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Gates recommends Mullen to lead JCS

Defense Secretary wants to focus on the future, not past

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — To avoid a contentious re-confirmation process, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates will recommend that President Bush nominate Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael G. Mullen to replace Marine Gen. Peter Pace as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In a Pentagon news conference June 8, Gates said he also will recommend Marine Gen. James E. Cartwright for the position of vice chairman. Cartwright is the commander of U.S. Strategic Command. The current vice chairman, Navy Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., announced his decision to retire last week.

"I have become well acquainted with Admiral Mullen over the last six months and believe he has the strategic insight, experience and integrity to lead America's armed forces," Gates said.

Gates said he intended to re-nominate Pace and Giambastiani, but after consulting with senators of both parties came to the conclusions "that because General Pace has served as chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the last six years, the focus of his confirmation process would have been on the past rather than the future."

He said the confirmation process would have the possibility of being quite contentious. "I am no stranger to contentious confirmations, and I do not shrink from them," Gates said. "However, I have decided at this moment in our history, the nation, our men and women in uniform, and General Pace himself would not be well-served by a divisive ordeal in selecting the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Pace will continue to serve as chairman until his term ends Sept. 30. He is the first Marine to hold the position.

Pace, a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, served as a rifle platoon leader in Vietnam and commanded at all levels of the Marine Corps. He was serving as the com-

mander of U.S. Southern Command when nominated to be the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2001. He took office weeks after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

In 2005, he was nominated to be the chairman. The chairman serves as the principle military advisor to the president, secretary of defense and the National Security Council.

Gates said that Pace has served as a Marine for more than 40 years.

"He deserves the deepest thanks of the American people for a lifetime of service to our country and for his leadership," Gates said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him, trust him completely, and value his candor and willingness to speak his mind."

Mullen is a 1968 graduate of the Naval Academy. He is surface-warfare qualified and has commanded three ships: the USS Noxabee, the USS Goldsborough and the USS Yorktown. As a flag officer, he commanded the USS George Washington Battle Group and served as the commander of U.S. 2nd Fleet/NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic.

Army mom saves child

MOLLY HAYDEN
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EWA BEACH — What began as a routine child's birthday party took a dangerous turn as a 2 1/2-year-old child lay motionless on the bottom of a pool, recently. Without doubt or hesitation, Debra Walker jumped into the pool, pulled the boy to safety and revived him after clearing his airway.

Although Walker believes she responded only to human instinct, many see her as nothing less than a hero.

"This [humble] attitude makes Deb and her actions even more heroic," said Robertha Cole, family readiness assistant for 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment.

Setting the scene

The fenced recreation area was crowded at the Palm Villas 1 townhouse in Ewa Beach that day. More than a handful of children, mothers and friends filled the pavilion to celebrate a birthday.

As the casual day began to adjourn, Walker glanced around to check on her children. Chatting with a friend, she heard her eldest daughter Kelsey say, "Mom, look at that boy!" as she pointed to a young boy lying face first on the bottom of the pool.

Walker immediately jumped into the water, grabbed the boy, Marquan, and yelled for help.

Marquan was not moving and did not have a strong pulse. After Walker pulled him from the water, she gave him one quick breath.

The boy's mother lifted her son over her shoulder and began slapping his back. Together, the two women leaned the young child forward and gave him slight abdominal thrusts to force the water

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Stepping back into time

Army plays crucial role at Midway

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MIDWAY ATOLL — "Probably nobody is less informed than an Army flier at a Navy base — unless it is a Navy flier at an Army base."

So wrote historian Walter Lord in the epic "Incredible Victory," the story of the Battle of Midway, which marked its 65th anniversary June 4-6, here.

Any Soldier who has served as a visitor with another branch of service understands the confusion.

Yet in June 1942, with Budokutai (the 1st Carrier Division of the Imperial Japanese Navy) bearing down on the northernmost island in the Hawaiian chain, Army Air Corps aviators performed admirably in slowing the strike force, setting the stage for the Navy's spectacular success, and putting the Japanese permanently on the defensive.

At first glance, the Army's contribution to the battle seems insignificant: 21 bombers and their crews broken down into four B-26 Marauders and 17 B-17 Flying Fortresses.

However, most of the Army pilots who landed at Midway hours before the battle were the first to take a shot at the Japanese troop convoy, and later kept the carriers so busy dodging they were unable to spot a strike on their flight decks against the U.S. fleet.

Before the battle "officially" be-

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Let your voice be heard at the bimonthly Oahu North Town Hall meeting Tuesday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks.



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In the ski race competition of the Garrison Organizational Days, the Richardson Pool team, at foreground, slides its way, in unison, toward a first place finish. The Oahu Base Support Battalion team closed the gap during the June 8 contest at Bowen Park, Schofield Barracks.

For full coverage and a photo display of activities, see pages B-4 and B-5.

Jeremy S. Buddemeier | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

Fort Shafter Centennial open to public

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FORT SHAFTER — Fort Shafter's historic Palm Circle will host events to commemorate of the installation's centennial of service in Hawaii, Friday, June 22.

The celebration, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be the highlight of Fort Shafter's yearlong observance of its 100th birthday, and the public is invited to attend.

Military bands, ceremonies, displays and demonstrations for the entire family will be staged at Palm Circle, surrounded by state Army homes and offices. Many of these buildings in this National Historic Landmark, on the oldest Army installation in Hawaii, date back to the 1920s.

"This centennial celebration will have activities for the kids, live music and fun for the entire family," Lt. Gen. John G. Brown III, U.S. Army, Pacific's commanding general,

said. "Come see historical displays of military hardware from Fort Shafter's past as well as the latest equipment."

Serenades and musical tributes by the American Belles, the U.S. Army Band's Strolling Strings, and Hawaii-based Air Force, Marine, Navy and National Guard bands will play throughout the day.

Displays will include vintage Army vehicles and more recent Army people-movers like the humvee and a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. Soldiers stationed by these and other Army displays of weapons, military working dogs, and medical equipment, will welcome questions about their use.

Re-enactors in vintage Army uniforms and former Soldiers will talk story about their Army experiences. Other activities will include

a rock-climbing wall, keiki games, drawings for special prizes, and picnic foods.

At 11 a.m., major events will include a centennial tree planting, the dedication of a permanent National Historic Site plaque, and the sealing of a commemorative time capsule at the Palm Circle gazebo near the flagpole.

Distinguished guests will include Admiral Timothy J. Keating, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, and Hawaii's Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona Jr.

Festivities will end with the traditional Army retreat ceremony at 5 p.m.

This Fort Shafter celebration is free and open to the public. Parking will be available at Fort Shafter Flats, on the south side of Moanalua Road. Shuttle buses will operate throughout the day beginning at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call the U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs Office at 438-9375 or 438-6347, or visit its Web site at www.u.sarpac.army.mil.

U.S. Army celebrates its 232nd anniversary

TONY O'BRYAN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army installations and commands throughout the world celebrated the Army's 232nd birthday, Thursday, June 14.

With the theme "Call to Duty — Boots on the Ground — Army Strong," celebrations honored Soldiers answering the call to duty during one of the most dangerous periods in history.

"Today's Soldiers symbolize the nobility of selfless service," said Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, reflecting upon the Army's heritage. "Today's Soldiers are motivated by an unwavering belief that they will be victorious on the field of battle, because we have fought this way since 1775 and always will."

Special birthday events began Saturday

and ran through the week, including a cake-cutting ceremony at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Tuesday, and a Twilight Tattoo, Wednesday, at the Washington Monument.

Lt. Gen. John Brown III hosted the U.S. Army Pacific's Birthday Ball in Waikiki, Saturday. The U.S. Army Band's Strolling Strings performed during the birthday celebration.

Major League Baseball paid tribute to men and women in uniform by hosting birthday activities during several of its games. A veteran of the war on terror threw out the first pitch at the Florida Marlins vs. Cleveland Indians game in Miami, yesterday. New recruits were inducted into the Army during the pre-game ceremony.

Similar events were held at the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' home game, yesterday. And a member of the Army Ground Forces Band

led "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the Atlanta Braves game, June 3.

The Golden Knights, the Army's precision parachute demonstration team, jumped into Camden Yards, yesterday. Then a Soldier threw the first pitch of the inter-league game between the Washington Nationals and the Baltimore Orioles.

Also, yesterday, Acting Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., and Sergeant Major of the Army Preston participated in the annual wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns.

Department of Army-level birthday events continue today with the Birthday Run that began at Fort Myers, Va., and culminated with the Army Birthday Ball, tomorrow, in Washington, D.C.

We want to hear from you...

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

If you have newsworthy ideas or stories you'd like to write, coordinate with the managing editor at 655-4816, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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25th CAB Soldiers honor their fallen warriors

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TIKRIT, Iraq – Soldiers with 25th Combat Aviation Brigade gathered together to honor two fallen comrades killed Memorial Day while engaging enemy forces in a OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter during a reconnaissance mission in the Diyala province.

1st Lt. Keith N. Heidtman and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Theodore Church, both cavalry Soldiers with B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, were honored during a memorial ceremony, June 1, at Contingency Operating Base Speicher here.

