, but they are supportive of her plans. Her mother thought it was a great idea and her husband Rick, a district fire chief who will retire this summer, encouraged her as well.

"My brother thought I was crazy," she joked. "But he also thought it was great that I was doing it, and I couldn't believe how supportive everyone was of me. It made me proud to know that they were all behind me."

Morris, who will be a petroleum lab specialist, left for basic combat training May 25 and McLain followed May 30 to Fort Benning, Ga., where he began training to become a Ranger.

Recruits of all ages are eligible for the same enlistment bonuses and other incentives based on their individual qualifications.

(Editor's note: Compiled from releases by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Headquarters and the New Orleans Army Recruiting Battalion.)



# O'Reilly: Warrior remembered for his selflessness, compassion

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themselves. It was his selfless commitment to the Wolfhounds, the children of the Holy Family Home orphanage and his family that mourners and well-wishers emphasized.

"Today is a tribute to a great Soldier, husband ... and public servant to the international community," said Lt. Col. Richard Wilson, battalion commander, 1-27 Inf. Regt. "As a leader, he fully blazed the Wolfhound victory trail, and allowed Soldiers of our regiment to gain a better appreciation of what it means to truly serve our great nation," said Wilson.

"He will always be remembered and never cease to be an inspiration. Although he is no longer physically with us ... he continues to provide a lasting impression on our hearts and [our moral code]," he said.

"He fueled my fire and passion for this unit," said Lt. Col. Drew Meyerowich, battalion commander, 2-27 Inf. Regt. "He would sit in my office with a yellow legal notebook filled with stories of countless Wolfhound exploits in and out of warfare.



27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds" pay their heartfelt respects to retired Master Sgt. and honorary 27th Infantry Regimental Sgt. Maj. Hugh F. O'Reilly during his memorial service at Sgt. Smith Theater June 27.

He would ask me now and again to get a Soldier to type these stories into the computer so that he could include it in the Wolfhound Reflections. [Yet] I found myself typing simply because of my respect for the legacy sitting in front of me," said Meyerowich.

"The Wolfhound relationship with the Holy Family Home orphanage would not have survived these 55 years without the passion of Sgt. Major O'Reilly," he continued. "Wolfhounds were ordered to the Christmas celebration that frigid winter in 1949. [But] what got them there is not

nearly as important as what kept them there, and that was the compassion of Sgt. Maj. O'Reilly.

"As a commander of this storied unit, I feel truly blessed that I can say that I personally knew Sgt. Major O'Reilly."

Meyerowich was also quick to underscore the eerie parallel of O'Reilly's legacy of love with the brigade's mission during its impending deployment.

"As 2-27 Wolfhounds and the rest of the division continue preparations for deployment to Iraq, [O'Reilly's] 57-year old relationship of love and compassion is the exact message we need to convey to the Iraqi people," said Meyerowich.

"We have over 100 years of battle and 57 years of compassion to prove that what we do is about democracy and love. That is exactly who [Sgt. Major] was, and that is exactly what he stood for," he said.

O'Reilly is survived by his wife, Yuko; daughter Maria; and five sons Hugh, Thomas, Sean, Patrick and Peter.

The funeral and interment will be held at Schofield Barracks' cemetery July 11 at 9:30 a.m.

# PAU HANA

# July 4th

## Schofield Barracks celebrates America's Independence.

**CHRISTA B. THOMAS**  
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America's 230th Independence Day celebration will be commemorated on Schofield Barracks with one of the island's biggest and best holiday parties – the 2006 Fourth of July Spectacular.

Since its inception, this event has attracted thousands of partygoers for a day of free, nonstop, fun and entertainment. At no other time and no other place is a July Fourth celebration more significant than this year on Schofield Barracks.

The daylong event features family entertainment and myriad activities geared for all ages have been planned throughout the day, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The day begins with a 5k fun run at 9 a.m. and a one-mile fun run for children ages 12 and under at 10 a.m. Early registration for the fun runs is being taken at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness center. Late registration will be taken at the event, beginning at 8 a.m.

Ongoing activities include a crafts and new products bazaar; children's activities, games, and rides; an interactive display of four variants of the Stryker vehicle (medical evacuation, the commander's vehicle, reconnaissance vehicle and the infantry carrier); and exhibitions by the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Food booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Traditional and exotic dishes from all over the world will be available for purchase. Enjoy local plates; Japanese, Filipino and Korean specialties; traditional carnival fare including burgers; pizza; hot dogs; fries; and shave ice; root beer floats; cotton candy, and more.

