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RFI now available for new equipment

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Soldiers looking to pick up new boots, socks and other equipment can put their credit cards away.

Project Executive Office Soldier will be issuing new equipment at East Range to 25th Infantry Division units through March 25 via its

Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI).

Soldiers will receive uniform items like hot and temperate weather boots, silk-weight undergarments, gloves, knee and elbow pads, and the new all combat helmet, designed to go with the digital-patterned all combat uniform.

Units will also be receiving new equipment such as weapon tripods, optical sights and radios.

The RFI streamlines the process

for distributing new equipment, said Douglas Howard Jr., the team leader for Team 2, RFI.

"The Army used to have a lot of red tape for getting contracts," Howard said, "now it's starting to buy a lot of stuff off the shelf. Soldiers don't have to wait around for the right stuff."

Soldiers receiving the new gear have similar sentiments.

"I think it's going fairly well,"

said Sgt. Daniel M. Hyacinthe, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment. "It's by far the most organized issuing I've seen."

"It's going smooth, pretty organized," said Sgt. 1st Class Trey A Corrales, a platoon sergeant with 2-35th. "Everybody's pretty excited to get the new stuff."

The type of equipment distrib-

uted is determined by a group of officers and noncommissioned officers who spoke with Soldiers to find out what they were buying and what equipment they preferred to use, Howard said.

The RFI began in fiscal year 2004 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of fiscal 2007.

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On the prowl with Task Force Wolfhound

More than 530 Soldiers take the battle to PTA's unforgiving terrain

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Staff Sgt. Leon Butler (right) confidently answers questions while his supervisor, Sgt. 1st Class Barton Lone, looks on during the 25th Infantry Division's NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year competition, which was held March 1 at the Tropic Lightning Museum.

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Nerves of steel

Top Soldier, NCO undergo grueling round at Division board to win competition

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division challenged each other for top honors in the Division Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competitions March 1 at the Tropic Lightning Museum.

SOY and NCOY competitions, or boards, usually begin at the unit or company level. The competition pits multiple Soldiers from the same unit against each other. Once a Soldier or NCO is selected, that individual advances to the next unit-level board representing his or her unit.

The recent competition was held at the Division level.

During these highly competitive boards, participants sit before a panel of board members, including a president, usually all senior NCOs. These experi-

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MacArthur award winner exemplifies 'Red Leg' standard

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – A battery commander with the 2-11th Field Artillery Battalion here was nominated to receive the prestigious 2005 General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for his exemplary leadership skills.

Capt. Timothy Mungie, battery commander for Alpha Battery, 2-11th FA, was selected to receive the award, which is intended to recognize outstanding leadership contributions in the Army's field environment. Only company grade officers assigned to units specified in Army Regulation 600-89 are eligible.

Annually, the leadership honor is awarded to 27 recipients among the three components of the Army: the National Guard and Reserve components receive seven awards each, one warrant officer in each component receives an award and the remaining six go to eligible company grade officers.

The active Army component receives a total of 13 awards: 12 to

commissioned officers and one to a warrant officer.

Officers are nominated by qualifying units, which forward personnel packets containing information on the nominee's physical fitness test from the calendar year considered and prescribed height and weight standards.

Mungie, a native of San Diego, was commissioned as a field artillery officer in June of 1997 after attending San Diego State University, earning a bachelor's degree in management.

He served in various positions at Ft. Sill, Okla., until his departure for Schofield Barracks.

Mungie arrived in Army, Hawaii, Nov. 30, 2001, and he has served in various units within the 25th Infantry Division for the past four years.

The award-winning officer spent the first nine months with Division Artillery as its assistant operations officer. He moved to 2-11th FA and served in the same position at the battalion level.

For the next two-and-a-half years, Mungie became the task force fire support officer with 1-21st Infantry Battalion. He remained with the unit when it deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004.

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Pilots spot a house sitting atop a sandbar in the middle of the ocean during one of their helicopter flights from the island of Jolo, Republic of the Philippines.

Chinooks lift assets to and from Balikpapan 2006 in the Philippines

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ABOARD THE USS JUNEAU – As with any deployment, transportation is a major factor. Without vehicles, planes, helicopters or even boats, the mission becomes stalled, and troops can't get where they need to go.

Many forms of transportation were used during Exercise Balikatan 2006, a multiservice exercise, complete with cooks from the 25th Infantry Division. Some assets flew in on commercial flights, some by 14-hour barge rides, others by bus or the USS Juneau.

On the island of Jolo, again, a combination of transportation was used to get troops where they needed to be – by convoy and helicopter – all with success and satisfaction.

A major player in transportation was the CH-46: a dual-rotor helicopter designed to carry large amounts of weight for short time periods. Day in and out, military doctors who stayed on

the USS Juneau at night were flown in by the choppers each day to the medical civil action projects (MEDCAP).

Sometimes the trips would take up to an hour-and-a-half each day, which in "helo-speak" translates to 12 hours of maintenance a day.

U.S. Marine security forces who provided force protection during the MEDCAP were also flown in, along with the various supplies and gear needed to successfully complete some humanitarian missions.

"The helicopters on the ship can move around very quickly and provide good force protection," said the captain of the Juneau, Ron Horton. "With a helicopter there are no improvised explosive devices [IED]."

No matter what the purpose – to transport supplies or people, to deliver force protection or medical doctors – the CH-46s played an important part in aiding Balikatan 2006.

"This is the American way of life," said Horton. "We're out here to win the hearts and minds [of people]," he said of the MEDCAP mission.

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DoD enrolls 11,000 civilians in NSPS in April

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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is preparing to implement the first phase of its new pay-for-performance civilian personnel system in late April, a senior official said here March 3.

At that time, about 11,000 DoD civilians will be enrolled into the National Security Personnel System, Patricia S. Bradshaw, deputy undersecretary of defense for civilian personnel policy said during an American Forces Press Service interview.

"It was always a passion for me that some day we would be able to do this," said Bradshaw, who'd been familiar with pilot civilian pay-for-performance programs conducted at two Navy installations in California a decade ago.

A senior civilian personnel expert with 27 years of DoD and Navy service, Bradshaw worked in the corporate world for six years after she retired from the government in 1999. She recently came back to DoD help its workforce become more capable and relevant in the post-Sept. 11 era.

DoD and the Office of Personnel Management have partnered to create the NSPS, a personnel management process that eventually will apply to more than 650,000 DoD civilian employees.

The Navy's civilian management pilot programs conducted at facilities at China Lake and San Diego proved to be forerun-

ners of today's NSPS, Bradshaw said. Those early programs "simplified the job descriptions so they could move people around more easily," Bradshaw recalled. "But, at the end of the day, it was the pay-for-performance piece and the desired end-state of retaining your top performers" that stood out.

Under NSPS, "if you want to be a star performer, we're going to differentiate and we're going to pay you that way," Bradshaw said. That "is the underpinning theme," she added.

Bradshaw said the world has changed greatly since terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Those attacks influenced Congress to give DoD the authority it needed to change the way it pays and manages its civilian workforce, she said.

"The support we got for that on the Hill was as a result of the lessons learned from 9-11," Bradshaw explained.

The war against terrorism also prompted DoD to adopt "a system that allows us to move individuals quickly and have a more agile way of assigning people, and more specifically, figuring out what competencies they have," she continued.

One of the personnel management tenets contained within the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review is developing a competency-based personnel management infrastructure on both the military and civilian sides of the house, she said.

Bradshaw said DoD's old civilian per-

sonnel system hamstrung supervisors because its narrow job descriptions and associated paperwork worked against quickly assigning people to more urgent duties.

"We really don't know what other capabilities you have or competencies you bring to the table," Bradshaw explained. "Maybe you were a contract specialist at one time."

The NSPS brings the ability to catalog and identify employees' skills so managers can access them quickly, Bradshaw said. This "allows us to make these movements and assignments in a much more agile way," she said.

The ability to quickly move civilians where they are needed most — including overseas — is a key desired benefit of adopting NSPS, Bradshaw said.

"Right now we are able to do this through volunteers," she said. However, the war against terrorism brings everyone "a lot closer to the front lines" than during the Cold War.

"It causes us to think again how we deploy civilians," Bradshaw said. "We are part of the total force."

DoD must be more deliberate on developing its senior civilians, she said, so they acquire a joint view of the military and a better understanding of how it accomplishes its missions.

That kind of experience "can't be gained by staying in your own organization — in your own 'stovepipe' — year after year and then expecting to then leapfrog to a very

senior position in the Department of Defense," Bradshaw said.

Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey recently announced a new policy that calls for senior civilians to be moved around to gain more experience rather than staying at the same organization, Bradshaw said. "It just hasn't happened in a very deliberate way in every service," she said.

In 2003, DoD began work to establish a new civilian personnel compensation and management process that rewards employees according to performance. Fifty-year-old civil service rules mostly tied employees' raises to an individual's length of service.

In February 2005, the American Federation of Government Employees and a dozen other labor unions filed a lawsuit against the Defense Department over the establishment of NSPS.

U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan ruled Feb. 27 that proposed NSPS provisions would not protect civilian employees' ability to bargain collectively. DoD and OPM officials continue to work with the Department of Justice to determine the next steps relative to the ruling.

Meanwhile, the department is moving forward with implementing the performance management, compensation and classification, staffing, and workforce shaping provisions of the new system, which is slated to occur in late April, according to a statement on the NSPS Web site.

War Memorial project slowly inches upward

The 25th Infantry Division Association, a 56-year-old nonprofit veterans organization, is the prime sponsor of the 25th Infantry Division War Memorial, adjacent Fernandez Hall at Schofield Barracks.

To date, the Association has

raised more than \$100,000 of \$450,000 toward the cost of the memorial.

Contributions are accepted from the community at large at 25th Infantry Division Association, P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007.



LIGHTNING SPIRIT

'Staying the course' is doable

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Stay the course. This phrase is used to describe the determination we need to persevere in the global war on terror.

Recently, the Protestant congregation at Wheeler Chapel finished a sermon series on the book of Hebrews, and I have chosen some of the more salient excerpts of a Sunday sermon on Hebrews 13. The writer of Hebrews appeals and encourages his readers — and us — to "stay the course" of faith in the God of peace (Hebrews 13:20).

Typical of New Testament epistles is the pattern of addressing issues of an infant church. The establishment of doctrine is so critical to the health of a young church, even today. Once doctrine is set, then comes the "how to."

The remaining chapters of Hebrews deal more extensively with the daily living out of doctrine — to live faithfully no matter what.

After what the author states is his short letter (in 13:22, we come to his concluding exhortations for living faithfully in the both social and religious realms. These verses are a string of exhortations that seem to be blurred out, much as a mother would if she were running alongside a passenger car of a train and earnestly pleading with her children bound for a visit to their grandparents: "Stay together, watch out for strangers, mind your manners, eat what's put before you, and give grandpa and grandma our love, and come back safely." This style is the way Chapter 13 flows, and rightly so from a pastoral perspective.

In fact, there are many imperatives:
 • "love the brethren," verse 1;
 • "entertain strangers," v. 2;
 • "remember those imprisoned for the faith," v. 3;
 • "watch your behavior," v. 4;
 • "be content, v. 5;
 • remember, obey, pray for, and greet your spiritual leaders, vv. 7, 17, 18, 24;

• don't be duped by bizarre, unbiblical teachings that oppose the gospel of God's grace, v. 9; and
 • "don't forget to do good and share," v. 16.

...And you thought your mother was bad!
 While the letter has its share of rebukes and stern warnings, the writer then softens his tone a bit with an appeal in verse 22, to accept his message.

This appeal is much like a noncommissioned officer coaxing a Soldier to not fall out of a company run. For example, my wife and I were out running one day on our vacation in the Canadian Rockies, and I wanted to take a more scenic route that took us away from our hotel a distance.

On the way back, cold rain started to pelt us and she began slowing down. I knew I had to keep her running, and as I ran a few feet ahead, I would turn back and exhort her, "Keep running; we'll make it. Almost home. A hot bath is waiting for you; come on."