"I assure you, Memorial Day will carry a greater meaning and responsibility to honor our fallen brethren who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Lt. Col. James Barker, commander of 2-6th Cav. Regt., 25th CAB, during the ceremony.

As Black Hawks flew over the desert sky and the American flag waved in the breeze, friends and fellow comrades with tear soaked eyes paid respects to their fallen brothers.

"We do what we do out of love for each other, our country and the regiment ... it's all for the troops," said Barker. "We will honor their desire by moving forward ... saddling up to find, fix and finish the enemy."

Truly honoring the warriors, the ceremony was a celebration of their lives, achievements and the ultimate sacrifice.

Friends of the regiment remembered the Soldiers as being great leaders and proven warriors in the aviation branch, and for making an impact on the battlefield.

"By their eagerness to share, teach and learn



A memorial service at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, June 1, celebrates the lives of 1st Lt. Keith N. Heidtman and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Theodore Church both of B Troop, 2-6th Cav., 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.

from everyone around them, they made a true difference in the countless Soldiers they supported on the battlefield," Barker said. "With situational awareness, maturity and tactical expertise our fallen brothers saved the lives of others."



A cavalry Soldier mourns his fallen comrades during the memorial service.



2nd Louie by Bob Rosenburg

Upcoming changes in command

The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, community is invited to attend several changes of command ceremonies taking place in June and July.

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally symbolizes the continuity of authority when a command is passed from one commander to another.

Local ceremonies will be preceded by an awards ceremony, 30 minutes prior to the change of command ceremony. Point of contact for more details is Sgt. Maj. Robert Pittman, 655-0283 (unless otherwise noted).

The following ceremonies will be held at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, unless otherwise noted.

- Today, 2 p.m., Special Troops Battalion. Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III will host the activation ceremony at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter.

- June 19, 11 a.m., Flying V ceremony for the incoming Installation Management Command-Pacific director, Ms. Debra Zedalis, at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter.

- June 20, 10 a.m., Defense Information System Agency-Pacific (DISA-PAC). Army Col. Darryl C. Dean passes command to Marine Col. Kirk E. Bruno at the USS Missouri, Ford Island. (POC is Alexis Conner, 656-9451.)

- June 20, 11 a.m., 84th Engineer Company. Lt. Col. R. Mark Toy passes command to Lt. Col. Nicholas W. Katers. (POC is Master Sgt. Daniel Harr, 655-9537.)

- June 23, 2 p.m., 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves passes command to Col. Bruce E. Oliveira.

- June 27, 10 a.m., U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. Col. Howard J. Killian passes command to Col. Matthew

- June 27, 1 p.m., 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. Col. Stefan Banach passes command to Col. Todd B. McCaffrey.

- July 6, 10 a.m., 516th Signal Brigade. Col. Edric A. Kirkman passes command to Col. Bruce T. Crawford at Fort Shafter's historic Palm Circle, with reception and refreshments following at Palm Circle Gazebo.

- July 10, 10 a.m., 29th Engineer Battalion. Lt. Col. Christopher Benson will pass command to Lt. Col. Scott Petersen at a reflagging ceremony at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle. (POC is Capt. Jeffrey Soderling, 655-9633.)

- July 31, 10 a.m., 45th Sustainment Brigade. Col. Michael T. McBride will pass command to Col. Clay B. Hatcher.

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

The military chapel is all about 24/7 shared community

Study, prayer, fellowship contribute to community's well-being on installations

CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) JOEL LYTLE
 Community Chaplain Helemano, Schofield, Wheeler

It is an overwhelming joy and privilege to serve as the Oahu Base Support Battalion-North community chaplain during a time of deployment. It is rare to serve with so many people who have a servant's heart.

Each one is reaching out to the community to make life better for deployed family members, and each does so under extremely trying conditions. We are all pressing on as we make sacrifices for the greater good of the community.

Have you ever wondered how this is possible? When I look into the Bible, I see an interesting parallel to the early church. Look for a moment at the conception of the early church and what it did to survive.

In Acts 1 & 2, we see some very interesting events and how some followers, not all, responded.

After his suffering, we are told Jesus taught his disciples during a period of 40 days about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, Jesus gave the disciples this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5).

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and stayed together where they "all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14).

Then 10 days later on the day of Pentecost, they were all together in one place and "heard a sound like the blowing of a violent wind [that] came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:2-4).



Lytle

These events drew the attention of multitudes of people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate the "Feast of Weeks," a Jewish festival 50 days after the Passover. We are told they were "bewildered [because each one heard them speaking in his own language]...amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" (Acts 2:7-12).

The message the disciples proclaimed was one that focused on fulfillment of prophecy, as well as a call for all to "repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). We are told that 3,000 people believed that day.

At this point we see that this early church did three things critical for the church's success. They "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). Once they became believers of Christ, they devoted themselves to their study (of God's word), prayer and fellowship.

We are told that the result of this was that "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

What was their formula for success? They were patient (obedient to wait), studied to-

gether (open to be trained), fellowshipped (gathered together regularly/daily) and prayed together.

Right now, the community chapel family and vast number of others have committed to pray for our Soldiers and families daily – 24/7. People all about this community get together regularly for mutual support (fellowship), and a remarkable team of community trainers (at the chapel; Army Community Service; the Family Advocacy Program; the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and many others) work to ensure our community has an opportunity to learn greater coping skills.

I hope and pray that we can see and appreciate the remarkable efforts made by so many individuals in this community. I also hope and pray that, as the deployment continues, our community will grow closer and stronger for the glory of the Lord.

The result will be God adding to our community daily, as he did for the early church. God Bless you all.

(Editor's Note: The Oahu Base Support Battalion-North covers Helemano Military Reservation, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Air Field.)

213 days since last fatal accident

Soldiers, remember to think safety in everything you do.

The two division training holidays will be awarded today and June 22 for 200 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities. Current as of 6/13/07.

Voices of Lightning: "What's the most significant lesson you learned from your father, directly or indirectly?"



"He always told me to stay in school."

Sgt. Enrique Castillo
 305th Packing, Crating, and Handling Hqtrs. Supply Sergeant



"I learned to stand up for myself."

Sgt. Kristen Covio
 205th MI Bn. Training NCO



"To be a hard worker."

Sgt. Lester Manding
 100th Bn. 42nd Inf. Logistic Specialist



"To be faithful to your family."

Kellie Pacella
 Family Member



"To remain cool in any situation."

Sgt. Johnnie Wade
 125th Finance Bn. NCOIC



Capt. Loreto Borce, executive officer and assistant team chief, military transition team (MiTT), 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, distributes shoes and school supplies to village children outside of remote Forward Operating Base Gains Mills, located about 20 kilometers southwest of the city of Kirkuk, Iraq.

Hawaiian couple relies on their ohana to weather deployment

Story and Photo by

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KIRKUK, Iraq — Capt. Loreto Borce, a native Hawaiian, is one of thousands of Soldiers who received news of a tour extension, adding as much as three months to the unit's yearlong service commitment.

He's a husband and father of four young children, but unlike many, Borce said he has his ohana to ease the burden of being separated from his wife, Danielle, and children a little bit longer.

Being separated is nothing new for Borce and Danielle.

Borce's seven-year military career has taken him away from home for a variety of military schools, to include Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger School and the Army's Officers Basic Course. Deployments have shuttled him from Korea to Afghanistan and now to Iraq.

Despite it all, his marriage has survived and his family stayed intact — a fact Borce attributes to the strength of his ohana.

"Families in Hawaii are different. We are so tightly knitted and so large," explained Borce. "[My mother-in-law] has ten brothers and sisters. My dad has nine brothers and sisters. The majority of [my wife's] uncles and aunts are in Hawaii.

"Having so much family helps relieve stress because my kids have uncles and family that can keep them doing the regular [every-day] things while I'm away."

Borce is a first-generation Hawaiian. His grandmother, a Kauai native, relocated to the Philippines where she met Borce's grandfather. Borce's mother and father later immigrated to Hawaii.

Borce grew up on the island of Oahu and first met his wife at St. Patrick's Intermediate School in Kaimuki. Danielle then attended the St. Francis School in Honolulu, while Borce attended Damien High School in the Kalihi Valley.

Danielle keeps herself occupied in her husband's absence by caring for their four small children and continuing to work toward her nursing degree from Kapiolani Community College.

"It's hard that he's in Iraq and that makes our life a little harder here," said Danielle. "But he loves his Soldiers, and they take good care of each other," she continued. "Knowing he's doing a job he loves with people he loves makes it easier. I'm extremely proud of him."

Meanwhile, Borce will keep busy working from remote Forward Operating Base Gains Mills, located about 20 kilometers southwest of Kirkuk.

Borce is the executive officer and assistant team chief, military transition team (MiTT), for 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team. He will continue training Iraq's 1st Strategic Infrastructure Brigade, or SIB, which protects oil infrastructure, escorts infrastructure repair teams and guards routes adjacent to and near that infrastructure.

Borce and his MiTT partner with the 1st SIB to enhance their ability to conduct independent operations, to stabilize the environment and to establish security measures to protect the pipeline.

While Borce and his MiTT are making progress, it's not just the work that is making his time in Iraq fulfilling.

"I love doing all this with these [particular] Soldiers, some of whom I've been working with for five years," said Borce. "I have relationships with a lot of these guys. We truly are like a family, which helps especially because we're all away from our families back home."