### Live entertainment scheduled throughout the day and evening include:

#### 11:15 a.m.

- Military Police working dog demonstration

#### 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

- Medieval fighting demonstrations

#### 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Mad Science of Hawaii interactive activities

#### Noon-4 p.m.

- Oceanic Stage entertainment
- 12:15 p.m. Bruce Shimabukuro
- 1 p.m. Cristian & Sani
- 2 p.m. Kaala Boys
- 3 p.m. Keahewai
- 4 p.m. Flag retreat at main stage



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The Society of Creative Anachronism, which recreates medieval times, provides demonstrations at the 2005 July fourth celebration. Sir Marco and Lord Thorfin fight for control.

#### 4 – 8 p.m.: Main Stage entertainment

- 4:05 p.m. Society of Seven LV
- 5:30 p.m. The Krush
- 6:55 p.m. Grand prize drawing for a Chevrolet Aveo (Enter drawing at the sponsor tent).
- 7:00 p.m. Tropic Lightning Band and "1812 Overture"
- 7:15 p.m. "The Flags we Follow"
- 7:45 p.m. Tropic Lightning Band mini concert
- 8:15 p.m.: Enjoy a stirring, innovative pyrotechnic extravaganza

For security requirements, random identification and vehicle checks will be conducted. All adult patrons should carry photo identification. Coolers, backpacks and bags are subject to inspection. Further, for safety reasons, sparklers,

firecrackers or pets are not permitted on Sills Field. Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Air Field residents are encouraged to walk to the event.

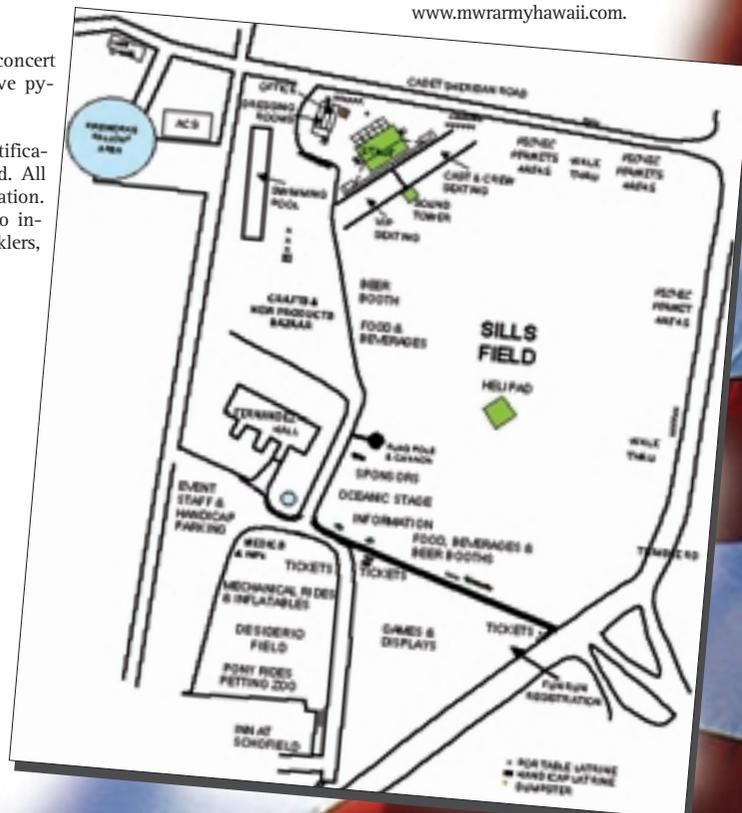
Event admission is free and open to all military and civilian personnel, family members and sponsored guests.

For more information, visit the MWR Web site at [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com).

### Society Of Seven LV



### the KRUSH





30 / Today

**Teen Field Trip** — The Aliamanu Military Reservation teen center is hosting a trip to the Kunia Box Car track, today at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Long pants and helmets are required. For more information, call 833-0920.

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet** — Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

**Steak Night** — Enjoy a sizzling steak cooked on the grill with garlic mashed potatoes, rolls, and vegetables at the Nehelani. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$11.95 for top sirloin steak and \$14.95 for Porterhouse steak. Children's pricing is available. For additional information, call 655-4466.

**5 O'clock Shadow** — Country music fans won't want to miss this free, live performance by the band 5 O'clock Shadow at the Tropics, tonight. DJ music will begin at 8 p.m. and the band performs 9 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call 655-5697.

July

4 / Tuesday

**Fourth of July Spectacular** — Mark your calendars now for the 4th of July Spectacular at Sills and Desiderio Fields, Schofield Barracks. Activities will include a 5K run and children's one-mile run, children's activities, games, rides, a craft fair, and food and beverage booths, and a spectacular fireworks display.