The same kinds of appeals are at the close of chapter 13. As difficult as the truths in Hebrews may be, God is saying hang with me to the end.

The benediction (vv. 20-21) starts with a doxology describing God as the author and giver of peace and the great shepherd (Jesus) who loves and leads us to the end. It shifts to the blessing of God's people (his flock) with a view to their specific needs.

What does the flock need? They need to stay the course, to hang to the end, because they are in danger of apostasy, of falling away.

The phrase "to make complete" or equip is a reference to, as Bible commentator Leon Morris says, "putting right what was amiss in the spiritual life of the readers."

What's amiss in your spiritual life? What is lacking? Are you staying the course or succumbing to the relentless downpour of the faithlessness of our age?

God wants to make you complete. Seek out a chaplain and a place of worship to help you stay the course to the end.



Spc. Stephen Proctor

Inactivating Shafter MPs

FORT SHAFTER — The guidon of the Military Police Battalion here is furled and retired at the battalion inactivation ceremony March 3.

109 Days since last fatal accident

As your daily reminder to be safe, place a "red dot" on your wristwatch.
 Remember, a division training holiday will be awarded for the first 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.
 A four day holiday/long weekend will be awarded for 200 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.

Remember, be safe Tropic Lightning!

Voices of Lightning: What would make Army Hawaii that much better?



"More ranges, training areas, and combat readiness exercises."

Staff Sgt. Raymond Whitener
C Troop, 5-14th Cav, Supply



"Nothing... Hawaii is a great place to be stationed."

Col. Katherine Perkuchin
HHC, USARPAC Deputy SJA



"Improved government housing for service members."

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Cary
311th Sig. Command Telecom Inst./Planner



"Improved facilities here at Ft. Shafter as far as the gym."

Capt. Charles Hensley
804th Signal Company Facility Manager



"Personally, I'd like to know our neighbors around the post a little better."

Julie Toy
Family Member

Balikatan medical personnel treat local population

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CAMP BAUTISTA, Philippines – On Feb. 26, the troops from Camp Bautista held a medical civil action program (MEDCAP) in support of Exercise Balikatan 2006 at the Mindanao State University in the Province of Sulu.

Doctors and nurses, veterinarians and volunteers led the way for hundreds of Filipinos seeking immediate medical attention or a simple check up. The crowds rushed in, lining up one by one to receive minor surgery, optical attention, pediatrics and dental work.

Children squealed with delight at the sight of a hot pink toothbrush and cried rivers when they were given a worm medicine in the form of banana flavored 'candy'. Mothers got the diagnoses for common infections, and then were sent to the pharmacy to pick up the medicines to cure them.

However, the bittersweet truth of such a successful day is the fact that not everyone can be helped. In some cases, a wound had become so infected that it would be unsafe to treat in a field environment.

This was the case for a young boy who had cut his foot on a piece of glass two years before. Without treatment, the infection had festered so deep into his leg it would be unsafe to perform such a surgery in the field. The danger of bacteria was first taken into consideration, and then the medical personnel came upon the difficult realization that nothing could be done without a sterile environment and the proper equipment.

He needed to be hospitalized with intravenous antibiotics and would need major surgery to drain and flush out the foot. Otherwise, he might have lost his leg -- or worse, his life. With disappointment, the doctors informed the young boy's mother how serious the condition was and the possible consequences if it

wasn't taken care of right away. Regrettably, the mother did not have enough money to have the boy treated.

"That's what makes this hard for us. They don't just have the option to go to the hospital when they need to. One hospital visit is 10 year's worth of dinner on the table for these families," said Petty Officer James Hill, a Navy corpsman who is a member of the Marine Service Support Group.



Above — Maj. Roger Kaneshiro, Guam Army National Guard, pulls a Filipina Muslim woman's tooth, a minor procedure, during a Medical Civil Action Program held at Mindanao State University Feb. 26. The U.S. military held three MEDCAP's over a period of three days in the Province of Sulu.

Right — An Army staff sergeant from Tripler Army Medical Center injects parasite medicine into a young Filipino boy's mouth during a MEDCAP at Mindanao State University Feb. 26.

As with the young boy, many are seen who cannot be helped because of the field environment sterilization or because the person's condition is too serious and would need to be seen in a professional environment, said Hill.



When a young girl of about ten years old came in to see if anything could be done about the mass behind her knee, Dr. Jay Choe, a U.S. Marine first lieutenant, had to inform her that he could not treat her.

"She had Rhabdomyosarcoma, a type of cancer, and she would have needed chemo-therapy," Choe said.

As was the case with the young boy, she was sent home with a recommendation of what to do, but again, the MEDCAP was the only alternative they had.

"We see four or so a day that can't be treated. In America, you say your child is sick, and immediately the parent rushes them to the hospital. Here, they don't have that option," said Hill.

Unlike those few cases, most people are treated and sent away with a smile. Simple procedures, such as removing cysts and lymphomas were conducted throughout the day with success and appreciation.

"It helps their self esteem, and anytime you can make someone feel better, you feel better," said Hill. "At the end of the day, the majority of the people we treated had visible disfigurements. We remove them, and they no longer have to worry about what they look like."

Not only was the surgical clinic hopping; pediatrics also diagnosed children with treatable rashes and prescribed medicine, directions and vitamins; and the dentist pulled a few troublesome teeth for his patients.

"They thank you at least 50 times before they get out the door when they leave," said Hill. "They're so appreciative. That's what makes these so worth it."

The MEDCAP was a part of Balikatan 2006 being conducted on the island of Jolo. Hundreds of people were seen and treated. The surgical clinic alone saw 67 patients in total treating a range of conditions and even doing circumcisions. The day finished out with a whopping 1,594 patients diagnosed and treated.

Army team refurbishes local school's computer lab

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CAMP BAUTISTA, Philippines – Most U.S. high schools today are reliant on computer technology and the Internet. The thought of a school operating without a computer system seems almost unfeasible to society, but think of a time before computers were a daily amenity. Children today are already playing video games on home personal computers at three years old, but in the Province of Sulu, a high school operates daily without it.

Years ago, the Japanese Ministry of Trade donated twenty computers to the school. With one out-dated computer, 20 donated by the Japanese, and two newer models, the school had the means to operate on a more advanced level.

Unfortunately, the weather in the Jolo led to disaster. Rainfall destroyed the computer lab's roof. The water running downhill collected on the class room floor, flooding the area. Without means or money to fix the damaged systems, the room was left to rust. Now, nearly two years later, the school has hope.

When U.S. Forces arrived to Camp Bautista for Balikatan 2006, an exercise held annually across the Philippines in which U.S. Forces and the Armed Forces of the Philippines "shoulder the load together," the mission to construct a three room building adjacent to Sulu High School was already on the to-do list.

Once building commenced, the principal of the school posed a question. Would anyone be available to evaluate the damage to the computer lab? U.S. Forces answered by sending out the C-4

SEE COMPUTER LAB, A-4

Support group helps to rebuild Philippine base housing

Story and Photos by
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CAMP BAUTISTA, Philippines – "We're taking dollars!" yells Sgt. Maj. Freddie A. Siyufi, 10th Area Support Group (ASG), from Okinawa, Japan as he walks through the general purpose – medium tent that is serving as both civil-military operations command center (CMOC) and Internet cafe.

For 300 pesos, six American dollars, contributors receive a white hard hat with the Balikatan 2006 logo. But for most, that is not why they give.

"As ambassadors of the U.S. Army, we're always in a position to help those who cannot help themselves. I thought it was a worthwhile cause so I donated my time and money," said Master Sgt. Glenn Hawkins, 10th ASG.

The 10th ASG is at Camp Bautista as a logistical support element for Exercise Balikatan 2006, responsible for providing food, fuel, rations and water. Even though repairing base housing at the Armed Forces of the Philippines compound was not a part of their original mission, its one they've happily accepted.

"After we'd been here for about 3 weeks, we noticed that a lot of these homes were in very poor condition," said Siyufi. "The roofs have holes in them so we decided to do something to help out."

During Exercise Balikatan 2006, the U.S. military and the Armed Forces of the Philippines are working "shoulder-to-shoulder" to build schools and provide medical treatment to citizens of Sulu Province. Along the way, they have done their best to meet as many needs as possible.

"The Joint Special Operations Task Force, Pacific guys came to us with this project and asked if we could help," said Major Max Diaz, Balikatan civil-military operations task force engineer, U.S. Army, Pacific. "We didn't have enough time to fix the base housing and also complete the schools out in the towns that we are building as a part of Exercise Balikatan 2006, so we found another way."

Housing families that range in size from four to 10, the one-room houses are small, dilapidated concrete



Above — Housing families of up to 10 people, these one-room houses have no running water and rusted metal roofs that provide little shelter when it rains.

Left — Children of Philippine military members share bags of chips outside of military family housing.



boxes, with no running water and rusted metal roofs that provide very little shelter from the heavy rains.

Between the coconut palms, free roaming chickens and turkeys, and rambunctious children, it is easy to forget the base is in the middle of a war zone – but not for long.

"This lane right here is the senior noncommissioned officer quarters for the AFP," says Siyufi, as he, Sgt. Jason King, and Sgt. Airial Johnson walk the loop of the AFP base passing out bags of chips to children.

The base is in a constant state of alert. For the past week at Bautista, U.S. service members have been confined to small area. Today is the first day they have been allowed to transverse the perimeter. "See those holes," said Siyufi as he motioned towards the east gate, "All that is from machine gun fire."

The previous week, an explosion at a videoke bar less than 50 meters from the base injured 29 people and killed one.

As they continue along the path, children run from their homes to receive the gifts the Americans bring.

"Look how happy they are, just to get a bag of chips," remarks Siyufi as dozens of children run up at once, showing excitement most American children reserve only for Christmas morning and Disneyland. "Just think – if you were this poor, you could be that happy just by getting a bag of chips."

After completing the loop the group winds up back at the CMOC where they began. Although they are here on a humanitarian mission, in an environment like Jolo, you've always got to have your weapon within reach.

"Listen up, everybody," bellows SGM Siyufi sticking his head under the CMOC tent, "The track is off limits once again," referring to the .7-mile loop within the base. "We're back to a 100-meter box. Make sure you've got your vest and your weapon near by."

So far the 10th ASG has collected enough pesos to fix nine of the sixteen houses that are badly damaged. They hope to collect enough to fix all 16 before they leave.

"Well, I tell you what," says Siyufi, "The next time my wife complains about our military housing, I'll show her some pictures of this military housing. This is all they've got and it's sad. But, at the same time, they're so happy."

Task Force Wolfhound deploys to Big Island

None-Story and Photos by

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Task Force, 1-27th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade

POHAKULOVA TRAINING AREA — In their first training deployment since returning from Iraq in February 2005, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, with a support package from 225th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), deployed here from Feb. 10 – 25.

Task Force Wolfhound deployed more than 530 personnel to this rocky, barren and unforgiving Big Island terrain situated at approximately 6,700 feet above sea level. The historic training event was the first time 1-27th has deployed, trained and organized as a Stryker Battalion.

The Wolfhounds experienced training from team to company level, all injected with real-world scenarios. Rifle companies and specialty platoons rotated through three separate training modules in three-day iterations. Module I consisted of weapons density training, Module II a reinforced squad live-fire exercise, and Module III close quarters battle (CQB) training.

Soldiers used five ranges during Module I to conduct basic and close quarters marksmanship (CQM) training and qualification on the M4, M249, M240B, M203 and M9, under both day and night conditions.

In Module II, squads conducted blank and live-fire iterations under day and night conditions. One squad maneuvered with the platoon leader or platoon sergeant for command and control, an M240B machinegun team, and a sniper and 60 mm mortar section in support.

During the maneuver portion, squads encountered three enemy positions, forcing the team, squad and platoon leaders to decide how best to employ their assets based upon threat situation and terrain.