As he spoke, Borce removed his patrol cap to rub his hands through his hair revealing something unique—a laminated photograph of his wife and kids attached to the underside of the cap.

"In Ranger School we had a saying, 'Just one more step,' which motivated you to keep going," Borce said. "While I was there, instructors would call us together, and I'd 'take a knee' and remove my [cap]," he continued. "I'd look down and see the picture of my family, and it helped me to actually make it through. Since then, I've kept the photograph, and it's kept me moving one more step forward each day."



Pfc. Ramon Negron, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, pulls guard from a rooftop at Forward Operating Base Gains Mills, Kirkuk, Iraq.

3-7th FA gives Iraqi home an 'Extreme Makeover'

Story and Photo by
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KIRKUK, Iraq – When they arrived, their hilltop “home” consisted of a couple dilapidated concrete structures, a rotting latrine house and a well that fed into an above-ground, uncovered water tank for three temperamental showers. Living conditions were unacceptable, and the celebrity design team of Ty, Paige and Michael from the popular television show “Extreme Makeover Home Edition” weren’t there to assist. So these Soldiers did what Soldiers do best – they adapted and overcame.

Despite the absence of Hollywood “professionals,” military transition team (MiTT) Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, commenced their own extreme makeover of remote Forward Operating Base Gains Mills located in the northern part of the province, here.

The 3-7th FA’s modest MiTT of fewer than 20 Sol-

diers shares Gains Mills with the Iraqi Army’s 1st Strategic Infrastructure Brigade (1st SIB), whose job is to protect Kirkuk’s valuable oil infrastructure, among other things. Soldiers live and work with their 1st SIB counterparts to more effectively mentor and train them.

“When we got down here last August, Gains Mills was maybe 200 meters in each direction,” said Sgt. 1st Class David Noel, noncommissioned officer in charge MiTT life support, 3-7th FA. “The previous group had four people in living spaces designed for two, an underground septic tank that didn’t work, [bacteria-laden] water that really wasn’t fit to shower in, and practically no gym,” said Noel.

Noel is a veteran of a previous combat tour in Afghanistan with 3-7th FA. There, he tolerated living in a mud and straw hut without laundry or showers. This time around, though, he was the one responsible for ensuring that Soldiers had adequate

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25th CAB rolls outside the wire

Wolverines step into various mission roles

Story and Photo by
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TIKRIT, Iraq – Whether it’s tracking an OH-58 landing or fueling a Black Hawk, the primary mission for a majority of Soldiers in an aviation brigade revolves around supporting aircraft.

However, a group of Soldiers at Contingency Operating Base Speicher here, sometimes fills a role that has nothing to do with aviation operations. Officially known as the Wolverines Quick Reactionary Force (QRF), the group is part of the 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.

“Although we are 25th CAB Soldiers, dealing with aircraft is just a small facet in what the Wolverines do,” said Sgt. Chris Attkisson, QRF Team Two.

“Every Wolverine can perform each task within the QRF team. One day I may be a gunner ... the next day I am a driver. It really just depends on the mission,” said Attkisson, who is on his fifth deployment.

The QRF is a mixture of Soldiers who are experts in their field; it combines newer Soldiers with those who have deployed numerous times, like Attkisson, to make a complete team.

“For Soldiers who are deployed for the first time, it allows them to learn something new and become better leaders in the future,” said Spc. Adam Hawn, a Wolverine Soldier with 209th ASB on his third deployment. “Merging experienced

Soldiers with the first-time deployers helps create a well-rounded team.”

The Wolverines’ primary mission is to control situations involving security-related issues. The team reacts to anything from small arms fire to a downed Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV).

“If there is a BOLO [be on the look out for a suspicious vehicle] mission, we wait for the vehicle and detain the passengers,” Attkisson said. “The missions change and we perform whatever the operation dictates.”

Armed with previous deployment experience, military occupational specialty schooling and hands-on training, the Wolverines face many challenges associated with QRF duties.

“When we go outside the perimeter, we understand the enemy shows no mercy to coalition forces,” Attkisson said.

Wolverines must maintain tactical fortitude even in the nerve-racking situations, such as adjust-

ing to the language barrier or the droves of Iraqi children who swarm QRF vehicles asking for anything Soldiers can give them.

“It’s a risk for [Iraqi police] to be doing what they are doing because some Iraqi people look at them as traitors,” Attkisson said. “Yet, they know by standing up against anti-Iraqi forces they are doing a greater good for their country.”

Attkisson believes Iraqis are stepping up and taking the lead in becoming a more independent country without the assistance of coalition forces.

“In the last three years alone, I have witnessed the Iraqis not having anything to do with coalition forces, to now having an established alliance ... small children even come up to United States Soldiers,” Attkisson said, smiling.

“Wolverines are around-the-clock security for the [contingency operating base],” Hawn said. “The 25th CAB is complete, and we provide security for the air and ground.”



A convoy of vehicles with the Wolverines Quick Reactionary Force, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, drives to a Tikrit neighborhood. The Wolverines’ primary mission is to control situations involving security-related issues.

Combat Life Saver course teaches invaluable skills

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KIRKUK, Iraq – No matter the scenario, no matter the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) a Soldier may possess, he or she will more than likely be the “first care responder” when a buddy is injured. The Combat Life Saver (CLS) course recognizes this reality, and because of it, CLS is available for all Soldiers to learn advanced first aid to help save a friend in time of need.

The three-day course is taught every two weeks at the Ivory Combat Clinic (ICC) at Forward Operating Base Warrior here. No matter the branch or MOS, any service member, along with select civilians, can attend the class. Students learn life-saving skills, such as procedures for controlling bleeding, checking respiration and vital signs, and administering an intravenous therapy, or IV.

“It’s basically an extension of medical care providers and medics,” said Staff Sgt. Mark Dearlove, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge, ICC, C Company, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (3IBCT). “It’s where these guys are getting to do my job when I can’t be there.

“A medic can’t be everywhere, so we need someone to be able to react to life-threatening situations in a tactical environment and perform the medical care there because valuable time could be lost,” Dearlove explained.

The first day of training focuses on evaluating a casualty – checking for



Soldiers load and unload from an aircraft during the Combat Life Saver course at Forward Operating Base Warrior in Kirkuk, Iraq.

bleeding, breathing and pulse. CLS students learn how to thoroughly inspect and identify symptoms before moving on.

The course quickly generates interest during the second day when students actually administer IVs on one another and slide tubes through each other’s nostrils to open airways and restore breathing.

“Some of it was pretty scary, but the training helped overcome the fear,” said Spc. Brianne Luedtke, CLS student, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3IBCT. “People who were afraid of needles gained confidence.”

Instructors provided a demonstration

for each procedure to help calm students’ fears.

“If I’m out there, I want to be confident someone is going to be able to save my life,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Chang, health advisor for the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion. Chang is attached to 3IBCT, and helps teach each CLS class by sacrificing his body for training purposes. From getting IVs in the arm and neck, to putting tubes through his nose to show how to open an airway, he literally takes one for the team at the students’ expense. “I volunteer my body to develop [Soldiers’] confidence for when they do go out[side]



Pfc. Jason Luke, a Combat Life Saver student, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3IBCT, lays down while his partner measures a tube designed to open up a casualty’s airway and assist with breathing.

the wire,” he said.

“The medics went step-by-step to show whoever attended the class how to do it,” said Sgt. Christine Kurckerewics, HHC, 325th BSB. Although she had no previous medical training and works in administration, she picked up on the training very easily due to guidance from the instructors.

“If you needed help, they were there with you ... showing you the way it’s supposed to be done,” said Kurckerewics. “It helps build your self esteem to where you know you are going to be able to help someone if it comes to that situation.”

Instructors put themselves on the line to ensure their students are ready for the final day of training, where Soldiers’ knowledge is put to the test. Students gear up in full battle rattle on the last day to conduct lane training, which involves applying their new medical skills as if in a combat situation.

“All of the scenarios that we do are based off of events that have actually happened in theater,” said Spc. Dean Quiram, CLS instructor, 325th BSB. “That’s why we try to make this training as realistic as possible and stress them heavily before they ever have to actually use these skills.”

From lifting heavy, life-sized dummies out of the turret of a humvee to patching the dummy up and calling in a medical evacuation, students received hands-on training, or a good workout at the very least.

“The CLS training that we received was outstanding,” Kurckerewics said. “They gave us a base knowledge that every Soldier should learn.”

Although general first aid is taught in Basic Training, many students and instructors felt service members should attend CLS for increased knowledge and to prepare them for unpredictable situations.

“You never know what’s going to happen. We know guys who have just walked into the class for a couple of hours, taken parts of the training and actually used it,” said Sgt. Sabrina Garza, senior CLS instructor. “I know that if you guys learn everything that we teach, your possibility of saving a Soldier or a friend will be a lot higher.”

Red Cross warns of new scam targeting spouses

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE
News Release

WASHINGTON —The American Red Cross is warning military spouses about a new identity-theft scam that targets family members of deployed troops.

The Red Cross was alerted of the scam earlier this month, said Deborah Goldberg of the Red Cross.