**Richardson Pool Hours** — Schofield Barracks' Richardson Pool will be open during the Fourth of July Spectacular from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The pool will close for super chlorination July 11. For more information, call 655-1128.

5 / Wednesday

**Ohana Entertainment** — Come to the Aliamanu Military Reservation Youth Center July 5, from 5-6 p.m., for the spectacular Maohi Nui fire dance and Polynesian review show. There will be light Hawaiian refreshments to follow the performance. For more information, call 836-1923.

**Summer Reading** — Army libraries invite students to "Read in the Wildest Places" during the 2006 Summer Reading Club. The program continues with storyteller Brenda Freitas Obregon at Sgt. Yano library, July 5 and at the Aliamanu library, July 6. All programs are at 3 p.m. and open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call 655-8002 (Sgt Yano), or 833-4851 (Aliamanu).

**Make Your Own Ukulele** — Learn how to make your own tenor ukulele at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. The 10-session class begins July 5 and



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meets weekly, 5:30 to 8 p.m. The class fee of \$350 includes all materials and parts. For more information, call 655-4202.

7 / Friday

**Farewell to the Troops** — Show your support for the troops at the Farewell to the Troops deployment luau, July 7, at the Nehelani. Gates open at 3 p.m., and the luau excitement begins immediately after the ceremony. Enjoy live entertainment, hula show, door prizes, and pupus.

Watch for details on special keiki activities in next week's Hawaii Army Weekly.

Tickets purchased before July 7 are \$5 and \$7 the day of the event. Tickets for deploying Soldiers are free. All military ranks, civilians and family members are welcome. For more details, call 655-4466.

**Teen Social** — Join friends for an evening of fun at the Aliamanu Teen Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Listen to music and dance, play games or participate in contests. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. For more information, call 833-0920.

8 / Saturday

**Teen Field Trip** — The Aliamanu Military Reservation teen center is hosting a field trip to Moanalua Gardens Hula Fest, July 8 at 9 a.m. For more information, call 833-0920.

**Yu-Gi-Oh** — Get ready to duel at the Tropics. Registration for the Yu-Gi-Oh tournament starts at noon and matches start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes a pack of the latest Yu-Gi-Oh cards. Prizes will be awarded, and all ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.

10 / Monday

**Teen Center Lock-in** — Teens are invited to a Character Counts lock-in at the Aliamanu Military Reservation teen center. The lock-in will be held from July 10 through 11. Call the teen center, at 833-0920, for times and more information.

11 / Tuesday

**Scrapers Workshop** — Bring your photos for an evening of scrap booking and fun at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Come July 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. Class is \$5 and participants should bring their own photographs. Beginner and expert scrap bookers are welcome. For more information, call 655-4202.

13 / Thursday

**Kids Ice Cream Party** — Celebrate National Ice Cream Month at the Tropics, July 13 at 2 p.m. Enjoy ice cream, taste tests and

games. Cost is \$3 and you must sign up by July 12. For more information, call 655-8522.

14 / Friday

**5 O'clock Shadow** — Country music fans have a second chance to enjoy a live performance by the band 5 O'clock Shadow at the Tropics, July 14. DJ music will begin at 8 p.m. and the band performs 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$5 and you must be 18 years old and over to attend. For more information, call 655-5697.

**Teen Social** — Join friends for an evening of fun at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center and the Aliamanu Teen Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Listen to music and dance, play games or participate in contests. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

**Mongolian Barbecue** — Come to Nehelani July 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. for Mongolian barbecue.

Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables and we will grill them to your preference. Cost is 65 cents for each ounce, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call 655-4466.

15 / Saturday

**Floats and Flicks** — Schofield Barracks' Richardson Pool is hosting the annual Floats and Flicks celebration, July 15. Come enjoy fun pool activities during the day and relax with an evening showing of "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" on Sills Field. Pool opens at 11 a.m. and the movie begins at dusk. Cost is \$1 per person and free for Blue Star cardholders and active duty Soldiers. For more information, call 655-0111 or 655-0112.

**Military Idol** — Active duty Soldiers, come show off your singing talent in the 2006 Military Idol competition. Applications are being accepted now through July 28 at the Tropics. Military Idol performances begin August 9. Look for more information to come and call 655-8522 for additional details.