“We had to learn to move on rough terrain,” said Pfc. Tomas Rodriguez, a rifleman from Company B, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry. “It was worthwhile because when we are in combat, it will allow us to attack with precision.”



Above — Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment conduct close quarters battle train during Module III of Task Force Wolfhound's deployment to Pohakuloa Training Area Feb. 10-25.

Inset — Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment Fire Support Element during Module II practice firing mortars during Task Force Wolfhound's deployment to Pohakuloa Training Area Feb. 10-25.

During the second enemy contact, TF Wolfhound Soldiers were forced to conduct enemy prisoner of war searches. During one search, Soldiers discovered a cell phone and map that were used to drive the event to its culminating contact with the enemy's main body.

“This is how we would have done it in combat,” said Pfc. Joshua Stone, a mortarman from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-27th Inf. Rgt.

TF Wolfhound Soldiers experienced CQM and CQB in Module III, in the Action Target Shoot House, a first. As a result, TF

Wolfhound also participated in its validation process by securing a foothold on the building, entering and clearing rooms, and exploiting a target building.

“It was a great learning experience because of the number of targets we had to engage the Shoot House,” said Pvt. Steven Williams, Co. A, 1-27th. “No matter where you were in the stack, you had to engage the enemy.”

Pvt. Sean Sharp, also of Alpha Company, added, “The Shoot House was the best learning experience I have had since I joined the Wolfhounds.”

While the rifle companies rotated through the modules, TF Wolfhound's fire support elements conducted live-fire operations both in support of the modules and during their own fire missions. TF Wolfhound also conducted close combat attack (CCA) operations, and a rotary-wing recon platoon insertion with the support of 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation.

TF Wolfhounds incorporated a mortar live-fire exercise (LFX) and a break-contact LFX for the Mortar and Recon Platoon.

“It was just like being in Iraq,” said Pvt. Lee Brown of Headquarters and Headquarters Co. “We were waking up in the middle of the night for fire missions, sometimes multiple times a night.”

The Medical Platoon conducted familiarization training with helicopters from “C” Medical, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation, which included a medical air evacuation rehearsal prior to commencing live-fire training. Also supporting all three modules was a team of logistics professionals from 225th Brigade Support Battalion.

The Logistics Support Team (LST) is a new concept for the battalion that capitalizes on the organizational support structure inherent in a Stryker brigade. As well, the LST ensured people were fed, vehicles received proper maintenance, and forward operating base mayor-like activities were accomplished. Overall, the LST combined the functions of a typical support platoon and forward logistics element.

“The LST concept gave us the opportunity to use our support systems as we would in combat. We cannot operate like this at Schofield, so PTA was a great proving ground,” said Capt. Cory Marlowe, 1-27th's assistant operations officer.

TF Wolfhound Soldiers said they returned to Schofield Barracks with a sense of pride and accomplishment. They had gone to PTA to train, and that's what they did — trained hard for nearly three weeks.

As a result of the PTA opportunity, TF Wolfhound enhanced its foundation of small unit drills and increased its combat readiness for future training and operations throughout the Pacific.



Staff Sgt. Jensen | Combat Camera, Okinawa, Japan

A Soldier from Wheeler Army Air Field, 25th Infantry Division fixes a computer that was destroyed during a flood at the Sulu High School in the province of Sulu.

Computer lab: Soldiers give time, expertise

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Team, a group of Soldier's coming from Hawaii, Okinawa and Alaska.

When the C-4 Team, which stands for Command, Control, Communication, Computer Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Team, first sailed in to Camp Bautista, their job was to provide support for the Moral, Welfare and Recreation center which included four computers and DSN phones for the troops.

Soon, though, Staff Sgt. Christopher Newcomb, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the C-4 Team, was headed to Sulu High School himself with a hands-on mission. He was to judge the situation, and decide whether or not the computers could be fixed.

“The computer lab had 23 computers in it. The entire room was full of water. All the computers were damaged,” Newcomb said. “When I went to assess the damage myself, I found they had six to seven that would power up on their own, but had problems. At that time I was able to get an additional three computers working, work on some other issues in the working systems and repair two monitors.”

The issue of fixing the computer lab quickly became a priority for the team. Without the systems, the teachers had a hard time doing reports or accounting for the budget, and possibility of teaching computer technology to the students was out of the question.

With a puddle of computer networks on his hands, he knew he would need help. The sec-

ond day, he took two more C-4 Team Soldiers, Cpl Nathan Mendoza and Spc. Philip White, to the site. The three began to work through the extensive tedious task of assembling what was left of the computers damaged by water and rust.

“We couldn't get any more than the three computers working and two more monitors,” said Newcomb. “We lost one the first day, so in addition to the six or seven we started with, we ended up with about nine monitors and 13 computers.”

Though they were able to splice parts from computers, the systems had a lot of problems.

“While we were scanning, we found several Trojan Horses. The computers didn't have anti-virus systems so we installed that software,” said Newcomb. “These are the only computers the high school has. They're unreliable.”

The goal for the team is to network the systems so they are grounded. Ultimately, they'd like for the students to get on the systems to actually take information technology courses.

“There's a small network of about six computers where as originally there were only two computers,” said Newcomb. “We'd like to get them in sync without any problems. We're swapping parts we know work, but most of them were damaged by the water. Rust is our biggest problem.”

Rust in computers causes interruptions in electrical flow. So in addition to the electrical flow, Trojan Horses and basic logging on trouble, the trio still have miles of hurdles to jump.

“The room has very unclean power. Unlike American power, the power spikes, then drops. It makes it dangerous for work, too,” said Newcomb. “But we're taking the job step by step ... troubleshooting.”

Setbacks are frequent in the process of reviving computer systems that have been dead for so long. The components fail and the network servers fall short. Each day, though, the Soldiers travel out to see what they can do. In the end, it doesn't matter how long it's going to take or how tedious the task, it's important and it matters.

“It's very rewarding. It gives us a broader sense of mission of accomplishment,” said Newcomb. “It's also great to see the people waving and smile when we drive back and forth to the high school. The students spend a lot of time walking out of their way to look in the window and wave.”

With a situation thought to be hopeless, the Soldier's bring new excitement one can only feel when new hope is instilled.

“Yeah, we go into the school with our weapons,” said Newcomb. “But then we put our weapons aside, we smile as the children walk past and wave hello. The teachers and students will benefit the most from the effort to create reliability in the systems.”

Even though the broader scope for this mission, Balikatan 2006, is to assist in humanitarian efforts, for the teachers and a small group of Soldier's at Camp Bautista, they're assisting in completing the mission at Sulu High School in their own way.

Leadership: 2-11th Artilleryman grabs top honor

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Mungie took command of Alpha Battery, 2-11th FA, in May of 2005.

His packet began at the battalion level and successfully progressed until he was selected by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Recognizing the significance of his selection Mungie said, "Gen. MacArthur stood for duty, honor and country, and that's what the award is all about," but a unit cannot be successful without many outstanding Soldiers.

"It's certainly an honor to be

selected and have the work I did in 2005 recognized," he emphasized. "But in all honesty, no one individual ever does anything in the Army. It's always a team effort."

Mungie said that he has been fortunate to serve with outstanding noncommissioned officers and Soldiers his entire time in the service, "especially during this last year," he pointed out.

"The men I served with in Iraq were outstanding," Mungie continued. "We took care of each other, and we kept each other safe. We made sure we all got home."

Mungie said that he is dedicated to his Soldiers and NCOs.

Referring to the prestigious award, Mungie said, "It's an honor to receive it because General MacArthur is one of – if not the finest – generals the Army has ever produced. So, to have his name on an award and have that is quite an honor. Of course, I will do everything I can to emulate those qualities."

Looking forward, Mungie's future has become a bit uncertain.

"I'm not sure what my next job will be at this point," he said. "[But] usually at this point, you have a pretty good idea."

Mungie noted that the award

has generated some interest in him, but he will focus on keeping his unit proficient in their extensive and versatile duties as artillerymen or "Red Legs."

Even with some uncertainty in his future, Mungie's outlook remains typical of a good Soldier and great leader.

"As a Soldier, you go where they tell you; [you] do your best and everything takes care of itself.

"I've loved serving in the 'On Time Battalion,'" he concluded.

Mungie will attend the official Gen. MacArthur Leadership awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May.

Army. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 438- 2678.

Vet Clinic Closure – Military veterinary clinics, including Fort Shafter, Hickam Air Force Base, Schofield Barracks and Kaneohe veterinary clinics, will be closed March 15. Pet owners should ensure that a veterinarian is available for their pets should an emergency occur.

Call 433-1972 for more information.

CIA Recruitment – CIA recruiters will be at the Schofield Barracks ACAP Center, Building 690, Room 3G, on Thursday, March 16, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Recruiters will provide general information and recruit applicants for the National Clandestine Service, as well as recruit operational logistics officers and support officers.

Interested applicants should visit www.cia.gov to obtain additional position descriptions and qualifications. Call 655-8945 for more information.

PX Parking Lot Closure – The Schofield Barracks Post Exchange front parking lot will be closed through early March. The PX, PX-tra and Home Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and help

with large purchases is available.

For more details, contact Susan Nonamaker at 622-1773.

April

April SAEDA-OPSEC Briefing – A SAEDA-OPSEC briefing will be offered April 6 at 1 p.m. at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter.

For more information, contact Hawaii Resident Office personnel at 438-1872 or 306-8050 (the 24-hour duty phone) or e-mail james.l.cummins@us.army.mil.

Ongoing

Memorial Bricks – The 25th Infantry Division Association is offering supporters the opportunity to become a permanent part of the Schofield Memorial Monument. Engraved brick pavers are available in 4x8 inches (up to three lines of type) for \$100 or 8x8 inches (up to six lines of type) for \$250.

Orders received before May 31 will be installed in time for rededication in September. For more information, visit www.25thida.com to download an order form.

Purple Heart –The Military Or-

der of the Purple Heart, Hawaii chapter, is extending a one-year free enrollment in the local MOPH chapter to all MOPH recipients from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Interested Purple Heart recipients can call 988-2820 for more details.

Tax Center – The Schofield Barracks Tax Center (655-5144) will be open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Fort Shafter Tax Center (438-2829) will be open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Individuals should bring wage and tax statements (W-2s), documents for deductions, 2005 federal and state returns, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit (from voided checks) and Social Security cards.

CID Special Agent – The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified applicants to become special agents. Certain prerequisites must be met to apply. Contact the Hawaii Field Office, Schofield Barracks at 655-1989 or attend the information briefing held every Friday at 10 a.m. at Building 3026,

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2nd Lt. Miguel Benzor-Anaya, a medical officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, gets fitted for a new helmet at East Range during the Rapid Fielding Initiative.

RFI: New equipment issued during initiative

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By the end of the program, just under one million Soldiers will have received equipment through RFI, according to the program's overview.

Deploying units have priority for issue, Howard said, but support units will receive new equipment as well.

"Everyone is pretty much going to get the same equipment," Howard explained.

Though thousands of Soldiers at Schofield Barracks and Wheel-

er Army Air Field will receive new equipment during March, Howard says the logistics of issuing the gear haven't been too challenging. The most challenging part of his job, he said, is all the traveling.

"We'll be here one day and then at Fort Hood the next day, and then over in Germany," he explained. "We take great pleasure in being able to give back for what [Soldiers] do for the country."

"It's an honor to provide for the Soldiers," Howard said, who himself spent 28 years in the military.

SOY/NCOY: Division's best compete for honors

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enced NCOs, having oftentimes attended countless competition boards, are experts at helping Soldiers relax.

Typically, the board members ask questions about the Soldier's career, family, goals and interests. This format helps ease the tension when competing, and then formalities begin as each competitor's uniform is examined.

Following the uniform inspection, the individual is queried on a wide range of subjects.

Topics at competition boards — at nearly every level — remain the same. The higher Soldiers ascend in the competition, the more in-depth the subjects become. First aid, weapons, leadership, Army regulations, chain of command and current events are several of the topics that test the knowledge of board competitors.