The scam involves a person with an American accent calling a military spouse, identifying herself as a representative of the Red Cross, and telling the spouse that her husband was hurt in Iraq and was medically evacuated to Germany.

The caller then says that doctors can't start treatment until paperwork is completed, and that to start the paperwork doctors need the spouse to verify the husband's social security number and date of birth.

It is hard to determine how many spouses have been targeted by this scam, Goldberg said, as there are many ways for spouses to report problems like this. However, one confirmed report was enough for the Red Cross to act, she said.

"We know that it happened to one person; it was probably going to happen to others, and we wanted to be prudent and alert people," she said.

American Red Cross representatives typically do not contact military or their family members directly. The American Red Cross almost always goes through a commander or first sergeant, according to a Red Cross news release.

Military family members are urged not to give out any personal information over the telephone if contacted by unknown individuals, including confirmation that their spouse is deployed.

Red Cross representatives do directly contact military and family members in response to an emergency message initiated by a family member, the news release said. The Red Cross does not report any

type of casualty information to family members; the Defense Department contacts families directly about family members' injuries.

It is a federal crime, punishable by up to five years in prison, for a person to fraudulently pretend to be a member of, or an agent for, the American Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting or receiving money or material, according to the news release.

Any military family member that receives such a call is urged to report it to their local family readiness group or military personnel flight.

Makeover: 3-7th FA gets more support

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"life support" while at war.

Noel refused to allow his Soldiers to live like he had.

"The first four months here we had everybody up every day [from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.] working on improving this place," he said. "It was tough, but thanks to our Soldiers the hard work paid off."

According to Noel, the team added two 10,000-gallon fiberglass containers into these containers for clean showers, replaced all hot water tanks and gravity fed tanks to virtually eliminate all sorts of mild preventable medical problems, like rashes, and added heaters and ventilation for the bathrooms.

Of course, no FOB would be tolerable with an adequate gym. Noel's team transformed a dark, 20-by-20-foot room that masqueraded as gym space into three interconnected workout spaces.

"Life and living conditions here at Gains Mills are considerably better than Afghanistan," said Capt. Thomas Mears, MiTT assistant team chief, 3-7th FA. Mears, also a combat veteran, recalled much rougher times during his previous deployment.

"I remember that we had three phones for almost 450 Soldiers and just a couple computers. Here, we have the ability to call home without much waiting, and Internet capability."

But it's not only the seasoned Soldiers that appreciate the niceties of Gains Mills. Pvt. Ezequiel Widrick is on his first combat tour. Widrick is a field artilleryman who is currently tasked to assist with security.

"Being here is good. I really appreciate the support we get from home and from our leaders here," said Widrick.

DPW partnership a win-win

DAVE PAWLAK
Directorate of Public Works

When it comes to executing work, the 84th Engineer Battalion and the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) know how to "Get 'er done."

Transformation and modularity requirements have forced the Army to look at innovative ways of providing housing for unaccompanied Soldiers who are deploying and redeploying.

Although recent barracks renovation and construction projects have generated a shortage of available housing units, the Army has developed a work-around solution to close this gap.

In partnership with the 84th Engineer Battalion, DPW has begun renovating more than 50 family housing units in the 9000 block of Schofield Barracks in preparation for Soldiers returning from deployment. These units will be completed by August 1.

DPW is using its Troop Construction and Military Maintenance Team Training programs to partner with Soldiers from the 84th Engineer Battalion.

The Military Maintenance Team Program provides Soldiers with hands-on instruction for replacing floor tiles, wall outlets, and sliding glass doors, patching and painting walls, installing cove base, repairing jalousie

windows, and replacing doors and door locks, in addition to minor plumbing and electrical repairs.

The Troop Construction Program, headed by Russell Segawa, DPW, establishes both vertical and horizontal construction projects for troops that are within their capability to execute. The program allows Soldiers to make use of their classroom training.

DPW provides the training and materials, and the assigned military unit provides the manpower, making the relationship a win-win combination.

This partnership works, not only from the physical sense — where both DPW personnel and troops train, plan, estimate, schedule and execute the work — but also in the literal sense of the word.

The DPW Operations and Maintenance Division and the troops of the 84th Engineer Battalion have built a positive working relationship that is truly Army Strong.

2nd Lt. Chatom Warren from A Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, said his unit was glad to know the work it has performed is making a difference in the lives of fellow Soldiers returning from deployment. In addition, Warren said the program was providing his Soldiers with valuable skills and hands-on training they will need in the field.



Sarah Horrigan | Army MWR Deployment Program Coordinator

X-treme volunteers

KALIHI — Military spouses — left to right, Pam Alvarado, Elizabeth Thunstedt and Sally Whitehurst — organize accessories for an "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" house here, Tuesday. In all, 25 military spouses of mostly deployed Soldiers volunteered and met host Ty Pennington. The two-hour episode, the season premier, will air on Hawaii's KITV (ABC), Sept. 23.

Everyone is responsible for preventing, reporting child abuse

COL. THERESA GONZALES
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The maltreatment of children by their parents or primary caregivers has been with us since ancient times. However, only relatively recently has extreme parental abuse been recognized as a serious problem that demands intervention.

How we define "abuse" has a great impact upon our recognition of it. Child abuse is defined as the nonaccidental, physical, emotional or sexual trauma; exploitation; or neglect endured by a child younger than 18 years of age while under the care of a responsible person, such as a parent, sibling, teacher or other person acting in place of a parent.

Approximately three million cases of child abuse are reported annually in the U.S. — 2,000-4,000 cases result in death.

Childhood homicide rates have more than doubled during the past 25 years, and there is no indication that this trend is abating. Since so many cases of abuse culminate

in a fatality, it is important to recognize the clinical indicators of abuse.

The face and the oral cavity, in particular, are frequent targets of abuse. However, the oral cavity's role in communication and

“Children should never die because of our inability to confront the possibility of abuse.”

Theresa Gonzales
U.S. Army Dental Activity, Hawaii

nutrition make it particularly vulnerable to abuse.

Not surprisingly, the oral cavity is a frequent site of sexual abuse in children, and oral gonorrhea in prepubertal children is essentially characteristic of sexual abuse.

Since many abusive-appearing injuries can also occur accidentally, a detailed history of the event should be sought, but parents attempting to conceal abuse often

change their stories.

Delay in obtaining medical and dental care, although not characteristic of abuse, should arouse suspicion. A past medical history of other unexplained or inadequately explained injuries should mandate a thorough review of emergency department and inpatient medical records.

Each week, there are reports in local and national news of children who are injured or murdered by adults charged with their well-being. Often these sensationalized stories are met with public outrage and force us to grapple with the question of why some parents intentionally harm their children.

No doubt, parenting is a demanding, challenging, and often physically exhausting job that taxes even the most capable person. Further, studies have shown that abuse occurs at all socioeconomic levels.

When it comes to damage, there is no real difference between physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse. All that distinguishes one from the other is the abuser's choice of weapons.

Abuse represents a spectrum of behavior, repetitive in nature. Fatal abuse is often preceded by minor manifestations of maltreatment, often overlooked by physicians, dentists, teachers, social workers and others who are in frequent contact with the child.

The sad truth is that child abuse kills more children in the U.S. each year than accidental falls, drowning, choking on food, and fires in the home combined. Children should never die because of our inability to confront the possibility of abuse.

Health care providers must identify children at risk, educate the families they serve, and report suspected cases of abuse and neglect to the appropriate authorities. Lack of understanding of the complex origins of child abuse does not absolve our collective responsibility to protect children at risk.

As Dr. Henry Kempe so eloquently stated almost 34 years ago, "It is just not possible to worry about all of the children all of the time. There lies the frustration and total inaction as well. For each of us there must be only one child at a time."

Reporting suspected abuse

Military personnel and their families have avenues to report within their community.

Family Advocacy Programs:
Tripler, 433-6606
Schofield Barracks, 433-8579

Military Police/Investigations:
Fort Shafter, 423-7110
Schofield Barracks, 655-7110

To report suspected abuse in Hawaii, call Child Protective Service at 832-5300. Reporting is required by Hawaii state law about known and suspected cases of child and spouse abuse, as soon as the information is received.

News Briefs

Send announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

15 / Today

USARPAC's Time Capsule Submissions — If you could leave a message about today's Army for Soldiers 100 years from now, what would you say? Soldiers and family members are invited to submit letters to be included in a time capsule that will be sealed during Fort Shafter's 100th anniversary celebration, June 22.

E-mail or fax letters to U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC) historian David Hilkert (david.hilkert@us.army.mil, fax 438-6354), no later today.

Camera Equipment Found

A piece of camera equipment was found outside the Schofield Barracks' Headquarters, Building 580, Tuesday, June 5. Call 655-4816 to claim.

17 / Sunday

Best Rangers on Military Channel — Tune in as the Military Channel takes viewers behind the scenes of one of the world's most grueling physical competitions — the U.S. Army's Best Ranger Competition Sunday, June 17, at 10 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Root for homegrown 25th Infantry Division Soldiers Capt. Andrew Farina and David Uthlaut as they compete head-to-head against elite real-life warriors and world-class athletes.

19 / Tuesday

Oahu North Town Hall — Let your voice be heard at the bi-monthly Oahu North Town Hall meeting Tuesday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Schofield Barracks' Sgt. Smith Theater.