Ongoing

**SKIES Payment Plan** — SKIES Unlimited is offering a new payment program for families enrolling their children in the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills classes. Families can now enroll their children for a full semester and

Cops, kids, & cruisers

Master Sgt. James M. Barnes acquaints several young visitors with police cruisers seen patrolling Schofield Barracks at the Military Police station June 23.

The youngsters were part of the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), USAG-HI's 3rd annual "Take your Kid to Work" event. Participants spent the day touring the post and seeing some of the facilities where their parents or grandparents work.

pay month by month. For more information, call 655-8380 or 833-5393.

**Video Messenger** — Deploying Soldiers are invited to participate in the "Read to the Kids" pre-deployment program. Before deploying, stop by the Sgt. Yano Library and record yourself reading a story to your child. Recordings can be made on DVD or VHS. The video messenger can also be used to record birthday, anniversary, and holiday messages. For more information or to make an appointment, call 655-8002.

**SKIES Music Classes** — Are you a budding musician? Music Lady School of Music is offering classes in piano, vocal training, flute, recorder and violin through SKIES Unlimited. Classes are available at the Schofield Barracks and Aliamanu Youth Centers. Private lessons are \$95 per month and group lessons are \$55 per month. For more information, call 655-5525.

**Arts and Crafts Center** — For a fast gift, stop by the Arts and Crafts Center and choose from a variety of island crafts, including mirrors, baskets, woodcrafts and more. For more information, call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

**DoD Employees** — Need an oil change, tire rotation or balancing? Give the Auto Craft Shop a call. The craft shop can do these jobs and other services while you are at work. For more details, call 655-2271.

**Sunday Brunch** — Experience a delightful meal featuring brunch favorites along with many other choices at Nehelani on Schofield Barracks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost varies by location and children's pricing is available. Call Hale Ikena at 438-1947 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for reservations or information.

**Home School Support Group** — Home schooled students are invited to join bi-weekly group meetings where activities include arts and crafts, field trips, science experiments, computer classes and more.

Call 655-8326 for a copy of the calendar or registration information.

**Nueva en la Biblioteca** — The Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield Barracks has a collection of books and videocassettes in Spanish. Books are available for children with a wide selection of adult fiction. For more information, call 655-0145.

Ongoing

**Community Calendar Briefs** — Do you have announcements of upcoming events, sports or activities you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly? If so, e-mail your information to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

**Kindergarten Registration** — Wheeler Elementary School is accepting kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year. Children who are 5 years old by Dec. 31 are eligible. Parents may pick up a registration packet at the school office. For more information, call 622-6400.

**Employment Orientation** — Take the first step in landing the job you want. This workshop shows how to prepare for a successful job search. Get employment information on federal, state, private and staffing agencies. Use the reference materials, job listings, computers, etc. that are available the ACS employment resource area. Workshops are each Friday 9 - 10:30 a.m. at ACS Schofield Barracks, building 2091. Call 655-4227 to register.

**Sunset on the Beach** — The free, weekly entertainment and movie event is held on Waikiki Beach at Queen's surf, across the street from the Honolulu Zoo. Upcoming movies:

- July 1 - "Ice Age 2: The Meltdown"
  - July 2 - "Glory Road"
- For a complete event schedule and map, visit ww.sunsetonthebeach.net.



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Religious education (Sept. - May only)
- Gospel Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday school (Sept. - June only)
- Protestant 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

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. - Mass in chapel (May - Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. - Mass on the beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. - Worship service

Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. - "The Wave" worship service

Helemano (HMR) Chapel

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship service and 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 service Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Sunday school
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Sunday school Sunday, 12 p.m. - 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, 12 p.m. - Adoration (24 hours)
- Protestant Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship service

Tripler AMC Chapel 433-5727

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

Wheeler Chapel

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. - Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship service and children's church

Please call 655-9307 for more information on regular scheduled activities, events and rehearsals.

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



RV

(PG) Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.



Poseidon

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



Goal! The Dream

(PG-13) Sunday, 7 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

30 / Friday

**Hotdog Eating Contest** — All active duty personnel are invited to find out once and for all who the "top dog" is by participating in the Military Challenge, a Nathan's Hotdog eating contest at Bayfest, July 4 at 3 p.m.

Don't be a wiener. Register by June 30. The state record for competitive hotdog eating is nine franks in five minutes. If you think you can beat that, register now, as only 15 spaces are available.

The grand prize is a two-night stay at the Holiday Inn Waikiki. Second place is a \$50 restaurant certificate and third place garners a \$25 restaurant certificate. For more information, call 808-254-7591.