As each Soldier or NCO answers questions, he or she is awarded points for knowledge, military bearing and demeanor. Each can lose opportunities for points for vocal distracters, wrong answers and no answers. All these factors can lend to the slimmest margins of victory.

Fourteen Soldiers and NCOs participated in the 25th ID's most recent competition.

Pfc. Terrell Washington from the 556th Personnel Services Battalion led the Soldiers' quest for SOY honors. Staff Sgt. Leon Butler of the 25th ID Band helmed the NCOs' bid during the NCOY competition.

As the board progressed, Soldier after Soldier and NCO alike, paced and continued to studiously prepare for his or her opportunity. After nearly seven intense hours, each competitor had stood before the panel of seven senior NCOs.

The results of the board were immediately available.

Command Sgt. Maj. Karl Morgan, who resided as president of the board, and Sgt. Maj. Mildred Ruiz, the board coordinator, stood on the steps of the Tropic Lightning Museum and revealed the competition's winners.

Spc. Bryan Raya and Butler, both from the 25th ID Band, were announced as the 25th ID's SOY and NCOY for 2006. Alternates were also selected in the event the winners are unavailable to compete beyond the Division level.

Reflecting on his accomplishment, Raya revealed his approach before the board.

"When I compete at boards, I try to be really confident and not be intimidated [by the senior NCOs] as a young Soldier," he said. "Even if I don't know the answers, I just try to be confident."

Raya said he prepared for the board by doing an immense amount of studying. He chronologically listed his path to his stature as the 25th ID SOY and then re-



Spc. Bryan Raya, (far right) Division Soldier of the Year, listens as he and fellow SOY competitors are congratulated for participating March 1 at the Tropic Lightning Museum.



Above — Spc. Benjamin Ries executes facial movements during the 25th ID Soldier of the Year Competition while members of the board examine the wear and appearance of his uniform March 1 at the Tropic Lightning Museum.

Right — Sgt. Shasta Benavente, 2nd SBCT's NCO of the Year, renders a hand salute as she reports to the president of the 25th ID's 2006 NCOY/SOY competition board which was held March 1 at the Tropic Lightning Museum.

vealed members of his unit helped him prepare.

"A lot of NCOs here at the band gave me some pointers like how to sit, stand, and how to respond to questions," said Raya, who plays trombone for the band.

The newly christened SOY concluded by offering advice to Soldiers looking to become the Division's next Soldier of the Year.

"You gotta' be prepared," he said, con-

tinuing: "If you want to do well and you want to make a really good impression, take that time to really study."

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Drake, Raya's board supervisor, said he helped with mock boards, but really "the Soldier mostly took it on himself to prepare on his own time.

"I did what I could as far as trying to prepare him by giving him some ideas of what to expect from the board," Drake explained. "He took it from there."



Butler, the NCOY and Raya's section leader, described his appearance before the board as "nerve racking because the board members are looking at you like what makes you so special?"

However, Butler, who also plays the trombone, felt his prior board experience helped him.

"The more boards you go to, the more it prepares you. If you're really, committed make time for it."

25th ID Board Attendees

Staff Sgt. Butler (25th STB)

Staff Sgt. Howell (MP Bde)

Staff Sgt. Smith (Combat Aviation Bde)

Sgt. Benavente (2nd BCT)

Sgt. Holloway (556th PSB)

Sgt. Mooney (3rd IBCT)

Sgt. Webb (45th Sust Bde)

Spc. McKee (MP Bde)

Spc. Raya (25th STB)

Spc. Ries (8th SC(T))

Spc. Valencia (2nd BCT)

Spc. Williams (45th Sust Bde)

Pfc. Sorenson (Combat Aviation Bde)

Pfc. Washington (556th PSB)

Both Soldiers said their units were proud of them, and they will carry that pride as they prepare for the next level — the U.S. Army, Pacific Command's competition.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gertin, senior NCO of the 25th Special Troops Battalion, who also served as a member of the board, demonstrated his approval as well.

"They are pretty sharp," he said. "There was no doubt in my mind that they could do it."

Commission to examine use, funding of reserve components

Congressionally-appointed commission will examine all issues concerning reserve forces

JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A congressionally appointed commission will commence the most comprehensive review of the National Guard and reserves in history.

Retired Marine Maj. Gen. Arnold Punaro chairs the 13-member commission.

The reserve components have played an increasingly important part in the global war on terror, Punaro said during an interview. Congress formed the commission on the National Guard and Reserves as part of the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

Punaro said Congress felt an independent group needed "to take a more fundamental look at how the reserves are organized, trained and equipped."

In addition, the commission will look at future threats and requirements to combat those dangers.

Nothing concerning the reserves is out of the scope of the commission, Punaro said. The group will look at laws governing the reserve components, and key issues include roles and missions of reserve forces, capabilities, reserve component organization and structure, readiness, compensation, and benefits and funding. The commission will also examine the relationship between the active and reserve components.

The commission stood up March 1 and must draft an interim report in 90 days. The commission will deliver a final report to Congress and the defense secretary in one year.

Use of the National Guard is a particular concern today, Punaro said. National Guardsmen are increasingly serving overseas but are also the troops that governors rely upon to handle natural or man-made disasters in the United States.

National Guardsmen from around the country, for example, converged on the Gulf Coast to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

"The governors and state and local officials are a critical part of this review," Punaro said.

Reserve-component troops are "forward deployed" in communities all over the United States, Punaro said, meaning they are already in the areas where they could be needed. In many cases, these service members are the police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians in their civilian lives, he noted.

Punaro said he already has met with governors who are worried about the availability of National Guardsmen in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

He said the commission's biggest challenge will be to "think smarter, not richer." Not all answers are tied to funding, he said.

"We can't have a National Military Strategy that's simply an adding machine," he said. "We can't just solve every problem in the Guard and reserves by just throwing more money at them."

He also said the commission will be mindful that reserve-component personnel are not full-time.

"They are organized trained and equipped to respond to emergencies, to be able to serve alongside

their active duty counterparts," he said. "If they wanted to be on active duty 365 days out of the year for 10 years in a row, they would be serving in the active duty military; they wouldn't be in the reserves."

Punaro said the commission will work to ensure reserve component troops are informed about what the commission is doing on their behalf.

The commission is, in part, a response to the changing nature of reserve component duty. DoD officials today consider the reserves an "operational reserve," as opposed to the Cold War's "strategic reserve," when the reserves would be called up only in the direst circumstances, Punaro said.

He vowed that the commission's recommendations will not lie gathering dust on some bookshelf.

"We will follow up," he said. "We're going to prepare our recommendations for implementation the day we report them. We're going to prepare the legislation, and all somebody has to do is take it down to the Senate floor and introduce it."

Thieves convicted at trial

A monthly recap of judicial proceedings

Purse larceny, possessing drug paraphernalia

A private in 25th Transportation Company pled guilty before a military judge at a general court-martial to stealing over a thousand dollars worth of Coach brand purses and other items from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The Soldier also pled guilty to conspiring with his wife to steal the items, giving a false statement to investigators, fleeing apprehension, and possessing drug paraphernalia. The military judge sentenced the Soldier to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 38 months, and to receive a bad-conduct discharge. The Soldier entered into pretrial agreements that will decrease his sentence to confinement.

Larceny, dereliction of duty, stealing mail

A specialist from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment pled guilty before a military judge at a special court-martial to offenses including stealing mail matter while serving as a mail clerk in Iraq, stealing another Soldier's laptop while at Schofield Barracks, dereliction of duty as a mail clerk, and lying to investigators. The judge sentenced the Soldier to the maximum punishment a special court-martial can adjudge: reduction to private, forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for 12 months, confinement for 12 months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

In addition to forfeitures of pay, confinement, and a punitive discharge, each Soldier will also have a federal conviction that may strip the Soldier of some civil rights, such as the right to

Q: Question – Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish courts-martial findings?

A: Answer – To inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases for publication the results of recent courts-martial.

purchase and maintain firearms, and the right to vote. The conviction must also be reported on job applications.

Court-martial proceedings are open to the public. If any Soldier or civilian would like to observe a court-martial, contact the Military Justice Office at 656-1368.

JPAC IDs Soldier found in glacier

ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND News Release

WASHINGTON — The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's Central Identification Laboratory (JPAC-CIL) at Hickam Air Force Base has identified the remains of a World War II aviation cadet of the Army Air Forces recovered from a California glacier in October 2005. The remains of Aviation Cadet Leo Mustonen, 22, of Brainerd, Minn., will soon receive proper burial.

Mustonen was one of four cadets onboard an AT-7 Navigator aircraft that crashed into the Darwin Glacier, Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, during a training accident in November 1942. All on board (one instructor and three cadets)



Army Sgt. Michael Caya | JPAC

The remains of the World War II cadet arrive at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hickam AFB, for ID.

were presumed dead after an exhaustive search launched immediately following the crash, ending Dec. 14, 1942.

The site was found by hikers crossing the glacier in 1947; however, the human remains recovered at that time could not be conclu-

sively matched. They were buried as a group with full military honors in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Calif., in 1948.

In October 2005, hikers again came across the site and found additional human remains on the Mendel

Glacier in California. A team of park rangers and a forensic anthropologist from the JPAC-CIL recovered the remains, eventually taken to JPAC for identification.

Mustonen was identified using mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) and circumstantial evidence, and his family was formally briefed Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla.

JPAC's mission is to account for missing Americans lost in past conflicts ranging from World War II to the Gulf War.

Today, one American is missing from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War, and more than 78,000 from World War II.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Charity Barrett | JPAC

'Till all return home'

The acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Affairs, Bob Newberry (left), visited the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Hickam Air Force Base, March 2. Newberry is part of a team leading the national effort to account for Department of Defense personnel who are still missing as a result of hostile actions – past, present, and future. Dr. Thomas Holland (right), scientific director of the Central Identification Laboratory, provided Newberry some updates and a tour of the JPAC lab.

94th AAMDC fosters community partnership

Soldiers of the 94th adopt local school in military partners in education program

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

FORT SHAFTER — By the time 2:30 p.m. rolls around, most kids can be spotted riding bikes, playing basketball, tossing Frisbees and tackling other outdoor activities. But for some at Linapuni Elementary School, playtime is on hold. For them, class is still in session.

Like many others in schools throughout Hawaii, students here participate in the After-School Plus Program, called "A+." It operates Monday through Friday immediately after the close of the normal school day and ends at 5 p.m.

According to A+ program coordinator Jean A. Esteban, the program is provided to children whose parents work, attend school or participate in job training programs. Its intent is to reduce the high incidence of latchkey kids.

"Our program provides a safe and secure environment for children after school, but it's not just a custodial care program. We also offer the youth the opportunity to participate in constructive and athletic activities," explained Esteban. "What really helps is when organizations in the community become involved."

Nearly 25 years ago Army Hawaii, became an active participant with the Hawaii Department of Education, and this collaborative effort is being achieved through what is called the School Partnership Program. Today, the joint effort remains evident as approximately 46 schools across the island have military units as partners.

The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command recently joined the collaborative and is partnered with Linapuni Elementary. The unit and school continue the tradition and embrace their shared responsibility in educating local students through the unique program that encourages voluntary partnerships.

"We have put our arms around the program," said Capt. Frederick D. Ramirez, commander, 94th AAMDC Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and program project officer. "We look forward to volunteering at the school every Friday. It al-



Above — Staff Sgt. Eli Handler, a 94th AAMDC Healthcare NCO, assists first grader Zelius Maae-Liupaoro with his homework.

Right — Col. Vance P. Theodore, 94th AAMDC's chaplain, makes a correction to the homework of Daniel Nguyen.

lows our Soldiers to be positive role models in the community and affords them the opportunity to enhance a child's educational experience."

As part of the agreement with the school, Soldiers volunteer to read to children, tutor basic math and English, and present career day events and classroom presentations relating to their military occupational skills.

The A+ program is not intended to be an extension of the regular school day with all work and no play, explained Esteban; board games, puzzles, sing-a-longs

and more take place as well.

"The Soldiers and our staff offer a variety of enriching and enjoyable activities," Esteban said. "The students and the staff look forward to Friday when the Soldiers come — especially the students."

Soldiers said they are also excited about Fridays' activities.

"When the students express interest in education, and not just games after school, it makes me feel good," said Sgt. 1st Class Russ A. Matteo, 94th AAMDC chaplain assistant who says the partnership is a win-win situation. "As a volun-



teer, I'm able to say I had something to do with it."

Matteo added, when he was asked to participate in the program, he had no idea of the impact it would

make on the youth.

"You can just see the excitement in their eyes and the smiles on their faces. That's why I volunteer every Friday, he said. "I do it for the kids."



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The Army moves unit status reports online

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's Unit Status Report (USR) procedures have begun to move online with a new Web-based report and management tool.

The USR move is part of the Army's modernization of its readiness reporting and will now be officially referred to as the Defense Readiness Reporting System (DRRS).

"This new readiness system has two significant improvements over the one that's been in place for several decades, said Col. Barry N. Tyree, chief of the Army Readiness Division, G-3.

Designed for "high optempo"
"First, it gives us a better idea of readiness reporting under high operational tempo conditions that are inherent with the global war on terror," Tyree said. "And as we move forward in the way the Army plans to sustain its operational commitments, DRRS-Army will assist us with reporting that particular progress.

"It also improves our ability to access readiness in near-real-time in terms of the Army being able to execute its part of the joint and combatant plans."

The key element of process is designed to reveal whether American forces can perform their assigned missions, said Laura Junor, DRRS interagency director, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

"Were moving to a system that gives us a 'flat grade,' asking specifically what capabilities units have now in a real-time recording sense," Junor said. "This is a major change in how the department thinks about and manages its readiness.

Measures various capabilities
"For example, a surface combatant that doesn't have a full load of precision-guided munitions may not be suitable to be deployed into a combat environment; however, it may have relevant capabilities to do humanitarian-type missions and therefore would still be a viable asset



Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess | Army News Service

during hurricane seasons and tsunami-type relief."

The DRRS was created to track detailed information on what U.S. forces and individual troops do, providing both the Army and Office of the Secretary of Defense the most current capabilities-based, adaptive readiness information.

"We're going to the DRRS-Army system because OSD has mandated that all services move toward a single readiness reporting system to replace the current legacy systems," said Tyree. "Now we can focus on providing the best capabilities to the combatant commanders so that they can execute their particular missions."

Plans were announced for the creation of DRRS by the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the spring of 2002. But the concept can trace its beginnings to the mid 1950s when readiness reports were submitted bi-annually to the adjutant general of the Army, officials said.

Since that time, the U.S. military's involvement in Vietnam, the Gulf War of the early 1990s, and more recently Bosnia and Kosovo, showed the Department of Defense the need for a readiness reporting system that reflected a wide array of possible operational capabilities.

Provides flexible access

Tyree said unit status reporting is a commanders' report and DRRS will remain a commanders' report and assessment of their capability to execute missions, but more troops will have access to the system.

"The chain of command will also have visibility," he said. "Sometimes your higher headquarters can help you with a problem if they know what your issue is and what's causing you to not necessarily be 'quite so ready'."

"The higher HQs are able to shift them those re-

Gen. Benjamin Griffin (right), commander, Army Materiel Command, points out to Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey (center) a vehicle track that will soon have new rubber applied to it at Red River Army Depot Jan. 25.

sources — whether that's people, equipment, training time or training events that allow everyone to be better focused on the missions for which they've been designated to execute," he said. "It definitely transforms our business processes and mindset and the way we look at readiness.

DRRS-Army will provide linkages to Army authoritative databases in areas such as personnel, logistics and equipment readiness, Tyree said, allowing commanders time to assess and validate accurate information.

"The Department of the Army will actually see the resources of units, no matter where they are in the world," said Tyree. "For example, when units redeploy out of theater, we will have better visibility on how to reset those units and get them quickly prepared to start retraining and be available for commitment as required.

"We're doing this in a classified way that is not going to be an undue burden on units, especially for those that will not have immediate access to our classified networks," he said. "They'll be able to do this on a 'stand-alone' system, which allows the leadership from the lowest level of command all the way up to the Department of the Army to make better, more informed decisions about how we're going to insure the force maintains a high level of readiness."

The DRRS-Army is slated to be online in October 2006, linking databases that support the Army's service specific requirements for organizing, supplying, equipping, training, mobilizing, administering and maintaining forces.

Total integration of DRRS-Army for all Army reporting units will be no later than June 2007.



Sgt. Tyrone Marshall | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Newly inducted

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Hawaii Chapter of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) inducted four new members and two honorary members to its ranks at an induction ceremony March 6 at the Nehelani.

Three spouse recipients of the prestigious Dr. Mary E. Walker award were also honored.

Both the SAMC and Dr.

Mary E. Walker awards recognize individuals for their dedication, professionalism and service to Soldiers, family members and the community.

Division Command Sgt. Maj. J.T. Taylor summed up the event's importance characterizing the awardees as "the best of the best."

Receiving awards (above,

from left to right) were Damiana Ladson, Dr. Mary E. Walker; 1st Sgt. Duane Strong, honorary SAMC member; Staff Sgt. Jeremy Cooper; SAMC inductee; Sgt. 1st Class Juan Vargas, SAMC inductee; Sgt. 1st Class Janice D. Wilson, SAMC inductee, Staff Sgt. Agapito Punsalan, SAMC inductee, and 1st Sgt. Lamont Hall.

Installation Management Agency streamlines continuing education

INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT AGENCY
News Release

FORT SHAFTER — A cost-reduction initiative is eliminating 240 Army Continuing Education System positions during a two-year period that ends this year. The Army Installation Management Agency, however, is working to minimize negative effects.

Reductions planned for fiscal year 2006 have been finalized, and the Pacific Region (PARO) will proportionately take its share of the decreases. Education officials explained the spread of troop strength in the future — caused by retraining and base realignment plans — will guide changes to staffing, programs and operations.

Even though innovative initiatives will minimize the effects that reductions have on services to Soldiers and families, the PARO education system will see some changes to programs and operations.

"The new Centralized Tuition As-

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sistance Management ... will streamline, automate and standardize routine paper-based processes, to allow more time for counselors to focus on their most critical role of counseling Soldiers," a policy letter says.

The directed reductions have resulted in transitions to models where Soldiers actively manage their degree programs, course selections and choice of a college or university to secure associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees while serving on active duty.

Soldiers currently using tuition assistance services and processed into the education system are being notified through their Army Knowledge Online e-mail account and

their leave and earning statements (LES) about how they may access the new Web-based tuition assistance programs starting April 1.

Soldiers new to Army education programs can meet with education counselors for a comprehensive overview of all programs prior to accessing the new www.goarmy.ed.com system.

As partnering with PARO installation education officers continues, the "anytime, anywhere, 24/7" concept to access education information will be reinforced by commanders and senior staff officers. The leaders will act as liaisons to assure and inform Soldiers that education goals will be supported.

Army to discharge reservists who do not participant in drills

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

WASHINGTON — Under a personnel initiative, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who do not attend required weekend training may soon face streamlined discharge procedures.

In the past, reserve component Soldiers who did not attend the required number of battle assemblies were sometimes transferred out of their unit and into the Individual Ready Reserve.

Now these “non-participants” may be expeditiously discharged from the Army and could lose benefits, according to G-1 (personnel administration) officials, who further said the type of discharge will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Under the new initiative, non-participating Soldiers will first be encouraged to resume training with their unit, officials said.

The notification procedures for separating Soldiers who do not train with their unit will be abbreviated under the new policy. In the past, four certified letters had to be sent to Soldiers who were not attending training.

Now a notification will be sent and a Soldier will have 30 days to respond. If the Soldier does not respond and return for training, officials said his or her file will be reviewed by a board to determine the type of discharge to be administered.

The abbreviated notification procedures for separation will be phased in regionally over a 12-month period, beginning with the East Coast.

“The Reserve component will take a full inventory of Soldiers assigned to Reserve units,” said Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief of the Army Reserve. “This inventory will identify those Soldiers that have failed to participate in required unit training and have, therefore, been iden-



Maj. Wayne Marotto

Army reservists will comply with new directives regarding mobilization soon. Above, reservists from the 75th DIV (TS) at Fort Riley, Kansas, used lessons learned from Iraq while conducting urban warfare training in March of 2004.

tified as unsatisfactory participants.”

The expected result will be fewer non-participants on unit rosters, providing a more accurate picture of unit readiness, officials said. At the same time, other Soldiers can be recruited or promoted into the resultant vacancies.

Col. Elizabeth F. Wilson, deputy director of Military Personnel Management for the Army G-1, said the Army is at war and transforming, and the Army must take a full accounting of Soldiers assigned to Army Reserve and Army National Guard units.

If Soldiers do not resume mandatory training when encouraged, Wilson said, they will be processed for separation, and, if appropriate, required to reimburse the government any unearned portion of incentives they have been paid.

“The demands of the global war on terror have magnified our need to better reconcile RC [reserve component] unit rosters,” Wilson said. “It’s always been the intent to effectively manage RC Soldiers who are determined to be

unsatisfactory participants, but the process can be administratively cumbersome and executed with varying degrees of rigor.”

A temporary exception to policy and streamlining notification procedures for Soldiers who are considered for separation, Wilson said, will help RC leaders and administrators initiate separation actions in a timely manner.

“The execution of this realignment will be done at the Reserve-component level, and will allow commanders and managers to begin from an unprecedented vantage point to better manage the force,” she said. “We are transforming the Army, while serving a nation at war, and this realignment is an integral part of that transformation.”

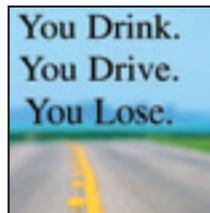
An estimated 15,000 reserve component Soldiers are currently not participating in required weekend training, officials said. But they pointed out that as of March 2006, approximately 100,000 Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers were serving on active duty in support of the war.



Spc. Mike Alberts | 3rd Brigade Public Affairs

Lifeguard training

Pvt. Kyle Burton of 5th Squadron, 14th Cavalry, 2nd Brigade, performs chest compressions on a drowning victim during lifeguard certification training at Richardson Pool.



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

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DoD, TRICARE to study obesity using Prime-enrollees

Family members in a four-state area are needed for survey; results to aid all the uniformed services

CHRISTELLE MICHAEL
TRICARE Management Activity

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Being overweight causes health problems and may lead to a lifetime of health concerns and possibly early death.

Some of the physical effects of being overweight include higher risk of diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes; increased incidence of musculoskeletal injuries; increased daytime sleepiness; and increased surgical risk.

TRICARE Management Activity has created a demonstration project that will test various methods of education and prevention to inform and educate active duty family members and retired beneficiaries about the negative effects of obesity.

Surveys show that poor diet/inactivity were among the leading causes of death from 1994 to 2000. Active duty service members are not immune: From 1995 to 2002, the percentage of overweight active duty service members has increased by 10 percent.

"Data collected during this demonstration project will provide invaluable guidance to the Department's leaders and the military health system in determining what weight management treatments work for our beneficiaries," said Navy Capt. Patricia Buss, deputy chief medical officer, TRICARE Management Activity.

Weight Management Demonstration Project

Research Triangle Institute and the Cooper Institute will implement the Healthy Eating and Ac-

tive Living in TRICARE Households program (HEALTH), a four-state demonstration project for TRICARE in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan. The project will provide non-active duty adult, Prime-enrolled, overweight and obese beneficiaries with 12-month access to behavior modification targeting diet and physical activity.

To be eligible beneficiaries must be age 18 to 64, not entitled to Medicare or enrolled in the TRICARE Extended Care Healthcare Option and living within 50 miles of the research centers.

The weight management demonstration project will use telephone and Internet, as well as interactive behavioral support and education. The project will assess whether five to 10 percent weight loss can be achieved and maintained over the course of the study.

Behavioral intervention with added pharmacotherapy will be compared to behavioral intervention alone. The demonstration project will study the effectiveness of different intensity behavioral intervention with or without medication.

Research Triangle Institute and the Cooper Institute will conduct this demonstration as an institutional review board-approved research study. Research Triangle Institute will begin recruiting project participants in spring 2006.

The result of this demonstration project will assist TRICARE in determining ways to deliver the best possible benefit for its Uniformed Services members, retirees and their families.



Tripler provides on-post transportation

Story and Photo by

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Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office

HONOLULU — The distance hospital patients, visitors and staff have to walk became a lot shorter Feb 10, when Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, Tripler Army Medical Center's commanding general, and Dr. James Hastings, veterans' affairs director, conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Tripler Trolley.

"This is another step toward easing parking pains at Tripler," said Pollock. "We are also working to open existing stalls closer to the hospital for our patients and customers."

"The parking dilemma that has been a source of frustration to visitors, patients, staff, and officials here at Tripler Army Medical Center has finally taken a turn for the better," said Tripler's provost marshal Don Devaney. "Standard routes for pick-up have been developed, and signs are in the process of being made as we speak."

There are two trolley routes that circle Tripler — a red route and a green route. Visitors, staff and patients can be picked up in less than 10 minutes.

The trolley stops in the areas throughout the



Open for business — Leaders (Dr. James Hastings, director of Veterans Affairs, Pacific Islands, and Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, commander of Tripler Army Medical Center) cut the ribbon that officially launches Tripler's new trolley service, Feb. 10.

lower lots, the two main entrances, the parking garage and other locations when passengers flag it down. Route maps will be available soon at both entrance information desks.

On average, the trolley transports more than 155 passengers a day. "We are looking to ... transport even more people over the coming months," said Col. Derick Ziegler, Tripler chief of staff.

"In addition to the tremendous impact the Tripler Trolley is having, a big pat on the back belongs to Dan Perron our department of logistics engineer responsible for the many exterior improvements in our parking lots and the force protection barrier plans," said Devaney. "Dan has designed space for 300 additional parking stalls throughout the facility."



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Charitable giving

HONOLULU — On behalf of Fisher House, Maj. Gen. Gale Pollock (second from left), commanding general of Tripler Army Medical Center, receives a \$25,000 check from Ron Gibson and Mark Mellick of GM Entertainment, as Avila Porter, Fisher House assistant manager, looks on.

Fisher House assists service members and their families in times of medical need, and the GM Entertainment partners are producers of the upcoming Diamond Head Crater Celebration, April 1, featuring Linda Ronstadt and several other headline entertainers.

The partners singled out the charity because of the tremendous losses suffered by Hawaii military stationed in Iraq. They also presented \$10,000 to the Waikiki Health Center to support medical and social services to Oahu's neediest residents.

"We were pleased to use our contacts and influence to affect these donations to two very worthwhile organizations," said Mellick, a major executive with Wachovia in California who, like Gibson, divides his time between the Mainland and Hawaii.

Tuskegee Airmen visit Tripler for Black History Month

Famed pilots share personal recollections as POWs during WWII

Story and Photo by
MARK JACKSON

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office

HONOLULU — “I had to start teaching in 1950 just to find out that over 150,000 black men fought in the Civil War,” said retired Air Force Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, 332nd Fighter Group.

Jefferson was the keynote speaker at Tripler Army Medical Center’s Black History Month celebration at its Kyser Auditorium, Feb. 14.

Jefferson was joined by three other Tuskegee Airmen — U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Lucius Theus, retired U.S. Air Force Col. Donald Marsh and retired U.S. Air Force Capt. Richard Macon.

Jefferson and Marsh were prisoners of war (POWs) in World War II.

“We were both shot down during the same mission, at different locations,” said Jefferson, who was a POW for nine months, most of which was at Stalag Luft III, Germany.

Jefferson and Marsh were both shot down Aug. 12, 1944, over southern France.

“I was flying my P-51 on a strafing run over southern France,” Jefferson said. “It was my nineteenth and final mission.”

Jefferson spoke briefly about some of the things he encountered during his nine months as a POW.

“I know of no brutal treatment of American or English officers, with the exception of the SS’s execution of the 50 English officers who were captured after they escaped through a tunnel,” said Jefferson. “To put things in perspective, I arrived after that escape attempt.”

The German interrogators knew everything about the POWs. They even knew how much in taxes Jefferson’s father paid on his house.

“They knew my high school grades and that I went to Howard University,” Jefferson said. “Apparently, someone from the United States was funneling the information back to Germany.”

“Mail was very important. I started writing letters home as soon as I was captured. My family eventually got all of the letters I wrote. Unfortunately, I never received theirs,” he said. “There was nothing crueller than the proverbial Dear John letter. For such unfortunate prisoners, their world came to a double end,” Jefferson added.

Jefferson also spoke briefly on the importance of understanding other cultures.

“Fast forward to today. If you do not know the difference between Sunnis, Shiites, Chaldeans and Kurds, you are considered a dummy. Detroit, where I’m from, has the largest Arab community in the country.”

“...We in the military need to understand the background of these subcultures to make a difference in our fight against terrorism in the Middle East,” Jefferson explained.



(From left to right) Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, retired U.S. Air Force Col. Donald Marsh, retired U.S. Air Force Maj. General Lucius Theus and retired U.S. Air Force Capt. Richard Macon sign autographs at Tripler Army Medical Center Feb. 14.

The Black History month celebration included entertainment by Tripler staff, and Tripler’s commanding general, Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, provided closing remarks.

“I hope I’m as energetic and sharp as you are when I’m 83,” said Pollock, as she presented each of the Tuskegee Airmen with a lei and commander’s coin.

“Speaking of breaking down barriers, it is a wonderful sight to see that you [Pollock] have broken down so many barriers and become such a positive role model for women,” said Theus.

The Tuskegee Airmen joined Tripler staff for lunch in the dining facility, where they signed more than 100 autographs and posed for many pictures.

“This is the warmest greeting and treatment that we have ever received,” said Jefferson. “We hope to visit Tripler again.”

News Briefs

From A-6

Lyman Road.

Free IT Training — Did you know that Soldiers or civilians have access to more than 1,500 free Web-based information technology, business and self-development courses that provide IT certification training? If your office or home environment is not conducive to training, visit a Digital Training Facility and train in a classroom setting.

For more information, go to www.us.army.mil, select “My Education” under “Self Service” and click “Army e-Learning.”

DTFs are located at Fort Shafter and Wheeler Army Air Field. To find other locations, visit www.dls.army.mil and click on “Digital Training Facilities.”

High-Speed Computing — Take advantage of high-speed computing on the Internet via the Computer Lab at Army Community Service. Located in Building 2091 on Kolekole Avenue, hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 655-4344.

Strong Marriages — Do you want to strengthen your marriage? Take a day off work? Spend some time alone without the kids? Stay overnight at a hotel at no cost to you?

If your answers are yes, see your unit chaplain about the “Building Strong and Ready Families” program or contact the division chaplain’s office at 655-9303.

“The Wave” — This Fort Shafter worship service meets each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Fort Shafter dining facility. You are invited to worship and attend the breakfast potluck. For more details, call Chaplain (Capt.) James Lester at 438-1816.

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Dylan Krantz, a 15-year-old student, gets air off one of the jumps at Kahuku Motocross Park, Feb. 4. Jeff Krantz describes his son as "nsane" on his dirt bike.

Dirt-bike riding at Kahuku Motocross

Story and Photos by

LANCE CPL. ROGER L. NELSON
Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs

Oahu is known for the size of its waves and excellent surfing spots, but surfing is not the only extreme sport the island has to offer. Motocross and dirt-biking, along with all-terrain vehicle riding are also gaining popularity on Oahu.

Seaman Patrick Riley, aviation electrician, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37, said when he rides his ATV he's out to have a good time.

"A lot of my friends will load up their ATVs or dirt bikes and go to the Kahuku Motocross Park on a Saturday morning and will end up staying there all day or until they close," said Riley. "They let people camp out there, and it's usually good to do that so you can just wake up the next day and ride again, instead of having to drive all the way back up there the next day."

According to the Pensacola, Fla. native, when he's riding, all of the stress of the previous workday leaves his mind. "It's really nice and has a lot of different trails for people with different levels of riding skill," said Riley. "If a person has a son or daughter who want to ride, it's a good place for them, too, because there is

a track that only smaller bikes can go on."

The Pee wee trail at Kahuku Motocross Park offers a track for bikes with 50 or 60 cubic centimeter engines.

Each track has man-made hoops, jumps, tabletops, and much more. There are also areas where people can sit back and watch riders go over some of the double and triple jumps.

"I'll bring my son out here, and we usually will ride the Perimeter Trail at first to get our bikes warmed up, then go to the practice track and spend some time riding around there," said James T. Rabborn, landscape specialist. "It's a good way for he and I to spend time together – a little father-son bonding."

"I'll bring my whole family out here on a Friday after work sometimes, and we'll just make a weekend of it."

Rabborn said his wife and daughter both have four-wheelers, so they will cruise around the perimeter trails and main roads while the guys – he and his son – go out and "get dirty."

The Austin, Texas native said the lookout points on some of the trails are breathtaking.

Park Attendant Carole Kell said, "A lot of the trails lead to lookout points that overlook the ocean and have some of the best views on the island."

This park has the only track with trails on Oahu. It is open weekends and federal holidays and a fee of \$5 per bike is charged to those who are not members of the park and \$2 for park members. Each rider must use appropriate riding and safety gear.

Races are held at the Kahuku Motocross Park one Sunday every month. The cost to compete in a race and \$3 for spectators.

For more information about Kahuku Motocross Park call 528-3204.



A young rider races around the Pee wee track at Kahuku Motocross Park, Feb. 4. The Pee wee track is open to people whose dirt bikes engines are no bigger than 60 cubic centimeters.

Above — Lance Cpl. Christopher Lammers, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, changes his spark plug after a full day of riding at Kahuku Motocross Park. Lammers said the best part of riding there is you can ride all day and then sleep at the park so you can wake up and ride again.

Above Inset — Lance Cpl. Christopher Lammers, Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, turns the gas off on the engine of his dirtbike so it doesn't leak out after of riding at Kahuku Motocross Park.



MARCH

10 / Today

Creative Writing Contest — Put your most life-changing experience into words in the "Army Libraries and Leisure Activities Creative Writing Contest." Entry forms are available at all Army libraries and Leisure Activities.

Deadline to enter is today, and winners will be selected on April 5. Three prizes will be awarded: first place, \$150; second place, \$100; and third place, \$50. For more information, call 655-0111.

Last Chance "Cats" — Don't miss your last chance to see the award-winning Broadway musical "Cats." Final performances will be held at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter, tonight and Saturday.

Tickets are going quickly, and they are available at the box office, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or online at www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html. For more information, call 438-4480.

11 / Saturday

Bishop Museum Science Festival — Come have a day of fun at the Bishop Museum, March 11, during the "Mad about Science" festival, which will include hands-on science activities, shows and the opportunity to meet scientists.

Cost is \$3 and transportation is available from Schofield Barracks for an additional \$3. Transportation will leave from the Nehelani at 1 p.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 655-0112.

Yu-Gi-Oh — Get ready to duel for prizes at the Tropics. Registration for the Yu-Gi-Oh tournament begins at noon, and matches will start at 1 p.m.

Cost is \$6 and includes a pack of the latest Yu-Gi-Oh cards. All ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.



Photo courtesy of Bishop Museum

Mad about Science

The Bishop Museum will host a Mad About Science Festival Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Kids may take behind-the-scenes tours of Bishop Museum's Natural Science Collections and attend shows and other activities. Admission is \$3. For more information, call 847-3511.

13 / Monday

Nehelani Advisory Council Meeting — Make a difference in your club system by attending the bimonthly council meeting, March 13, at the Nehelani, Kukui Room, on Schofield Barracks.

This meeting will begin at 11 a.m., and the community is invited to attend. For more details, call 655-4466.

15 / Wednesday

After School at the Library — Elementary-age children are invited to a story and craft activity, March 15 at 3 p.m. at the Sgt.

Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. This event is free and no registration is required.

Groups interested in participating can call 655-8002.

Teen Employment Workshop — Come learn how write a to resume without employment experience, and apply and interview for jobs at the Teen Employment Workshop, March 15 from 2 to 3 p.m.

The class is open to teens, 15 to 18 years old, and it will be held at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center. Register at the Teen Center or call 655-0445 for more information.

17 / Friday

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

Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Wear green and get \$1 off admission at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR). For more information, call 833-0920 (AMR) or 655-0451 (Schofield).

18 / Saturday

Magic Tournament — Experience the magic at the first magic tournament at the Tropics. Registration is at 1 p.m. and the tournament begins at 2 p.m.

Entry fee is \$3 and the tournament is for ages 14 and up. For more information, call 655-8522.

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at the AMR Child Development Center on Parents Night Out, March 18, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town. Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the Resource and Referral Office no later than noon March 15.

Reservations are first-come, first-served at the Resource and Referral Office. Call 655-8313 for more information.

20 / Monday

Spring Teen Day Camp — Schofield Barracks teens are invited to spend spring break at the Teen Center Day Camp. The theme for camp is "Rookies versus Veterans."

Activities will include game, family, gladiator, sports and fear factor days, plus trips to the Mililani theater, Kualoa Ranch and the Ice Palace. For more information, call 655-0451.

AMR Teen Center Spring Break — Teens, come enjoy your spring break at the AMR Teen Center. A different activity will be held each day, Monday through Friday, from March 20 to 31. Activities include AMR Idol, a flavor guessing game, fear factor day, a lock-in, movies, surprise day, Spring Fling, plus trips to Sharkey's Theater and the Ice Palace. For more information, call 833-0920.

24 / Friday

Seafood Buffet for Two — Reggie's will hold a Seafood buffet for two from 5-8 p.m. For more information call 655-4466



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

March

11 / Saturday

American Red Cross — The American Red Cross Schofield Barracks Service Center will offer an adult, child, and infant CPR plus first aid class Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$40 and includes the book. Call 655-4927 to register.

Tropic Lightning Museum — The Tropic Lightning Museum, Schofield Barracks, will feature the film "Hell in Normandy," Saturday. Matinee begins at 1 p.m.

14 / Tuesday

Waikiki Aquarium — Do fish snooze? Do lobsters sleep? Tour the Waikiki Aquarium at night with a flashlight and find out during the "Aquarium After Dark" program. Over 2,500 organisms are on exhibit representing more than 420 species of aquatic animals and plants.

Children must be a minimum of 5 years old to attend, and must be accompanied by an adult. Costs are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children; aquarium members pay less. Tours are available March 14 and 30. For more information, call 923-9741, or visit online at www.waquarium.org.

15 / Wednesday

Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting — A Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel, Room D-9. The council consists of the Army volunteer coordinator, senior command spouses, military agency representatives and unit representatives. Contact the AVC, Cathie Henderson at 655-4227 for more information.

16 / Thursday

Hui O Na Wahine Luncheon — Calling all shoppers! Join the Hui O Na Wahine all-ranks spouses club, Thursday, March 16, as it presents a basket auction, fishbowl prizes and a fashion show of thrift shop "finds." Come see the creative baskets put together by the many units of the Schofield community. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for shopping, and lunch is served at 11 a.m.

17 / Friday

Aloha Tower Marketplace — Have a wee bit o' fun at Hawaii's only waterfront block party, the Aloha Tower Marketplace's St. Patrick's Day Celebration Block Party, Friday, March 17. All will enjoy free live entertainment, giveaways, party breads and great restaurant specials. The fun is scheduled throughout the marketplace from 5 to 9 p.m. and admission is free. Look for elusive leprechauns during the evening to sing you an Irish song.

18 / Saturday

Hawaii Theatre Collectibles Sale — The Hawaii Theatre will host a "Hawaii's Treasures and Collectibles" sale on Saturday, March 18 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1130 Bethel Street.

Admission to the event is \$5 per person, and tickets are available at the Hawaii Theatre box office. Call 528-0506, or go online to www.hawaiitheatre.com for more information.

24 / Friday

Hui O Na Wahine Scholarships — The Schofield Barracks Hui O Na Wahine all-ranks spouses club is accepting applications for merit scholarships through March 24.

Applications are available at Sgt. Yano Library, the Hui Thrift Shop, the Schofield Barracks ACS Building, the Leilehua High School counselor offices, Hui O Na Wahine luncheons and spouse information meetings.

For more information, contact Robertta Cole, scholarship chair, at bertnstoner@yahoo.com

25 / Saturday

Project Visitation — Help foster children who have been separated from their siblings to spend time with their brothers and sisters. Join Project Visitation at volunteer training on Saturday, March 25, at Chaminade University from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Project Visitation volunteers help foster care siblings maintain family relationships by bringing the children together for monthly visits. Volunteers contribute approximately eight hours a month.

For more information, please contact Project Visitation at 528-7050 or e-mail jaime@vlsh.org.

28 / Tuesday

Parents Workshop — The ACS Family Advocacy Program offers a new parents' workshop designed to prepare new parents

for first time delivery and parenthood. Classes are offered in five-week blocks on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. and the next class starts on March 28.

Both parents are welcome, and couples should register as the mother-to-be approaches the end of the third pregnancy trimester. Sessions are free, but participants must be registered in advance. Call ACS at 655-44CS to register.

April

1 / Saturday

Diamond Head Crater Celebration — The Diamond Head Crater Celebration, April 1 from 2 to 8 p.m. will feature Linda Ronstadt and other major mainland and Hawaii artists. Tickets are available at the Blaisdell Arena Box Office, online at www.ticketmaster.com or toll-free at 1-877-750-4400. For more information, call 735-7000 or visit www.cratercelebration.com.

Army Emergency Relief (AER) — Spouse education assistance is available through Army Emergency Relief (AER). The program assists spouses and widows by furthering their education. Financial assistance is provided as a grant, and is awarded based on financial need, assets, family size and special financial obligations. Scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, supplies and fees. Applications will be available for downloading on AER's Web site, www.aerhq.org; at the AER office; or by mail from HQ, AER as of April 1.

Hawaiian Scottish Festival — The Hawaiian Association presents the 25th Annual Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Highland Games, April 1 and 2 at Kapiolani Park. Featured entertainment will include Frank DeLima, The Celtic Pipers and Drums of Hawaii, The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, The Riverside Pipe Band and more. For more information, visit www.scotshawaii.org.

3 / Monday

Hui O Na Wahine Welfare — The Schofield Barracks Hui O Na Wahine spouses club is accepting welfare requests from now to April 3. Welfare request forms are available at the Army Community Services or the thrift shop, and agencies must complete the form to be eligible. Applications must be post-marked by April 3. For more information, call 624-3186.

15 / Saturday

NMFA Scholarships — The National Military Family Association is now ac-

cepting applications for the NMFA Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship Program. Uniformed service spouses - active, retired, National Guard, Reserve or survivor who are studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school may apply. Scholarships are normally \$1000. Applications will only be accepted online, and must be submitted by midnight, April 15. Apply at www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006.

28 / Friday

Volunteer Recognition — The annual volunteer recognition ceremony will be held Friday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, contact Cathie Henderson at 655-1703 or e-mail at hendersonna@schofield.army.mil.

May

6 / Saturday

USO Hawaii — USO Hawaii presents "A Salute to Our Troops," featuring a parade and concert in Waikiki, on Saturday, May 6. The event will honor all of Hawaii's active-duty military personnel. The parade will begin at Fort DeRussy, proceed down Kalakaua and Monsarrat Avenues, and will end at Kapiolani Park for the concert.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be served at no cost to active-duty personnel and their families. Vendors will also provide food for purchase.

The USO welcomes organizations interested in becoming sponsors. For more information, contact USO Hawaii at 836-3351.

ONGOING

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

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

HACN TV2 Schedule

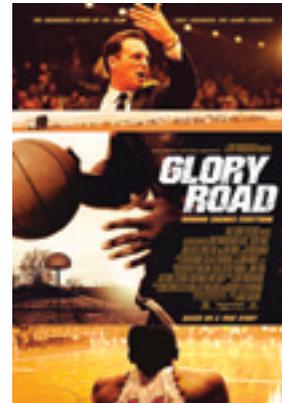
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- 4:00 Oahu
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- 5:00 Hawaii-Hidden Beauty
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- 6:00 Hawaii Army Report
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- 8:00 NFL-Turf Talk '95
- 8:53 Volunteers
- 8:55 Pentagon Channel
- 10:00 Bulletin Board
- 10:30 Pentagon Channel
- 11:00 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 11:21 Oakland Army Base
- 11:50 Bulletin Board

Overnight

Pentagon Channel

(Note: Because of hardware failure TV2 Programming maybe interrupted during daily scheduled programming and replaced with Pentagon Channel and/or Bulletin Board.)

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



Glory Road (PG)

Today, 7 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



Tristan & Isolde (PG-13)

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday



Photo courtesy of McNeil Wilson Communications

Visitors walk aboard the USS Bowfin, which is docked in Pearl Harbor alongside the entrance to the USS Arizona Memorial Visitors Center.

USS Bowfin presents 'Adventures in History' with noted historian

Historian offers WWI film and presentation

USS BOWFIN SUBMARINE MUSEUM AND PARK

News Release

HONOLULU — The Discovery Channel's "Unsolved History" episode titled "Death of the Red Baron," follows the circumstances surrounding the death of the legendary World War I German pilot Manfred von Richthofen, known as the "Red Baron."

As part of Bowfin Park's "Adventures in History" lecture series, the March 16th event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments, followed by the presentation at 7 p.m., where prominent historian Daniel Martinez will speak.

The evening will include the video program, "Death of the Red Baron," photographs taken by Martinez during filming and models of the airplanes that participated in the historic event.

The display of models is from the Battleship Row Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society.

The program follows the demise

of World War I German ace Manfred von Richthofen who was credited with 80 "kills." Highly respected by his Allied adversaries, he was nicknamed The Red Baron because of his red bi-plane.

Soon after his 80th kill Richthofen was involved in an active dogfight with allied pilots near Vaux-sur-Somme battlefields on April 21, 1918.

Did the shot that killed Richthofen come from the Australian gunners on the ground or from the Canadian flier Arthur "Roy" Brown, who was credited with shooting down the World War I German ace?

Richthofen crashed into a field where his body was recovered by British forces.

The USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park is a nonprofit organization whose mission it is to restore and preserve the World War II submarine USS Bowfin (SS-287).

The Bowfin is located next to the USS Arizona Memorial Visitors' Center, and it's open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.

BMX facility to open on Wheeler

New track to provide more professional environment to riders

Story and Photos by
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WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — When the BMX facility here reopens Saturday, it will have the only BMX track in Hawaii to conform to a national standard.

The facility will meet the American Bicycle Association's track standards, said Gus H. Harper, child and youth fitness and sports coordinator for Schofield Barracks.

The reopening, which had been scheduled for Feb. 4, was postponed because poor weather slowed construction.

When opened, BMX enthusiasts and their families will be able to enjoy the facility's updates, said Scott R. Stenstrom, Helemano and Wheeler Army Air Field Youth Sports director.

"We're reconditioning the facility," said Harper. "We're repacking the dirt; we're putting a new shed in, a new tower in, and we remodeled the office."

"We're looking forward to getting it reopened and building it up more," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason L. Gamble, a volunteer at the track, and a BMX rider.

Members of both the civilian and military communities are authorized to use the track. A one-time registration fee of \$18 per person or \$40 for a group of three or more will be charged to military families, plus a \$5 fee per use, said Harper. Civilian community members will



Above — Steve E. Dewald (left), and Nelson A. Paree (right) volunteers at the Army Airfield BMX Track, dig into a mound of dirt Feb. 4, in preparation for the March 11 opening.

Left — Gary L. Shounk, a volunteer from Wahiawa, is working toward the tracks March 11 reopening, so his children and he have a place to ride Feb. 4.

turnout," said Stenstrom. "We have received a lot of positive response from the community."

For additional information about the BMX track or information on volunteering, visit www.mwramyhawaii.com or e-mail at army.bmx@hotmail.com.

be charged a one-time registration fee of \$20 per person or \$42 for families of three or more. An additional \$10 facilities fee will also be charged per use.

"We are hoping for a big

Military scholarship applicants enter waiting period

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

News Release

The Scholarships for Military Children application screening process is under way for thousands of students in the running for \$1,500 scholarships. Scholarship Managers, a professional

scholarship management firm, is screening the applications.

If you want to know that your application is among those being considered, look for the online application verification reply form that will be available on March 31 at www.militaryscholar.org, the Scholarships for Military Children

Web site.

Recipients will be notified by mail and the scholarship Web site will feature a list of recipients shortly after May 1.

The program, which is administered by Fisher House Foundation and funded by manufacturers and suppliers of groceries and

services in the commissary system, has awarded nearly \$4 million in scholarships to more than 2,400 students since the first awards in 2001.

Donations from the public are also accepted at the official Defense Commissary Agency Web site: www.commissaries.com.

All-Army registration moves to Web

TIM HIPPS

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Soldier-athletes can now apply to participate in All-Army Sports via the Internet.

Any qualified participant with Internet access and an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account can apply for the program by visiting <https://armsports.cfsc.army.mil>.

The Web site provides detailed information about the program, competition calendar, selection criteria and points of contact in the Army Sports office.

The online application process is the brainchild of Army Sports and Fitness Director Karen White and Bob Roadarmel, a sports specialist at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center (CFSC).

"I was in Army Sports for about two weeks when I realized that we were making our computers work like a stubby pencil instead of using automation, and I said we've got to change this," Roadarmel recalled.

Four years later, Vermont Systems, which also developed RecTrac, has the automated system operating through AKO.

"It's a quantum leap forward in our All-Army application process," Roadarmel said of the recent launch of the online registration process. "We want the Soldier-athletes and commanders to know about and use the system because it will serve them well."

Interested participants can go to the Army MWR Web site at www.armymwr.com, select "Recreation," and click on the "Army Sports" link to see what sports are available and to view the criteria for selection.

Soldiers, including members of the National Guard and Army Reserve, can compete in more than 20 sports on All-Army teams in the Armed Forces Championships and other individual amateur events.

Athletes will be required to submit everything Army sports officials need to know about them before receiving an invitation to a tryout camp. Their commanders also must complete required fields, which will serve as the Soldier's release from his unit to attend All-Army camp and ensuing competitions.

On The **WEB** Apply at <https://armsports.cfsc.army.mil>.

Commanders must use their AKO account because the system will not accept input from other Internet service providers. Along its way to CFSC, the application's status can be accessed online.

Therefore, a process that once took weeks to complete now can be accomplished in two or three days, Army Sports officials said, regardless of where everyone involved is located.

For example, a Soldier deployed in Afghanistan can complete his or her section of the application on a lap top computer. The commander, who might be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, can provide input from a desk-top terminal. Once the installation sports director signs off, CFSC officials will instantaneously receive the application.

"It's especially advantageous to the Army National Guard and Reserves because they are not at installations, but they can log onto the Internet and apply," Army Sports program analyst Betty Raveill said. "Their applications will go directly from their commander to us because they do not have installation sports offices."

Soldier-athletes will receive an e-mail confirmation when their application has been received at CFSC. They will be able to check online to see if they've been chosen to attend a

trial camp as soon as selections are made.

"We are hoping that this will increase the number of applications we get," Raveill said. "Right now, if Soldiers are over in the desert and they think they're going to be coming home in a couple of months, they can go ahead and apply rather than waiting until they get back to apply and possibly miss the deadline."

Applicants still must fax or scan and e-mail additional qualifying information, such as competitive results. The fax number is (703) 681-7245.

With future upgrades of the system, Army Sports officials envision that hard-copy or faxed applications automatically will be converted into an electronic format. They said Soldier-athletes eventually will have the capability of attaching video clips to their applications.

The database also is expected to feature an archive listing the accomplishments and statistical data of past All-Army athletes and teams.

Army Sports personnel will use the system for travel itinerary requests, team rosters, travel information to competition and training sites, and uniform lists. The system also will generate automatic annual reminders to help prevent Soldier-athletes from missing applications deadlines. Installation sports directors must keep their data current to help the system operate smoothly.

"With the information flow going both ways, it should make our sports specialists here much more time efficient," Roadarmel said. "This will save hours of processing, which allows us to give more time to the Soldier-customer in other ways. We're just really excited about it."

(Editor's Note: Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.)



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Green

Keep away

Feeunai Solomua, 39th Military Police Detachment, attempts to tighten the defense on Joel Haas, point guard for the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Dragons, as he eyes an opening to the basket. The Dragons defeated the MP's 50-44, Wednesday, Feb 8.

Community Sports

Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

MARCH

25 / Saturday

Rodeo — Looking for hard-riding, fast-paced rodeo action? Gallop over to the Diamond J Arena in Waianae, Saturday, March 25; the Kawaihoa Ranch Arena in Haleiwa, Sunday, April 30; and the DK Ranch Arena in Waimanalo, Saturday, May 6.

Sponsored by the Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association, these events are free to spectators and feature Hawaii's best horses and men, women and children riders.

Competition begins at 10 a.m. and includes barrel racing, pole bending and other timed events.

26 / Sunday

10k Volksmarch — The Menehune Marchers is sponsoring a 10K volksmarch, or walk, at Kaena Point (Mokuleia), beginning at 8 a.m. on March 26. Marchers will meet at Camp Erdman YMCA. Call Barbara at 247-5059 or Carol at 626-3575 for more information.

Also, walkers are invited to the 10K at Maunaloa Bay Beach Park in Hawaii Kai on April 23 (with start time set between 8 a.m. and noon). Contact Marsha at 395-9724 for more details.

Cost is free at both events, unless volksmarch credit is desired; then marchers must pay a \$3 fee.

ONGOING

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

Tea time is by 8 a.m. and you are welcome to participate.



March

11 / Saturday

BMX Track — The BMX track on Wheeler Army Air Field will reopen today at 10 a.m., weather permitting. Child and Youth Services (CYS) is looking for volunteers to help.

For more information or to volunteer, call 655-0883 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Hawaii Championship Wrestling — Come watch Hawaii Championship Wrestling at the Tropics, March 11. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and matches will start at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for ages 12 and

up, \$3 for ages 11 and under, and free for children ages 5 and under. Call 655-8522 for more information.

19 / Sunday

"5 Game, No Tap" Tournament — Individuals are invited to participate in the "5 Game, No Tap" Tournament at the Schofield Bowling Center. Check-in is at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

21 / Tuesday

Youth Sports Track and Field — Registration for youth track and field begins March 21 at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR), Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Youth Centers. Registration is open to youth born between 1988 to 1997, and the cost is \$40.

Participants will receive a team uniform, qualified coaching, and a USA Track and Field membership card. A military identification card or birth cer-

tificate is required to sign up, along with a physical exam.

Practice begins in early April and the season runs from June to July. For more information, call 836-1923 (AMR), 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-6465 (Schofield Barracks) or 655-0883 (Wheeler/Helemano Military Reservation).

ONGOING

Mizuno Club Fitting — Make an appointment with PGA professional Lou Merkle to schedule custom fitting of golf clubs or individual lessons to improve your game. Call 438-9587 to make an appointment.

Tripler boasts ultimate girls' basketball champion

A medical supply sergeant plays with the All-Army b'ball team for three years

BRIANA KAYA

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office

HONOLULU — Sgt. Anderia L. Hinton first moved into the ranks of basketball greatness in August 2005. Then she traded in her Army boots for basketball sneakers and represented the Army for her fifth year on the All-Army basketball team.

The champ, who on a typical day as a medical supplier here at Tripler Army Medical Center consists of standardizing various medical products to one certain brand for the hospital's Acquisitions Section, saw quite a change in her work schedule when she went to the physically demanding basketball camp. She trained to represent the Army in the Armed Forces tournament.

Hinton is used to "item-managing" on daily basis. At the camp, she jumped in, feet first, to three, two-hour practices, daily.

"It was hard," Hinton said; "it was a very physical and demanding job."

Originally from Rocky Mount, N.C., Hinton has had a long love affair with the game. She was awarded All-American in college, while earning her degree in Industrial Tech at Appalachian State University. She then took her abilities overseas in Barcelona, Spain, and played for a semipro team.

But as much as Hinton loves playing the game, she also loves being a Soldier. She is a self-described "lifer" who, without missing a beat, looks anyone straight in the eye and smiles when she recounts how proud she is of her affiliation with the military and decision to join the Army.

No one was shocked when Hinton jumped at the chance to represent the U.S. Army and Tripler and play the game she loves. Before departing she expressed gratitude to Tripler, for releasing her for the three years she has been stationed in Hawaii.

The center position player stands at 6 feet 1, and she prepared hard for her return to the game after two ACL reconstruction surgeries. To get her knees back

into the swing of things, she trained with an ex-All-Army-Boxing coach here at Tripler.

"He ran me pretty hard," Hinton said. "I cut 15 pounds ... and he helped me with my knees and overall body strength."

Subsequently, Hinton became one of 11 team members selected from 30 — from hundreds of applications submitted from bases all over the world — to represent the Army at the Armed Forces Women's Basketball Tournament.

Hinton, often called "Ms. Shaq" by her teammates, was not only selected for center position for the fifth consecutive year but named team captain for the third time.

Shacquille O'Neal is Hinton's role model and all-time favorite player. She constructs her game thinking of his moves.

As a member of the All-Army team, Hinton has traveled the country, including New York, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania and California, playing semipro teams in a grueling schedule — often with back-to-back games.

In their spare time, the ladies on the team reach out to local communities. They speak to children at Boys and Girls Clubs, to juvenile delinquents at correctional facilities, and to high schoolers about staying in school and the importance of their education.

"I like the fact we [go to] different schools," said Hinton, "especially the juvenile delinquents who we actually mentor every year."

"It's just getting to know all the kids," she continued. "The kids see that you are doing well and that kind of motivates them."

Hinton keeps in touch with many of the teens, such as a one former troubled youth in Texas who has since finished high school and entered the military.

This year, Hinton and her All-Army team won Silver at the Armed Forces



Courtesy Photos

Above and Left — Hinton, #45, fondly remembers her days with the 2005 All-Army Women's Basketball Team. The official photos were snapped during the team's games at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.



Women's Basketball Championship. The Air Force, the team's biggest rival, won Gold, but only due to a nine-point differential, they said.

Hinton was also selected for the All-Tournament team, which then played for the U.S. Basketball Team. The national team played in its first-ever CISM World Military Women's Basketball Championship.

Joining teams from the Netherlands, Kazakhstan and the Los Angeles Police

Department (China and Sri Lanka were scheduled to play, but were unable to make it), the American team took a great deal about one another, through the exchanging of gifts and knowledge.

"I didn't know anything about Kazakhstan or the Netherlands," Hinton said. "I learned ... we are so, so spoiled in

the United States. It made me appreciate the United States that much more; they were amazed with what we take for granted."

The former team captain is at long last hanging up her sneakers.

"I think I am done; my knees are really bothering me, but I would love to coach."

For now Hinton just wants to concentrate on her job. She said she will miss the girls on the All-Army team, but she will visit her "sisters" during breaks.

Hinton advises anyone with the opportunity to participate in any All-Army sports program to not pass up the opportunity.

"The greatest thing about basketball is it challenges you in so many ways ... dealing with different personalities, leadership and teamwork ... all things you deal with in life."

"It has taken me so many places in my life I never would have gone had I not learned the game."