20 / Wednesday

Marriage 101 — The Family Life Chaplain will be conducting Marriage 101 Training Wednesday, June 20, at the Wheeler Chapel from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To register, call Staff Sgt. Parker at 656-4481.

FBI Recruitment — Are you interested in a career with the FBI as a special agent or a Professional Support employee? Learn about the FBI by attending the monthly FBI career presentation June 20 at Schofield Barracks, Bldg. 690 (Aloha Center), 3rd floor conference room, from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-1028.

21 / Wednesday

Free Concert — Come enjoy free entertainment with the famous U.S. Army Strolling Strings Thursday, June 21, 6 p.m., at Sergeant Smith Theater. Call 655-4908 for details.

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Tricare helps families save money

Families can take advantage of Tricare's mail-order prescriptions, auto payment and generic drugs

RICHARD GRAY

Tricare Management Activity

Military families may reduce health care costs by taking advantage of money-saving features Tricare offers. Four key ways help families save: (1) buy generic drugs, (2) use the mail-order pharmacy program, (3) keep doctor's appointments, and (4) sign up for automatic payments.

•**Choose generic drugs.** With generic drugs, families may save as much as 40-60 percent on prescriptions without skimping on the quality of medications.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires generic drugs to have the same chemical composition, potency and effect on the body as their brand-name counterparts. According to the FDA, nearly 42 percent of brand-name drugs currently have generic equivalents.

•**Fill prescriptions by mail.** Fill generic drug prescriptions using the Tricare mail-order pharmacy and save even more — as much as 66-percent off medicines sold at retail pharmacies.

For each prescription a customer fills at a retail pharmacy, the co-pay for a one-month supply is \$3 for generic, \$9 for brand name and \$22 for non-formulary medications.

Mail-order customers pay the same amount but receive a 90-day supply, three times the amount they get when paying month-by-month at retail.

Mail-order pharmacy customers get their prescriptions within 10-14 days after ordering. The prescriptions arrive in plain, weather-resistant pouches, and there are no shipping and handling costs. Expedited shipping is available for an additional charge.

To enroll in this program, beneficiaries should tell their providers they would like to use Tricare's mail-order pharmacy. Then ask them to write two prescriptions, one for the first month to fill immediately at a retail pharmacy and the other for a 90-day supply for the mail-order pharmacy.

Beneficiaries may get a registration form by call-

ing 1-866-363-8667 or by visiting the Express Scripts Web site, www.expressscripts.com/Tricare.

•**Avoid missed appointment fees.** One way to waste money is to miss a doctor's appointment or cancel a visit at the last minute, which causes problems for providers. Many Tricare providers charge patients fees for missed appointments.

Most providers require patients to cancel or reschedule an appointment within a specific time, usually within 24 or 48 hours of the original appointment.

Tricare regulations don't prevent providers from establishing their own policies, like missed appointment fees. However, providers must tell patients about their policies in advance and have them sign a formal agreement.

•**Use automatic payment options.** Military retirees may save time and the hassle of stamps and post office visits by using the regional contractor's automatic payment system to pay Tricare Prime enrollment fees. One of the following pay agencies may deduct the retirement pay allotment: the Defense Financial Accounting System, the U.S. Coast Guard or the U.S. Public Health Service. To begin an allotment, beneficiaries must complete the following:

-Fill out an Enrollment Fee Allotment Authorization Letter, which stops, starts or changes monthly allotment payments from a retirees' pay account.

-Send the letter to your regional contractor with an initial quarterly payment. Beneficiaries don't need to send a quarterly payment when transferring from one region to another once they set up the allotment.

-After the regional contractor receives the allotment authorization letter and initial quarterly payment, the contractor forwards a payment request to the designated pay agency.

-The pay agency sets up a monthly payment to the regional contractor on the retiree's behalf.

There are three automatic payment options available on the regional contractor's Web sties: 1) monthly allotments deducted from retirement checks; 2) recurring credit card payments automatically charged to a Visa or MasterCard; and 3) electronic funds transfers, deductions from a specified checking or savings account.

For more, visit www.tricare.mil.

Men need a game plan to ensure optimal health

DR. JACK SMITH

Tricare Management Activity

As the nation celebrates Men's Health Week June 11-17, I would like to encourage men and boys to huddle up with their doctors and develop a game plan for good health. Make sure you and your doctor tackle any health concerns and screening needs.

By using Tricare, you get the benefit of a quality health program that bases health care decisions on what you need to get healthy and stay healthy. Remember, Tricare far surpasses civilian health plans in value through lower out-of-pocket costs and benefit coverage.

According to the National Women's Health Information Center of the Department of Health and Human Services, men don't live as long as women because men are more likely to do the following:

•Smoke, drink and/or lead less healthy lifestyles.

•Not seek medical help.

•Join in risky and dangerous behaviors.

New goals, new habits

Your doctor may help you set realistic goals and develop a healthy lifestyle plan. A plan coupled with these tips will help you live a longer, happier, healthier life:

•**Eat right.** Make healthy food choices and eat in moderation. Emphasize fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat milk products, lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs and nuts.

There's no need to eliminate your favorite foods, just eat responsibly.

•**Maintain a healthy weight.** Balance the calories you eat with calories you burn off by exercising. If you note gradual weight gain, eat and drink fewer calories and increase physical activity.

•**Get active.** Start now and find

an activity you love and are likely to continue.

Brisk walking, mowing the lawn, swimming, softball, soccer and riding

bikes are just a few examples of moderate physical activity.

Don't try to become an Olympic athlete overnight; that can lead to injuries. Begin slowly, adding a little more time to your activity each day.

•**Don't smoke.** If you smoke, talk to your primary care manager about quitting. For tips on how to quit, visit www.smokefree.gov or call the National Quit Line, 1-800-QUITNOW.

•**Drink alcohol in moderation,** if at all. If you drink alcohol, limit yourself to no more than two drinks a day. A standard drink is one 12-ounce bottle of beer or wine cooler, one five-ounce glass of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.

•**Take advantage of health promotions.** Screening for prostate cancer, colon cancer, and cardiovascular disease are all part of your Tricare benefits.

•**Enjoy your success.** Keep a journal of food choices and daily activities, and you will see your new habits form while enjoying the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

•**Protect yourself and others.**

Wherever you are, whether that's having functional smoke detectors, wearing seat belts, applying sunscreen or using helmets when biking, whatever you do, think safety.

Learn to safely deal with stress, depression and aggression. Uninformed service members may have increased stress levels due to deployments and increased military requirements, but using alcohol and tobacco products to cope is not the answer.

Exercise, meditation, socializing, listening to music, joining discussion groups or taking anger/stress management courses, and praying, are some healthier alternatives for coping with increased stress in military life.

On The WEB

Get more details at www.cdc.gov/men/tips.htm.

Midway: Army fliers perform admirably

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gan, the Flying Fortresses under the command of Col. Walter C. Sweeney were pressed into scouting duty. The remaining B-17s arrived later.

Then, June 3, 1942, when the Japanese troop convoy was spotted, nine U.S. bombers flew 570 miles from the atoll with a half-payload (the other half was bomb-bay gas tanks to enable the trip). The bombers missed, although some of the near misses looked like hits from 10,000 feet. It was the first combat mission for the crews, and their claims became big news in the *Honolulu Advertiser* June 12, 1942.

Meanwhile, the four Army Marauders under the command of Capt. James Collins were armed with the Navy's notoriously unreliable torpedoes, along with a quickly rigged drop system.

The bombers were a piecemeal collection of four crews scraped up from two different Hickam Air Force Base commands and hadn't ever worked as a team. None of the crews had seen combat, nor had any seen a torpedo before, let alone dropped one. There was just no time to train.

Early June 4, with the B-17s already airborne for patrol duties, the B-26s received a position and targets to go with their torpedoes.

Without real coordination, the Marauders arrived over the enemy carriers at the same time as six new Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers. Both fought their way through a strong Japanese combat air patrol.

One of the bombers was shot down as it closed. Boring in, the crews dropped their "fish" and tried to escape.

1st Lt. James Muri buzzed the length of the Akagi's flight deck, his gunners strafing away, and survived to tell the tale.

One of the bombers flown by 1st Lt. Herbie Mayes was badly shot up as it approached and either deliberately or unintentionally almost hit the bridge of the flagship Akagi.

In a lecture at the Pacific Aviation Museum, June 6, Midway historian Frank Lloyd said that a difference of 10 feet lower by Mayes' burning bomber would've taken out the command of Kido Butai. Although they missed, "they certainly got [Vice Admiral Chuichi] Nagumo's attention," said Lloyd.

Fifteen of Sweeney's B-17s got another important crack, this time attacking the fleet from 20,000 feet.

Again, no hits were scored, but the enemy carriers were forced to maneuver hard below to avoid the sticks of bombs. Key photos taken by the bombers show the decks to be clear; the Japanese had spent their time bobbing and weaving instead of preparing to launch their strike.

Anti-aircraft fire and Zero fighters attacked them, this time shooting up the Fortresses, but failed to shoot any down.

Six additional B-17s under the command of Maj. George Blakey were making the long flight from Oahu to Midway and were in sight of their runway when diverted to fly directly toward the carrier fleet. Blakey's bombers complied despite low fuel levels by keeping their altitude low.