**Army Volunteer Recognition** — Nominations are being accepted by the Army Volunteer Corp coordinator for the quarterly recognition program. Deadline for award submission is today for all community agency level and July 7 for all brigade level nominations. The Quarterly Volunteer Recognition is scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2 - 2:30 p.m. in the Command Conference

Room. Nomination forms are available at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/acs/acsvolunteer.asp or from the volunteer program manager at 655-4227 or robin.rogerssherrod@us.army.mil.

July

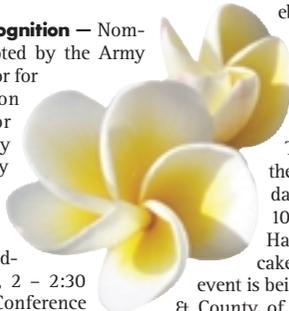
1 / Saturday

**Filipino Heritage** — "Relive the Plantation Days 2006" is scheduled for July 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Hawaii's Plantation Village, 94-095 Waipahu Street. Cost is \$7 for general admission, \$4 kamaaina and military with ID, and free for children under age 12. This event highlights the Filipino heritage with cultural foods, live entertainment and other activities of the plantation days. For more information, contact the Village at 677-0110 or visit www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

**Family Fun Day** — The U. S. Navy's Pacific Fleet Rock Band will perform at Family Fun Day at Kapiolani Park bandstand in Waikiki July 1, 3 p.m. in celebration of Independence Day. The performance is free and open to the public.

2 / Sunday

**Honolulu Centennial** — The public is invited to the Honolulu Centennial Birthday Cake Celebration July 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring Hawaii's largest birthday cake, the free, patriotic-themed event is being held to celebrate the City & County of Honolulu's 100th anniversary



# Schofield Soldiers volunteer at MDA summer camp

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17th Public Affairs Detachment

WAIALUA – Schofield Barracks Soldiers laid down their arms to spend a week volunteering with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) at YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman June 18–25.

When word came down, the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program agreed there was no better way to give back to the community.

The call was for fifty volunteers to help the MDA with their annual summer camp for children and adults with muscular dystrophy. Soldiers gave up their car keys and cell phones to spend a week bunking with the campers.

“I wasn’t sure what to expect when I first arrived,” said Spc. Danielle Colson, vice president of the installation BOSS program. “I was surprised that even the orientation before the children arrived [was so] involved.”

Muscular dystrophy, which affects hundreds of people throughout the islands of Hawaii, is a progressive neuromuscular disease where muscles fail to receive messages the brain sends out.

“The things we take for granted like writing, walking and hopping, they don’t have the strength to do,” said Jennifer Li, director of the summer camp for the MDA.

“For over 50 years, we’ve been sponsoring this camp so they have a chance to be surrounded by other people like them. Here they are not the minority.”

Despite their disabilities and with the help of the volunteers, campers had a chance to spend one week of ‘magical



Spc. Ramiro Ascencio, a Soldier with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, prepares to lower a camper into the water during swim time at the annual MDA Summer Camp for children and adults with Muscular Dystrophy. Schofield Barracks Soldiers participated in the BOSS sponsored event for the second year in a row.

bliss’ where they swam, participated in a talent show, ate breakfast in togas and even did the limbo.

For a returning volunteer from 2nd Brigade, it was a learning experience.

“Last year was my first time out here, and it was an eye-opener,” said Sgt. Keith Simpson, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, Headquarters and Headquar-

ters Company, mortar platoon. “So the program director called me and asked me to generate some volunteers. Right now, there are about 18 Wolfhounds out here.”

As the volunteers truly are the ‘arms and legs’ of the campers, the camp instills a stronger sense of responsibility in volunteers and generates friendships.

“You’re their life support out here,” said

Colson. “And even if you’re uncomfortable, it’s about their comfort.”

On one hand, the children are showered with fun, games, and excitement for a week. On the other hand, Soldiers have a chance to stop and work on another skill just as important as being battle ready – compassion.

“We’re infantry, trained to take down

the enemy, and compassion is easy to lose. Here we are, helping these campers,” said Simpson. “This week there is no rank, and it’s really rewarding to see these Soldiers energetic, bonding [and] making friendships.”

The MDA has always included the military braches in the camp, but last year was the first time the MDA could solidify a point of contact with Schofield Barracks.

“It’s hard for the military because they deploy, but we love getting them involved,” said Li. “We believe very strongly in involving the community, and we know the Army has the same values.”

Surrounded by people who want to help them and understand their needs, campers have an opportunity to shine. However, without the help of the volunteers, the camp would be lost.

“It’s difficult to find people willing to give up a week of their life to help someone else,” said Li. “The volunteers give their heart and soul, and I’m so grateful for that.”

The MDA is a volunteering, health care organization committed to defeating 43 neuromuscular diseases, and is funded largely by individual donations from the community.

“We do not accept government grants or public funds,” said Li. “We rely completely on the community to help us out.”

MDA flies each camper to the campsites free of charge each year, which costs nearly \$600 per person; for the camp’s directors, it’s worth it.

“The children love everything,” said Li. “It’s magic for them.”

# Waianae council and military work to improve relationships

**SPC. AMANDA FLEMETT**  
2nd Brigade Public Affairs

WAIANAE – They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. They are the members of the Waianae Military-Civilian Advisory Council (WMCAC) and their goal is to build a lasting relationship centered on dignity and respect between the Waianae community and the military.

WMCAC was organized in 1979 to address perceived discords between the military and the Waianae community. The organization’s immediate goal was to improve relationships and develop friendships between the two communities.

“The purpose of the WMCAC was to have an organization that was able to be in harmony with the community because we had so much tension between the military and the civilian community,” said Phoebe Saucerman, WMCAC member for the last 20 years and former president.

The council consists of civilian and military leaders who volunteer their time. At the monthly meetings held in Piliilau Army Recreation Center, events are planned to harmonize the military and Waianae coast youth.

“We have brought the military youngsters down here or we have sent our kids up to Schofield to participate in some of the things that they do there,” said Saucerman. “We try to encompass both communities in our activities.”

Two of the council’s biggest events, the Veterans Day parade, scheduled for Nov. 4 and the Hoolaula (which means gathering) scheduled for July 22 are only a couple of ways the WMCAC bring the youth of each community together to work and blend with each other.

“The biggest change I have seen here in the last 20 years is our youth. It’s not like it used to be,” said Rocky Naeole, president of WMCAC and member

since 1979. “Now we have more activities for the youth and they are more aware of the military and the purpose of the military. It has become a positive fellowship.”

Bringing these diverse people together was not always easy or successful.

“In the beginning, we were continually having altercations with the military when they built the Piliilau Army Recreation Center here,” said Saucerman. “There were a lot of people in our community (who) resented that because they wanted to walk down this road to the beach. Finally, it was decided that they would be able to do that.

“But as far as conflicts, they have been few far and in between,” she added.

“For the past 20-something years, we have tried to focus on the young people of our community to try to teach them how to get along with the military,” said Saucerman. “I truly would like to see the next wave

of children growing up in our community find there is no difference between anyone, we all live together and play together, and if I can visibly see that happen, I would say we accomplished something,” said Saucerman.

“I would like to see more participation from our community,” said Naeole. “Lt. Col. Stephen Myers, commander, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment and Col. Stefan Banach, 2nd Brigade commander and even Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, 25th Infantry Division commanding general, have been very supportive and helpful.”

Naeole and other members of the council believe that WMCAC has been successful and will continue to succeed despite the small, but outspoken opposition.

“There are a few who still disagree with the military being here,” he said, “but it’s been working, it is working.”

# Community Sports

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

## July

### 1 / Saturday

**Futsal Tournament** — Nike-town and Futsai Hawaii are hosting a futsal festival, 2 - 5 p.m., at Kalakaua Plaza in Waikiki. Inspired by Brazilian street soccer, futsal uses a smaller, heavier ball and is played on a hard surface the size of a basketball court. Saturday's festival will showcase the footwork of Hawaii's finest soccer players and includes a futsal tournament from 3 to 5 p.m.; skills demonstrations for kids; Brazilian drum entertainment; music, giveaways and free parking. For more information, call 943-6453.

### 10 / Monday

**American Youth Soccer Organization** — AYSO Region 188 (Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor) is holding pre-registration now through July 7. Walk-in registration is July 8, 14, 22 and Aug. 5. Participants must have been born between August 1987 and July 2002. Practice begins in Aug. and the season runs Sept. through Nov. Cost is \$55 per person.

AYSO Summer Camp is July 10-14. Three sessions are available. Session I for 4-5 year olds, II for 6-10 year olds and III for 11-14+ year olds. The costs respectively are \$69, \$79, and \$99. Volunteer coaches, assistants, referees and board members are needed to assist with this soccer season. For more information, go to [www.aysoregion188.org](http://www.aysoregion188.org) or call 834-5439.

### 23 / Sunday

**10K Volksmarch** — The Menehune Marchers are sponsoring a 10K Volksmarch (walk) July 23 at Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden. The walk is free and walkers may start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon.