By the time Blakey and his bombers were over the target, the carriers Akagi, Kaga, Soryu and Hiryu were already burning, and the defending Ze-



Courtesy of www.ValorStudios.com

The Army Air Corps B-26 Marauder bomber "Suzy-Q," flown by 1st Lt. James Muri, seeks shelter from anti-aircraft fire by flying straight down the flight deck of the flagship IJN Akagi. Muri said it was the only time he felt safe during his attack run.

ros were homeless and angry.

Blakey's B-17s made their bombing run at the Hiryu, the low altitude allowing the gunners to blaze away. All of the bombers survived the attack.

Sweeney's group returned again late in the day and found the four carriers burning, so he attacked a cruiser instead. The immediate danger was over.

Although the outcome was still uncertain, Sweeney sent some of the bombers back to Oahu so they wouldn't be shelled or bombed on the ground. The surviving Army bombers continued to make bombing runs for two more days, attacking battleships and cruisers as the Japanese retreated.

Midway now

Following the war, Midway operat-

ed as a Naval facility until Sept. 10, 1993. What had once been a flashpoint between two mighty navies is now the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, a bird sanctuary home to about two million birds. Rangers from U.S. Fish and Wildlife are the uniformed service in residence.

The Army was back on the atoll June 4 as part of a joint service color guard to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. A predominately a Navy affair, the ceremony was attended by a charter jet of military history buffs and passengers from a cruise ship, which temporarily swelled the population to as many as 2,000.

The ceremony was held on Sand Island, although most of the action in 1942 took place on Eastern Island.

Walker: Mother reacted on instinct

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out of his lungs.

"My shoes and clothes were on – wet and cold," said Walker. "But it did not stop me from staying focused on the situation and the people involved."

In very little time, Marquan regained consciousness. Walker is a busy mother of two and an advocate within the military ohana as a family readiness group (FRG) co-leader for A Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment. She also works at the Kapolei Recreation Center, where she received her cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, and is currently attending college for social work.

Walker's husband, 1st Sgt. Dean A. Walker of A Co., 2-25th, has been deployed since January.

"As a Soldier, it seems we always get the glory," said husband Walker in an e-mail. "My wife is a model military spouse. [She] has always been there for me. I am proud to call Debra the hero in my family."

Dean Walker also praised the members of the FRG and the level of support they provide.

"They are all unsung heroes who never get enough recognition for what they do," he said.

After a short recovery period, Marquan is functioning normally and remains fearless around the water. The child's mother is grateful for the service Walker provided and ensures her son does not venture into the pool area without a proper flotation device.

These situations emphasize the importance of adult supervision around pools or open waters, as well as training in CPR and first aid. The Red Cross offers monthly classes that provide certification in adult, child and infant CPR, as well as first aid.

The Red Cross offers monthly classes that provide certification in adult, child and infant CPR, as well as first aid. In addition, the organization is currently recruiting volunteers to train to respond to disasters. To become a volunteer or instructor, call 655-4927 or visit www.redcross.org for more information.

PAU HANA



Orange Black

Damselfly takes comfort in Tripler digs



Tenth grade student Ikua Purdy, 15, peers at the Orange-Black Damselfly as Vince Costello, senior natural resources specialist, Environmental Division, DPW, holds it gently at the Tripler stream.

With plenty of shade and few predators, Tripler's stream is every damselfly's dream

Story and Photos by
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Fine living has always been about location, location, location, and for the Orange-Black Damselfly, an endemic Hawaiian species, prime real estate is a pool of slow-moving, fresh or saltwater, surrounded by lush and protective vegetation that provides heaps of shade and canopy cover.

Only the occasional toad or bullfrog leaps by, but seems to pay the damselflies no mind.

The damselfly is so picky about its residence that it was believed to have disappeared from the island of Oahu in 1974. It

was thought to have been wiped out by a combination of alien fishes (like tilapia) released or dumped into ponds and streams by man, and introduced predators – guppies and top-feeding minnows, who share the damselfly's

A damselfly rests on the edges of a leaf.



love of lower elevations, less than 656 feet. As well, *Homo sapiens* urban sprawl could have been blamed.

Except for a stretch of stream about 328 feet long at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), this lowland species has no other known Oahu address.

"It starts up in the mountains, and when it comes to Tripler, it [the stream] goes underneath the parking lots, goes through pipes ... to this little patch of forest here," said Vince Costello, senior natural resources specialist at the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). His section works to protect and propagate endangered species and rare plants.

Costello said the Orange-Black Damselfly used to be common about a hundred years ago, widespread on Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Maui and Hawaii. It was rediscovered on Oahu, quite by accident, when Bishop Museum undertook an environmental assessment survey in 1995, for projected construction at TAMC.

"Because this stream has some steep sections up here, those alien fish aren't able to get into this stream. It's just too steep, the waterfall, up here," Costello said.

Damselflies can survive in elevations up to 3,281 feet.

To lessen the impact caused by pending construction, at the time, the Army built artificial habitats near the damselflies' preferred Tripler stream. Now, routinely, Tripler staff turn on a water hose to replenish the dwindling freshwater environment, which can easily dry out from May-September.

Between 1999 and 2005, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii's Natural Resources crew and Bishop Museum tried to translocate, or move, and spread out the damselfly to similar environments. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also placed the Orange-Black Damselfly as a candidate for the endangered species list. The service also mitigated potential predator pressure by creating separate artificial ponds at Tripler.

Attempts by the Army and Bishop Museum to translocate the damselfly to Makiki and Dillingham Military Reservation, however, failed.

"This stream, because of its isolation and its geography ... isn't subject to huge rain events like a normal stream setting. For all practical purposes, except for the hundred foot of natural stream bed, this is a totally artificial system," said David Preston, research specialist, Natural Sciences, Bishop Museum.

Content within its Tripler gully, this species on Oahu is now threatened by what Preston calls a "bottleneck" and fixed carrying capacity.

"The DNA within this population has less diversity," he said, explaining the damselflies may have less resistance to disease. "This population is totally isolated, and because there are no other individuals of the same species to breed with outside of this single population, they're becoming inbred, which reduces the genetic evolution of the species," Preston said.

Costello explained the bright-red male damselflies come out when it's really sunny, from hiding in the vegetation. They entice their paler tan females to come to the stream and mate.

When mating is successful, females lay their eggs into the tissues of plants that overhang the pools of water. The eggs hatch into naiads (young or immature damselflies), where they can become easy prey for introduced predators, except at their currently predator-free Tripler home.

Occasionally, Bishop Museum brings groups of local students to the TAMC site and teaches them about their native lands. For example, in May, 14 sixth-eleventh grade students from Kanu o ka Aina, a charter school located in Kamuela, Hawaii (which partners with Bishop), gathered data such as stream flows, water quality and stream mapping.

"We just try to help the land," said Iliana Purdy, 14, adding that Kanu o ka Aina offers three different science projects: plant propagation, ocean environment and forest water streams.

"At our school, instead of just looking at theoretical education, we look at how we can apply the education ... we look at projects that can integrate content areas," said teacher Nalei Kahakalau, who specializes in social studies.

He further explained, the weeklong May field trip, an annual excursion largely funded by Kamehameha Schools, grants



David Preston (center with cap), research specialist, Natural Sciences, Bishop Museum, gives students from the Big Island a short lesson on damselflies. Their teacher Nalei Kahakalau (right) listens in.

and Bishop Museum, allowed the students to check PH balance, oxygen and temperature – factors that contribute to the well being of native species; velocity of stream flow; and topography and depth of the habitat the damselflies exist within.

"As they say, one day in the field is like a week in the lab," said Kahakalau.

The Army is currently partnered with several entities – the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Waimoa Audubon Center, Bishop Museum, the State of Hawaii Department of

Aquatic Resources, the Navy's Environmental Division, and Tripler staff – to protect the Orange-Black Damselfly.

USAG-HI's Natural Resources and Bishop Museum have not abandoned their hopes of translocating the damselfly to other natural or manmade freshwater environments.



Left, Kawaianiani Plunkett, 11, and right, Kaieia Anakaie-Buckley, 11, both sixth graders at Kanu o ka Aina New Century Public Charter School, Kamuela, Hawaii, measure water quality at the Tripler stream during their weeklong field trip to Oahu, last month.



15 / Today

Picnic Sites — Picnic sites for the "Fourth of July Spectacular" can be reserved now for \$60 at the Leisure Activities office, Kaala Community Activities Center. The 20-by-25 foot sites will be located on the perimeter of Sills Field. These areas are the only areas authorized for cooking on grills. For more details, call 655-0111 or 655-0112.

Laugh it Up — Register now at any post library for this year's Summer Reading Program, which runs through July 12. Children must read at least one book per week to receive a prize.

For more information and event schedules, call 655-8002 (Sgt. Yano Library), 438-9521 (Fort Shafter Library) or 833-4851 (Aliamanu Library).

16 / Saturday

Cooking with Titus Chan — Learn top-of-the-line Chinese cooking techniques with Master Chef Titus Chan, well-known for his cooking shows on PBS and Warner Brothers. Three sessions will be held June 16 & 23; participants will get a first-rate cooking demonstration, a full-course gourmet meal and recipes to take home. Chan is also offering the military community a 50-percent discount. Total cost for all materials is \$216 (\$72 each session). Register with Leisure Activities at 655-0112/0110.

17 / Sunday

Father's Day Brunch — Keiki and moms may treat dads to a scrumptious Father's Day brunch at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, or at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Reservations are recommended. Call the Nehelani at 655-4466 or the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 for more details.

18 / Monday

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

Enrollment begins June 18, and children must be enrolled in Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of CYS.

Register at the CYS Office, 556 Heard St. Call SKIES at 655-9818 or CYS at 655-380.



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'Oh, my gosh, it looked easier than it is!'

Ladies with the Schofield Barracks Arts & Crafts Center and the Directorate of Human Resources, both within U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, get a good laugh with Margie Eguchi (center, light-blue shorts) when she attempts to master the double-jump rope at Garrison Organizational Day, June 8, at Bowen Park, Schofield Barracks.

Jammin' at the Tropics — The Armed Forces Entertainment reggae band "Anthem" will perform free at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, from 8–10 p.m. Anthem performs a diverse musical set for reggae fans from roots to dance hall.

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Ongoing

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

Gymboree — SKIESUnlimited, in partnership with Army Hawaii Family Housing, is offering Gymboree to children 6 months–5 years old. These classes will help children build strong motor skills, social skills and self-esteem — all the ingredients they need to grow into confident, happy, successful people. Classes are held the first four Wednesdays of each month. Call CYS at 655-9818.

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

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Enjoy the "ono" taste of a traditional Hawaiian-style feast, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Schofield Nehelani. Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena (438-1974) or the Nehelani (655-4466) for lunch buffet reservations or more information.

New MWR Calendar Feature — Visit the Website, www.mwrarmyhawaii.com and check out the new calendar feature, which allows users to view the calendar by day, week, or month, in a list or tabular format.

Other features allow users to search for events, receive event reminders or notifications of event changes by e-mail or text message, as well as download event info, e-mail event information to friends, and import events to a calendar.

SKIES Driver Education — Learn to drive with SKIES at Valentine's Driving School, Schofield Barracks. The session is taught by qualified instructors and includes 32 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The fee is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. Call 655-9818.

"Paint It & Take It" — Ceramic parties offer a unique way to celebrate get-togethers, coffees, children's birthday parties, showers or any occasion. Your Arts and Crafts Center provides a varied selection of ceramic bisqueware to paint and take home. Call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

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

28 / Thursday
Parachuting Into Kindergarten — Help your keiki make the big leap into their first school experience, June 28. Call 655-8002 (Sgt. Yano Library), 684-9183 (Parent to Parent) or visit schofieldparent2parent@yahoo.com for more details.

22 / Friday
Fort Shafter Centennial — The Perry & Price KSSK morning radio show will tape from 5–10 a.m. at the Hale Ikena, June 22, in celebration of Fort Shafter's 100th anniversary. Breakfast will be served from 6:30–9:30 a.m.; tickets are \$12.50. Tables seat 8–10 guests, and reservations for groups are available. Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or 438-6712.

Blue Star Celebration — Blue Star Card Holders can receive free transportation to the Fort Shafter Centennial celebration; busses will depart from the Kaala Recreation Center at 10 a.m. and return at 2 p.m. Spaces are limited. For reservations call 656-0135 or 438-2911 or e-mail one of the following individuals:

and a cash prize. Interested in testing your routine? Contact Sharkey's at 531-HAHA (4242), today. Open to the public, BayFest 2007 is set for June 29–July 1 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Salsathon — Catch the 7th Annual Puerto Rican Salsa Festival's Salsathon 2007, today (4–9 p.m.), Saturday (11 a.m.–9 p.m.) & Sunday (11 a.m.–7 p.m.) at McCoy Pavilion, Ala Moana Beach Park. Enjoy a salsa dance competition, beginners' workshops, DJs and more.

Donations requested range from \$8–\$10; military with ID enter for \$8. Children under 12 are free. For more details, visit www.salsathon.com.

Flavors of Honolulu — More than 1,000 volunteers are needed to help with this year's Flavors of Honolulu, formerly called Taste of Honolulu, scheduled June 29–30 & July 1 on the Frank Fasi Civic Grounds next to Honolulu Hale.

All volunteers will receive a free commemorative T-shirt and three admission tickets for the event to give to family and friends.

If you're interested in volunteering, log onto abilitiesunlimitedhi.org to download a registration form and select your shifts and duty preferences, or call 532-2100. Event proceeds benefit people with disabilities, and your kokua is appreciated.

Career Training Scholarships — The non-profit Hire A Hero program is accepting applications to award 122 academic scholarships to the military community. These scholarships are available to active and transitioning military personnel, veterans, National Guard Members, Reservists and their spouses. Degree and diploma programs will be available in automotive technology, health sciences, skilled trades, business, information technology and hospitality services. Three types of scholarships are available to those who qualify.

The application process involves registering on the Hire A Hero Web site at www.hireahero.com and uploading a written essay or short video. All applications are due on or before Aug. 17.

16 / Saturday
Coalition for Dads — The Hawaii Coalition for Dads and its partners will host its 9th annual Celebrate Fathers Day event from 11 a.m.–3 p.m., tomorrow at Windward Mall in Kaneohe.

Festivities include a Father-Child Look-Alike contest, balloon artists, great giveaways, face painting, and live entertainment by local bands. Also, stop by informational booths, including the Keiki ID by Missing Child Center.

To register for the Look-Alike contest, call 841-2245. TV personalities Ron Mizutani (KHON-2) and Justin Fujioka (KITV-4) are among the judges. The grand prize winner will receive a flat screen TV.

20 / Wednesday
Kids in the Kitchen — Preschoolers and their parents are invited to join the staff of Armed Services YMCA as they make peanut butter pizza sandwiches with "PB-n-J" shakes June 20, 10:30 a.m., and July 25, 10:30 a.m., when they will make decorated pretzels with triple berry parfaits. Cost is \$3 per child. Call ASYMCA at 624-5645 to preregister.

21 / Thursday
Small Business Seminar — Have you ever thought about or desired to start your own small business? Do you know what would be required or about financing? Then attend the Starting a Small Business Workshop, June 21 from 9:30–11:30 a.m. at the Fort Shafter Outreach Center.

You will learn about loan programs and financing, resource materials, building structures, and locations of business information centers. This workshop is sponsored by the ACS Employment Readiness Program, in partnership with the Hawaii Business Action Center. Register online at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com, or call 655-4227.

29 / Friday
BayFest — Now in its 18th year, BayFest returns to Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay, June 29–July 1 with headline Canadian rockers Three Days Grace, country starlet Gretchen Wilson, and legendary soloist Alan Jackson.

Mega family activities are scheduled, including Fernandez carnival rides, games, military displays, contests, a nightly fireworks show, and much more.

If you're interested in competition and contests, sign up for the BodySearch and/or the Bathtub Regatta.

Anyone with a DoD ID card can purchase tickets through Information, Tickets & Tours at MCBH K-Bay, Camp Smith, MWR Navy Region Hawaii, or MWR Army Hawaii. Two types of presale tickets will be sold at these locations: the \$20 concert/carnival ticket and a \$5 ticket, which does not include concert admission.

Tickets purchased are good for any day's admission, but only for one-time admission. Re-entry is not permitted, and concert admission tickets are \$25 at the gate.

Get the full lineup of weekend events and other contests online at www.bayfesthawaii.com.

Flavors of Honolulu — Catch this multicultural festival featuring the finest of Honolulu's restaurants, entertainers, fine wines and beers, crafts, and other attractions for the entire family.

Don't miss out on this chance to taste all the "Flavors of Honolulu" at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center Grounds, June 29, 5–10 p.m.; June 30, noon–10 p.m.; and July 1, noon–6 p.m.

Cost is \$6 for adults, free for seniors and children under 12. One hundred percent of funds raised remain in Hawaii to benefit individuals with disabilities.

Ongoing

Car-buying Classes — Learn how to get the most vehicle for your money. Car buying classes are held on the third Wednesday of every month at the Schofield Barracks' Army Community Service, Building 2091, from 9–10:30 a.m. Call 655-4227.



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel, 836-4599

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. — Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. — Religious Education (Sept.–May only)
- Gospel Sunday, 11 a.m. — Sunday School (Sept.–June only)
- 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, 836-4599

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

Fort Shafter Chapel, 836-4599

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

Helemano (HMR) Chapel

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

***Main Post Chapel, 655-9307**

- * (Note: During renovation, services normally held in the sanctuary will take place at the Wheeler Chapel.)
- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m.—CCD & RCIA Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School

MPC Annex, Building 791

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

Soldiers Chapel

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

Tripler AMC Chapel, 433-5727

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

Wheeler Chapel

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



Disturbia
(PG-13)

Friday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 4 p.m.



Happy Feet
(PG)

Saturday, 2 p.m.



The Invisible
(PG-13)

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



Next
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Sunday, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

15 / Today

Battleship Missouri — Army family members can receive 50-percent off admission fees in honor of the U.S. Army's 232nd birthday, observed June 14. The Battleship Missouri Memorial is offering free admission to all active duty, reserve and retired U.S. Army personnel through Sunday. Immediate family members enjoy 50-percent off admission rates.

The Army Birthday Special also includes 10-percent off retail items at the memorial's Victory Store. To take advantage of the offer, qualified visitors must present a valid military I.D. at the Missouri's ticket window at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor.

The Battleship Missouri Memorial is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. General admission is \$16 per adult and \$8 per child 4–12. Military and kamaaina (local residents) rates are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

All military in uniform are granted free admission at the gate. Guided tours are recommended and begin at just \$7 additional. Call toll-free at 1-877-MIGHTYMO (1-877-644-4896) or visit www.ussmissouri.org.

BayFest Open Mic — New to BayFest this year is the Sharkey's Comedy Club Open Mic Stand Up Competition; aspiring comedians will get a shot at the spotlight with the opportunity to perform Sunday, July 1, prior to country legend Alan Jackson's performance on the Lex Brodie Main Stage.

Sharkey's is hosting weekly competition preliminaries now at its Aiea location (99-016 Kamehameha Hwy., above Dixie Grill), where hopeful comedians can test their talents for a spot among the top 25 finalists at BayFest.

In addition to performing live in front of thousands, the open mic competition winner will receive a three-hour comedy class, compliments of Sharkey's Comedy Club

Community Sports

Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

June

16 / Saturday

Hike Oahu — Come join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on its next hiking adventure, a short trail on a low ridge for novice hikers that will provide great views of Chinaman's Hat, Coconut Island and Kaneohe Bay — with all its sandbars — Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. Call coordinator Sandra Klein at 235-8330 to register.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming hikes:

—June 24, 6-miler, Kahana Valley, intermediate.

—June 30, 3-miler, Kaiwa Ridge, novice.

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

Hikers meet at the Iolani Palace, unless otherwise noted. Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes and clothing as extra caution may be required on some trails.

Hikers must keep all trails and lunch sites clear of clutter, and treat trees and plants with care and respect. Firearms, pets, radios and other audio devices are prohibited on all hikes. Visit <http://htmclub.org> for more details.

23 / Saturday

Fall Youth Soccer — AYSO Region 188 Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor will be accepting registration applications in front of the Hick-

am BX-tra from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., June 23, July 21 & Aug. 4. Players 4–18 (born between Aug. 1, 2002–July 31, 1988) need to show proof of age.

The season will run from August–November. The early-bird registration fee is \$55 per player. Preregistration is also available online at www.eayso.org (specify Region 188). E-mail questions to reg@aysoregion188.org. Further, mark your calendars for AYSO Soccer Camp, July 9–13 (location to be determined).

Shooting Sports Fair — The Hawaii Rifle Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of the shooting sports in Hawaii — through education and safety — is holding its annual fundraiser, a Shooting Sports Fair, June 23 from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. and June 24 from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., at the Kokohead Shooting Complex, located between Hanauma Bay and Sandy Beach.

This event has no entry fee and is open to all age groups. Call Gordon Oshiro at 271-8117 for more details.

30 / Saturday

Jackpot Rodeo — The Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association will host a Jackpot Rodeo June 30 at the Kawailoa Ranch Arena in Haleiwa. Action will begin at 10 a.m. with open, 3D and keiki barrel racing followed by pole-bending.

Admission and parking are free. Call Lu Faborito at 668-9006 or visit the HWRA online at www.rodeoohu.com for more details.

Ongoing

Officials Wanted — If you are a football or soccer official, or if you've ever thought about becoming one, call Larry Cravalho, officials development coordinator, at 780-4099 or 455-4575. Officials are needed (paid positions) pri-

or to the intramural season that will start the first week of September.

Games will be played weeknights at either Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter. The youth season will start shortly after, with games played Saturday mornings at Schofield Barracks, or Helemano and Aliamanu Military reservations.

Bike Hawaii — Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages can include downhill biking, waterfall hiking, and sailing off Waikiki with exclusive access to a remote Hawaiian rainforest.

Meals are included. To schedule your adventure, call 734-4214, 877-682-7433, or go online at www.bikehawaii.com.

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

These innovative group workouts are designed for beginning and advanced swimmers. Expert coaching is provided to improve upon form and technique. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$15 per month for Team Move members and \$25 per month for nonmembers. The pool is located at 785 Hoomaemae St., Pearl City.

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

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

For details, call 674-9283 or visit www.hawaiianwaters.com.



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Ballin'

Bryson Kamakura shoots a jump shot over Mike Anderson during the Garrison Organizational Days, at Schofield Barracks' Bowen Park, June 8. See full coverage of the Garrison Organizational Days, pages B-4 and B-5.



15 / Today

Fourth of July 5K Fun Run — Entry forms are available now at all Army fitness centers for the Fourth of July 5K Fun

Run. Interested runners can also download forms at www.mwrrmyhawaii.com.

Race registration will begin at 6:30 a.m., July 4, and cost is \$27 with T-shirt/\$14 without, race day.

The 5K run will begin at 9 a.m. on the Sills Field side of Trimble Road, across from the commissary. Awards will be presented in male and female, first–third categories: under 12, 13–19, 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69 and over 70.

Keiki are invited to participate in the children's 1-mile fun run. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the fun run will kick off at 10 a.m. (at the same start line

as the 5K). There is no cost for the fun run, and all children who complete the run will receive a finisher's ribbon.

Call Michelle McQuery, 655-8789, for more details.

27 / Wednesday

Basketball Tourney — The 2007 Army Hawaii 30 and Over Men's Basketball Tournament will be held at Schofield Barracks, Tripler Army Medical Center and Fort Shafter, July 19–13.

All active duty Army within the geographical limits of Hawaii may enter one team. However, all entries must be re-

ceived by the Sports Office, Building 556, Kaala Community Activities Center, by 4 p.m., June 27. Call 655-0856.

Ongoing

Teen Fit — Teens can learn the basics of proper strength training, cardio and stretching in a small group class for ages 12–17. A certified personal trainer teaches classes once a week. Cost is \$35 per teen. Call Kristy Osborn, 381-5944, or sign up at the Health and Fitness Center.

Brazilian Capoeira — Develop your mind, body and spirit with physical fitness, self-defense and self-discipline through Brazilian Capoeira. Classes are held Tuesdays from 5:30–7 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center. Call Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

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

Right — **Bow to your sensei.** Nicholas Salanoa, Morale, Recreation and Welfare, steps in to assist a defeated Desmond Utley, who will turn 11 on Father's Day, as his mother Pamela Utley laughs triumphantly.



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Eight-year-old Corben, son of Richard Terceira, Oahu Base Support Battalion, shows his ability to double jump rope, as Margie Eguchi, Schofield Barracks Arts & Crafts Center, cheers him on.



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Participants rally to place in the tire relay. Several field events like the tire relay, ski race, gunnysack relay, bucket brigade, water balloon toss, and tug-of-war, rallied the competitive nature of garrison employees, during Organizational Day, June 8.

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"Executive" chef and fisherman Momi Smith, Sports Branch, attends to her skillet of aku.



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Above — Stef Higa takes great delight in knocking fellow Richardson Pool employee Bibi Hendry off her pedestal.

Left — "Uh, I'm not doing so good," said Kaiulani Epstein, 17, during a friendly game of checkers with her dad, Bruce Epstein of DPW, as sister Sophie, 7, waits patiently for her turn.



Battle of the Sexes. Jessica Wyllie, 9, and Colton Partain, 8, battle it out in the pugil-stick ring.



Hoop in one. Purdy Keohokapu, Directorate of Public Works, takes his second shot in the chipping competition. More than 60 participants tried their luck in the contest.

Garrison celebrates its Org Day

Story and Photos by
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Editor

Garrison employees took a break from the work routine to unwind and build camaraderie during the annual Garrison Organizational Days celebration, June 5-8.

Employees participated in various events throughout the week, including a 5k fun run / walk, bowling and golf. However, the picnic June 8 was by far the most-attended event.

More than 300 employees and their families descended onto Bowen Field and scattered into small groups to enjoy the light-hearted competition. Some donned thick sumo suits and padded pugil sticks, while others threw horseshoes or just relaxed in the shade.

To garner more participation, coordinators of this year's celebration changed the dynamics from large team sports, like softball, to smaller competitions, like the water balloon toss or ski race, said Project Officer Kathy Giannetti,

At right, Colton Partain, 8, enjoys the limited mobility and moulded hair helmet of a sumo wrestling suit. At far right, project officer Kathy Giannetti, prepares to announce the next event.



who has coordinated the event for the past 20 years.

Giannetti said the most popular activities this year were bingo and karaoke.

Another crowd-pleaser, the Texas Hold 'Em tables, had to be limited to 60 participants.

"I'm gonna be the big winner today," said Joe Lee, an employee at Kahuku Range Control, after plunking down a \$2,000 wager.

Later in the morning, men from the Fire Department gathered participants for a pick-up basketball game.

"This is what it's all about, coming out and



having fun," said Giannetti, pointing to a group of employees who discovered two jump ropes and were instantly transformed into giggling schoolchildren.

Giannetti confided in coworkers that she was once a double-dutch jump rope champ, jumping the entire recess period in fifth grade.

However, as she ran around coordinating events, she missed the opportunity to relive the glory days. There's always next year.