Award and volksmarch credit, if desired, is available for a nominal fee. For more information, call Maria at 261-3583 or visit the Web site at [www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers/](http://www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers/).

## Ongoing

**Honolulu Marathon Clinic** — Looking to get in shape and run a marathon? Join the free Honolulu Marathon Clinic, led by Dr. Jack Scaff and his trained staff. The clinic meets Sundays at 7:30 a.m. at Kapiolani Park at 3833 Paki Ave. The clinic stresses slow, recreational running, for beginners and walkers. The focus is training to finish the Honolulu Marathon in December. For more information, call 655-4692.

**Golfers Wanted** — Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322. Tee time is usually before 8 a.m.



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## Stryker displays for July Fourth

Four Stryker variants - the commander's, reconnaissance, medical evacuation and infantry carrier - will be displayed starting at 10 a.m. July 4. The vehicles will be located behind Fernandez Hall in the parking lot between the flag pole on Sills Field and Richardson Pool.



## June

### 30 / Friday

**July fourth 5k and Children's one-mile run** — Entry forms and fees for the July Fourth fun runs will be accepted at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness center. Race day registration begins at 7 a.m., July 4 and the race begins at 9 a.m. Free registration for the one-mile run for children, ages 12 and under, begins at 9 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call 655-8789/8007.

**Youth Basketball Pick-up** — Military youth ages 9 to 17 are invited for a game of pick-up basketball, each Friday, today through

July 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Physical Fitness Center gym. Pick-up games are for fun only and participants are to reflect good sportsmanship. Food, drinks, gum, fighting and swearing in the gym is prohibited.

Nine-year-old participants must be with a sibling at least 12 years old. Youth sports staff will be on duty during open play. For more information, call 836-1923.

## July

### 2 / Sunday

**Bowling Tournament** — A "5 Game, No Tap" tournament will be held at the Schofield Bowling Center, July 2. Check-in is at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

### 11 / Tuesday

**Golf for Food and Fun** — Back by popular demand, the "Golf for Food and Fun" event will be held every Tuesday at Nagorski Golf

Course, Fort Shafter. Tee times will go from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and cost will be \$22 per person for riding and \$17 per person for walking, which includes 9-hole green fees, par 3 prizes, pupus for four people, a pitcher of beverages, a door prize entry, and the golf question of the week contest.

A minimum of three people are required per team. For more information, call 438-9587.

## Ongoing

**Volunteer Coaches** — Volunteer soccer coaches are needed for Youth Sports soccer. For more information or to volunteer, call 836-1923 (Aliamanu Military Reservation Youth Sports) or 438-9336 (Fort Shafter Youth Sports).

**Chess Club** — Play chess every Monday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Tropics. Competitors must have their own equipment; some sets will be available. For more information, call Tropics at 655-0002.

### 17th annual Bayfest

Bayfest 2006 is bursting with five days of activities on Marine Corp Base Hawaii with fun and entertainment for everyone.

The blow-out event is June 30 through July 4 and each day includes concerts, contests, carnival rides, water sports and military static displays.

Chart-topping entertainers include Juvenile, Chris Cagle, Staind, Trick Pony, Molly Hatchet and .38 Special.

Tickets are required for entry each day and can be purchased at the gate or in advance at MCBH or Pearl Harbor ticket offices, or at Ticketmaster.com. For a complete lineup of activities and entertainment, visit [www.bayfsthawaii.com](http://www.bayfsthawaii.com).

### July Fourth Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular

Celebrate the birth of our nation at Pearl Harbor's biggest patriotic party of the year. Beginning at 2 p.m., enjoy local and mainland entertainment, food and activities throughout the day. Admission is free.

At 7:30 p.m. enjoy a triple shot of comedy starring Alonzo Bodden, winner of The Last Comic Standing 3; Bert Kreischer, host of Spike TV's "Fresh Baked Video Games"; and headliner Jay Mohr, comedian and host of The Last Comic Standing.

The party is on Naval Station Pearl Harbor near Bravo Pier. The fireworks finale is 8:45 to 9:05 p.m.

### Food, Fun and Fireworks at The Aloha Tower Marketplace

Come to The Aloha Tower Marketplace July 3 for a pre-Independence Day celebration starting at 5 p.m. The evening features free, live entertainment on multiple stages; a fashion show with top Hawaii models; the Pacific Fleet Band; Jemel Sumira; Kapena; strolling entertainers; face & hair painting; a balloon artist; and culminates in a dazzling fireworks finale at 9 p.m.

With every purchase of \$5 or more, customers get a free pair of 3-D fireworks glasses to enhance their viewing experience.

For more details, call 566-2337 or visit [www.alohatower.com](http://www.alohatower.com).

### Ala Moana Center Fourth of July Fireworks

The world's largest open-air mall is exploding with activity in its fifteenth July Fourth holiday celebration. The fun begins at noon with live entertainment on the main stage with performances by Holunape, Na Kama and 'Ike Pono.

At 6 p.m., the showcase of fun continues on the makai parking deck, mall level with popular local acts. The evening ignites with Hawaii's largest July Fourth fireworks display at 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event. For more information, call 531-6087.



The Avengers' stories explore what it means to be human or superhuman and the role and responsibilities of superheroes.

# Superheroes to visit Schofield Barracks

ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE  
News Release

This Fourth of July, Marvel Comics' "The New Avengers" and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) team up again to deliver another free, military-exclusive comic book to troops stationed around the globe.

The newest military-only installment, the third since Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld unveiled "The New Avengers" at the Pentagon in February 2005, is scheduled to hit AAFES shelves, including 52 BX/PX facilities throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, just in time for Independence Day.

"At war and in peacetime, the exchange is there to provide troops with the service and merchandise they need to make their lives more comfortable," said the PX's Area Manager, Glenn Schubert. "AAFES existing infrastructure of tactical field exchanges throughout the deployed area allows it to deliver familiar American products to troops serving in any corner of the world. From Bagram to Schofield Barracks, we go where the troops go."

Locally available at the Schofield Main Exchange, Bldg 694 on Cadet Sheridan Rd, the third installment, titled "Time Trouble," once again features Marvel's superheroes "The New Avengers" to include Captain America, Nick Fury, and Luke Cage. These characters, along with special guests X-Men and Spiderman, are sucked through a time portal to World War II, where they must take on the evil Kang.

Because of the highly collectible nature of the 36-page, military-exclusive comic and the anticipated demand, AAFES officials advise that "Time Trouble" will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. "Stop by and get your copy before the fireworks start," said Schubert. "Just like the first two comics ... when "Time Trouble's" gone, it's gone."

# Red Cross, DeCA tout hurricane preps

CAPT. AUDRICIA MCKINNEY  
AND BONNIE POWELL  
Defense Commissary Agency Release

FORT LEE, Va. – With memories still lingering from Hurricane Katrina, the need to prepare for a disaster is on everyone's mind. Government agencies and the Red Cross recommend Americans keep a supply of essentials on hand above and beyond what they normally have on their kitchen shelves.

Military families are being encouraged to "load up their pantries" as the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) launches an awareness campaign encouraging military families to keep nonperishable foods, water and other necessities on hand for emergencies.

DeCA is teaming up with the Armed Forces Emergency Services Branch of the American Red Cross to raise awareness of disaster preparedness throughout the military community. The "What's in Your Closet" campaign kicks off this month and is intended to get military families thinking about how prepared they are for a disaster. Customers will see posters and handouts in stores and reminder buttons on employees.

"The storm season started June 1 and it's a fact that commissaries and military families have been affected by hurricanes and typhoons at home and abroad," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency. "We want to raise awareness of the need to keep emergency supplies on hand – and that shoppers can realize savings of 30 percent or more by using their commissary benefit to supply their emergency closet."

The media has also heightened awareness of the possibility of a "pandemic," an outbreak of infectious disease that has the potential to spread worldwide. "Disasters can take on many forms," said Joseph Moffat, executive director, Armed Forces Emergency Services. "From blackouts to blizzards, to tornadoes and earthquakes, everyone should be prepared with enough emergency supplies to last seven days."

"The commissary disaster preparedness posters have a list of basic items people might want to consider," said Nixon. "But there may be many more items such as shelf-stable milk or favorite snacks that people might want to include. This is simply intended to get people thinking and get them to take action – now."

Red Cross representatives will have the opportunity to set up displays or tables in commissaries to provide information and answer questions about disaster preparedness. The type of information and events offered will vary according to location, and in some cases customers will also have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer services and classes, such as first aid or disaster preparedness.

Other government agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency



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A well-stocked pantry is one of the best ways to prepare for emergencies. Families should ensure they have enough non-perishable food and water in their home to last for a few weeks. Be sure to rotate and refresh your supplies annually. Ensure your supplies include medications, batteries, a can opener, garbage bags, soaps and sanitizers.



are working closely with local communities and relief organizations to remind residents

On The WEB [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

to make emergency preparations. For more information on disaster preparedness: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov); [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov); [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

You Drink.  
You Drive.  
You Lose.

Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injure someone every two minutes.

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration