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Cobra Gold flexes MOU with Thais

25th ID Alaskan Soldiers bridge language barriers

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LOP BURI, Thailand — Language barriers were all but forgotten when American and Thai Soldiers learned from each other during Military Operation in Urban Terrain (MOU) training here, May 15.

The Monday was the first of three days of cross training between the 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry, 4th Brigade (Airborne), and the 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, Kings Guard (Airborne).

The day consisted of several classes, followed by practical exercises. The Soldiers learned how to execute a proper four-man stack, a tactic where four Soldiers press tightly together against a wall before entering a building.

The front man kept his weapon down, so it could not be seen in the doorway. The second man aimed forward, the third aimed forward and up — watching the rooftops, and the fourth turned backwards to watch their rear. Each communicated by touch to signal he was ready to enter the room.

These techniques helped the team tactically enter a room without letting the enemy know they were coming. Each Soldier covered a sector of the room and alternated sides to ensure the team's safety.

But a complication arose. The instructors spoke English, the Soldiers spoke Thai, and the civilian interpreter did not understand military terminology and acronyms very well. Despite the multiple language barriers, however, Soldiers prevailed.

"The biggest breach to the language barrier was their eagerness to learn," said Staff Sgt. John Ruiz, a MOU instructor from the 509th. "They really want to learn this stuff — you can tell."

The Thai leadership helped too. "Their commander spoke English pretty well," said Sgt. Keenan Williams, another



American Soldiers practice clearing rooms up stairs during a day of military operation in urban terrain (MOU) training with Thai Soldiers May 15.

MOU instructor from the 509th. "When we had them all together, he was able to translate and really expand on what we were saying."

After the classes, Soldiers tackled the "glass house," the floor plan of a house made of tape on the ground. The house allows Soldiers to practice their stack and room-clearing techniques while instructors watch and critique them.

Thai Soldiers proved they understood the lessons.

"My Soldiers are understanding the training, and this is a good experience for them," said 1st Lt. Bank, a commander in the 31st Infantry, King's Guard.

Sgt. Micah Gifford, 509th MOU instructor, added, "The Thai Soldiers were very knowledgeable. They were quick to react and really disciplined."

While Americans gave practical instruc-

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tion, the Thais were not the only ones to learn from the day of training.

"It's interesting to see the similarities, despite the cultural differences," said Gifford. "They train hard, but when they aren't training, they sit around smokin' and jokin' just like us."

"I guess Soldiers are universal."

Superintendent responds at town hall

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Managing Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A vocal crowd of military parents directed question after question concerning mostly local school performance at Superintendent of Hawaii Department of Education (DoE) Patricia Hamamoto, Tuesday evening.

The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, scheduled the special town hall meeting in response to Hawaii Army Family Action Plan (HAFAP) comments regarding Hawaii's public school system. According to Lt. Col. Stephen Moniz, commander of the Oahu Base Support Battalion, during the HAFAP conference, parents expressed desire to discuss issues directly with the command group and DoE leadership.

At the Education Town Hall meeting, several parents shared anecdotal stories of challenges faced by children of

previous neighbors in Hawaii who now have settled in mainland areas. They said their friends report back that children are trailing their mainland contemporaries in academics when they leave Hawaii's schools.

One parent explained a high school student was prevented from walking with mainland classmates at graduation because Hawaii standards did not meet the rigor of mainland requirements.

Responding, Hamamoto said a direct correlation cannot be applied in some cases. At one point, she stated that issues will be provided to a strategy group of the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) for further discussion.

JVEF, a collaborative founded in 1999 among the Department of Education, the U.S. Pacific Command, and community and civic leaders, actively engages school and federal funding issues that impact Hawaii schools with significant military populations. Hamamoto said data shows these

schools are getting better.

The parent of a Lanikai student, reading from prepared remarks, stressed that the state's public schools are broken, that private schools seem to be the norm, then challenged Hamamoto, "Why should I go into debt because the [public] schools can't provide anything? You tell me? ...Tell me things are going to change."

Applause and raised eyebrows followed the query, and Hamamoto first answered, "What would you like me to tell you?" and then said, "Things are changing."

Substantial comments addressed impact aid, special education, and seemingly "the afterthought," said a couple parents, gifted and talented programs.

Numerous questions revealed much confusion about how federal impact aid directly benefits military children; how state Department of Education and legislative funding coffers, and even property taxes, figure in appropriations; and

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Heroes' luncheon honors armed forces volunteers

Community says 'mahalo' to island's service members

Story and Photos by
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WAIKIKI — As part of the ongoing Military Appreciation Month festivities, more than 1,100 business leaders, service members and community members attended the 21st annual Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, May 17.

Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the luncheon gave individuals from the community a chance to express their gratitude to members of the armed forces for their service.

The Hilton's spacious Coral Ballroom was nearly filled to capacity as a colorful array of uniforms from Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and business leaders in aloha attire poured in and took their seats.

One member from each branch of the armed forces was recognized on-stage for his or her community service and given a prize pack including two nights at the Kilauea Military Camp's volcano mountain cottages, on the Big Island, and gift certificates to local restaurants.



Williams

First Sgt. Antonio Williams, 39th Military Police Detachment, 25th Military Police Battalion, represented the Army. Williams was honored for his commitment to the Special Olympics through various fundraising events, such as the "Tip-a-Cop" and "Cop on Top."

For Cop on Top, law enforcement personnel spent 72 consecutive hours on Safeway roofs throughout Hawaii collecting donations for Special Olympics. "I woke up to a screaming man ... who wanted to get our attention by tossing rocks [because he didn't think anyone was on the roof]," Williams said.

When he lowered the bucket down to collect the donation, Williams noticed

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VA cautions vets following laptop theft

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WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs officials announced Monday the theft of personal information on up to 26.5 million veterans. However, VA Secretary R. James Nicholson stressed there's no indication the information is being used for purposes of fraud.

"We at the VA have recently learned that an employee here, a data analyst, took home a considerable amount of electronic data from the VA, which he was not authorized to do," Nicholson said. "His home was burglarized, and this data was stolen."

The compromised data includes names, Social Security numbers and birth dates of veterans separated from the military since 1975, he said. The information also may have included data on veterans who separated before 1975 but who submitted a claim for VA benefits.

No medical or financial information was compromised, though the files might have contained numeric disability ratings in some cases, Nicholson added. A statement issued by the department indicated that spousal information also might have been compromised in some cases.

"There is no indication that any use is being made of this data or even that [the thieves] know they have it," Nicholson said.

Exercising what the secretary called "an abundance of caution," the department is working through a number of channels, including the news media, to make veterans aware of the situation. Individual notification letters also will be mailed to veterans.

The department is providing more information through the www.firstgov.gov Web site and call centers that can be reached at (800) 333-4636. The call centers, which are active now, will be able to handle more than 250,000 calls a day.

"The most important priority that I have right now is to get the word out to our veterans and get them alerted and aware of this possibility," Nicholson said.

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Provost Marshal Corner

'Click it or Ticket' campaign in full swing

(Editor's Note: Information in this column is general in nature and a roll up of incidents as they are reported to the Military Police during the time frames stated.)

COL. JACQUELINE CUMBO
Provost Marshal, 25th Infantry Division



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Due to limited space and a need to talk about the statewide "Click it or Ticket" campaign, crime data normally provided will be pushed to my next column (June 9).

In our joint fight against crime, the Provost Marshal Office asks that you use this information and take proactive measures to avoid being a victim. Report suspicious activity to the Military Police at Fort Shafter, 438-7114; at Schofield Barracks, 655-7114, or dial 911 for emergencies.

"Click It or Ticket" is back!

Once again the state Department of Transportation and four county police departments have begun the annual Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement campaign, which

will run through June 3.

Hawaii's seat belt usage is now the highest in the nation at 95.3 percent, compared with the national average of 82 percent, the state said. This year's campaign will again focus on the lowest-rated groups: 18- to 25-year-olds and drivers of pickup trucks.

Hawaii's seat belt law requires those riding in the front seat to use their seat belts, and those 17 and under to use their seat belts in the back seat. The fine for not wearing a seat belt is \$92.

Hawaii's Child Passenger Restraint Law requires children under 4 years old to ride in a child safety seat. The driver will be held responsible for compliance with the law.

Violators of Hawaii's Child Passenger Restraint Law are required to attend a four-hour class and may be assessed a fine of \$100 to \$500, depending on the number of offenses.

Our Army installations in Hawaii will be supporting the Click it or Ticket state campaign as well. You will see an increase of outbound gate checks to look for those who are not in compliance with the seat belt law. In addition to this, we will be conducting several safety compliance checks at various locations and times within the installations to ensure folks are abiding by the state law and military regulations.

How are we doing?

From January through March 2006, 286 citations were issued that assessed fines or required a court appearance; nearly half of them were related to speeding, and another 31 percent were insurance-related. During that same period, more than 1200 tickets were issued where a copy went to the Soldier's unit commander for action. Of those tickets, 43 percent were parking related.

Hawaii is a great place to live, work, and play, so don't become a statistic. Be safe out there.

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

What's under your skin?

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) J. ANDREW RIGGS
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What's under your skin? This is a question many of us ask and are asked.

There are times when we are so upset by situations or conditions that we walk around with those problems front and center. We may think we are trying to hide our problems from the world, but the world can see right through us.

Others know when something is not right with us, that it is not a good idea to approach us because we are in such a bad mood.

Our face, our posture, our vocal intonations and the overall way we present ourselves before the world signals what we are feeling.

And if we should snap at someone for no reason, we may be asked, "What's under your skin?" or "What's your problem?"

Many times, those questions are asked from the disgusted people whom we made feel bad. We are down or upset so the rest of the world should be as well.

Adversity is not a pleasant thing to deal with. The majority of the population tries to avoid it at all costs. Yet, adversity finds us no matter where we are. We can't escape it.

In recent months, my stress level has increased because of the adversity I am feeling over situations placed before me. Even though I don't like feeling such intense stress, a part of me still wants to hold onto that stress. It is hard to get past myself.

It does not mean I have not tried to lessen the stress and deal with the situations at hand. I have sought out people I trust who will give me a caring and supportive ear and allow me to vent, and provide some options I may have not thought of.

In the midst of these troubles, a poem by an unknown author has helped me direct my focus away from my anger and frustrations to something more positive. The poem is called "The Oyster" (author unknown):

*There once was an oyster whose story I tell, who found that sand had got under his shell.
Just one little grain, but it gave him such pain, for oysters have feelings although they're so plain.
Now, did he berate the working of fate, which had led him to such a deplorable state?
Did he curse out the government, cry for an election and claim that the sea should have given him protection?
'No,' as he lay on the shelf, he said to himself, 'If I cannot remove it, I'll try to improve it.'
So the years rolled by as the years always do, and he came to his ultimate destiny - stew.
And this small grain of sand that had bothered him so, was a beautiful pearl, all richly aglow.
Now this tale has a moral: for isn't it grand what an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?*

What couldn't we do if we'd only begin with all of the things that get under our skin? God says that nothing is given to us that he knows is too much for us to handle. God is always present in and with us, no matter where we go or what we face.

As God works in me through my stresses, may God also work in you with yours. God's peace be with you.



Americans encouraged to pause, to observe Memorial Day, Monday

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WASHINGTON — A general assigned to the military Joint Staff urged the American public to take time this upcoming weekend to recognize Memorial Day and remember the men and women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

"I'd ask each of us in our own way, maybe public and maybe private, to take a few moments to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for America and for the oppressed around the world," Army Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, deputy director of regional operations for the Joint Staff, told reporters at a Pentagon briefing Wednesday.

"From Concord and Yorktown to the streets of Baghdad, in the Philippines, in the mountains of Afghanistan, our nation's armed forces have always been there when they were needed," Ham said. "And today, we're honored by the service and sacrifice of so many of our Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines and their families."

"Let's show them this Memorial Day how proud we are of them and how thankful we are," Ham said. "And let's never forget those who gave their all for our country."

A wide array of events around the country, from solemn ceremonies to parades to picnics, will commemorate Memorial Day.

A universal observance will be the National Moment of Remembrance, at 3 p.m., local time, on Monday, May 29. The event, established by Congress, gives Americans the opportunity to come together for a single minute as an act of national unity to honor those who gave their lives in the country's service.

Another major event will take place at Arlington National Cemetery, where Memorial Day was first observed, on May 30, 1868. Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed that first "Decoration Day" observance, as it was called, and flowers were placed on the graves of Union and

Island of Oahu Observances

Memorial Day Remembrance — The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, will conduct a Memorial Day Remembrance at 11:30 a.m., Monday, at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery to honor fallen comrades who died in the service of their country. The guest speaker will be Col. Howard J. Killian, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

Punchbowl — Observances at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl will start at 8:30 a.m. City and County of Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann will preside.

Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery — Governor Linda Lingde and Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, commanding general of the Hawaii National Guard and state adjutant general, will lead observances at the Memorial Plaza at the Kaneohe State and at the Hawaii Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe at 1:15 p.m.

Gravesites at Oahu cemeteries will be adorned with lei gathered by Hawaii's schoolchildren and placed by Boy and Girl Scouts.

Confederate soldiers at Arlington.

The name was changed to Memorial Day in 1882, and the day came to honor service members of all wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday, held the last Monday in May.

This year, as Arlington National Cemetery marks its 138th Memorial Day observance, honor guard members from every service joined Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard," Thursday afternoon in placing a small American flag at all 220,000-plus gravesites.



Christa B. Thomas | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

When complete, the 25th Infantry Division War Memorial will commemorate four eras: the Korean War, World War II, the Vietnam War and the Global War on Terror.

The flags will remain through the weekend, honoring the fallen during the May 29 ceremony in Arlington's Memorial Amphitheater and the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Elsewhere in the nation's capital, wreath-laying ceremonies are planned May 29 at the Navy Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

The National Memorial Day Parade, also on May 29, will feature about 600 Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members, as well as veterans units from all 50 states.

Getting it straight: The Hawaii Army Weekly mistakenly announced some events as happening this year that took place in an earlier year in "Pau Hoo" section coverage of Hawaii Military Appreciation events. We apologize for any inconvenience caused to our readers. The Honolulu Zoo will not hold a Military Appreciation Day on June 3 this year.



As of 5/24/06

3 days since last fatal accident

Soldiers, as your daily reminder to be safe, place a "red dot" on your wristwatch.

Remember, a division training holiday will be awarded for the first 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.

Voices of Lightning: How do you honor veterans on Memorial Day?



"Ask them questions to learn what I can from them."

Sgt. Adrian Miller
3rd Bn., 25th Avn.
Air Traffic Control
Equipment Repair



"I pray... because I'd want someone to pray for me."

Spc. Capricia Bronson
HHC, 45th Special
Troops Bn.
PLL Clerk



"I volunteer to go help place flags on graves in the cemetery."

Vanessa Meadors
MWR Army, Hawaii
Customer Service
Specialist



"...being with other Soldiers honoring the fallen and celebrating all of us."

Spc. Christopher Swan
45th Sust. Bde.
Driver



"This year, I'll go to Arkansas and spend time with my family."

Pvt. 2 Joshua Berry
5-14th Cav. Regt.,
2nd Bde.
Intelligence Analyst

Changes in command announced

The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, community is invited to attend upcoming changes of command ceremonies taking place this summer.

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

Local ceremonies will be preceded by an awards ceremony 15 minutes prior to the change of command, and all will be held at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, unless otherwise noted.

• June 2, 10 a.m.,
732nd Military Intelligence Battalion
Lt. Col. Joseph V. Pacileo will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Ronald J. Ocker

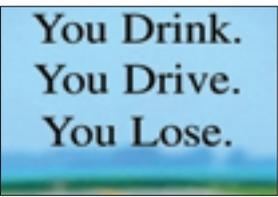
• June 7, 10 a.m.,
500th Military Intelligence Brigade
Col. James A. Phelps will relinquish command to Col. Steven R. Grove

• June 14, 2 p.m.,
Oahu Base Support Bn.
Lt. Col. Stephen Moniz will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Mark Ocboussy

• June 16, 11 a.m.,
25th Infantry Division, Chief of Staff,
Col. James Boisselle and incoming Col. Gary S. Patton will be honored in a Flying V Ceremony

• June 16, 3:30 p.m.,
17th Corps Support Bn.
Lt. Col. Patricia Matlock will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Rodney Fogg

(Editor's Note: Information is subject to change due to inclement weather.)



Force protection more than just checking IDs

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year and in all weather conditions, Soldiers and Department of the Army police officers man the gates and ensure the safety of U.S. Army, Hawaii installations.

People frequently comment that the Soldiers and DA police are "just" gate guards, said Staff Sgt. Pedro Sandoval. When in reality, the safety and security of the entire installation is in their hands. These Soldiers and DA police officers are there for everyone's protection, he said.

To provide the safest, most secure environment possible, the Army has instituted four levels of force protection.

It is a huge responsibility placed upon their shoulders, but thanks to their dedication and strict sense of duty, these officers are the first line of defense for installations.

Although protecting the gates is one of the major aspects of force protection, it is not the sole component.

According to the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii force protection



Staff Sgt. Luis Barajas, a squad leader with C Co., 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment and Pvt. 2 David Wetherell conduct a vehicle inspection at the Lyman gate checkpoint.

program, there are many key components that comprise force protection. The program can be described as a house with each component as a pillar to sustain it.

For example, disaster preparation, law

enforcement, antiterrorism, fire and safety are integral pillars to ensuring force protection.

There is also physical and personal safety, which includes maintaining operational

security and situational awareness at all times.

Safety and force protection is everyone's concern. Perhaps this is why Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, the commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, recently addressed these issues.

In the commanding general's safety message he outlined steps Soldiers and leaders can take to ensure the 25th Infantry Division's welfare and combat readiness.

"First and foremost first-line leaders, those that see and lead the Soldiers every day, must get involved with their Soldiers to work to change attitudes to this type of [high risk] behavior," Mixon said. "Leaders must counsel, assess the threat, and mentor their Soldiers."

Force protection is a multi-faceted program that involves more than just gate guards and DA police officers. It encompasses all personnel who serve on Schofield Barracks and it is each individual's responsibility.

For more information on force protection contact Mike Smithey, Schofield Barracks' force protection officer at 655-1294.

Silver Star honors fallen Big Isle Soldier

Story and Photo by
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WAIAKEA, Hawaii — Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, the commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, presented the Silver Star medal — the nation's third-highest award for valor — to Volcano resident Mike Fuhrmann, Wednesday evening at Waiakea High School in Hilo on the Big Island.

Fuhrmann's son, Army Spc. Ray Michael Fuhrmann II, earned the Silver Star for valor in combat while serving as a medic with a combined U.S. and Iraqi force in Samarra, Iraq on March 22, 2005.

When the force came under enemy fire, several Iraqi commandos fell and lay exposed in a field between the opponents.

Without regard for his own safety, Fuhrmann braved extremely heavy enemy fire and went to the Iraqis to treat their wounds.

As he treated the wounded, he also fired his rifle and pistol to support his unit's counter attack.

When he ran out of ammunition, he seized one of the wounded Iraqi's AK-47 rifle and continued to fire in support of the assault and to protect the wounded.



Mike Fuhrmann (center) receives the Silver Star "on behalf of a grateful nation" for the extraordinary heroism of his son Spc. Ray Michael Fuhrmann II, who was killed in action March 22, 2005 — from Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon (right), commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division, and U.S. Army, Hawaii. His son's former commanding officer, Lt. Col. Mark Wald (left), flew in from Georgia to attend the ceremony.



Fuhrmann's actions during the firefight saved the lives of six Iraqi commandos and helped to prevail over the enemy.

Fuhrmann was later killed by an improvised explosive device, or IED, while on patrol with three other Soldiers.

His commander in Iraq, Lt. Col.

Mark Wald, flew from Fort Stewart, Ga., to speak of Fuhrmann's courage under fire.

Representatives from the offices of U.S. Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel Akaka, U.S. Rep. Ed Case, Gov. Linda Lingle and Hawaii County Mayor Harry Kim attended to honor Fuhrmann.

Army ball

Celebrate the Army's 231st birthday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, June 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$55 per person; attire is military formal or civilian black tie. Ticket information is available through unit representatives.

Combined airborne Soldiers make leap together

Story and Photo by
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LOP BURI, Thailand – Three C-17 Globemaster III aircraft cut through the morning haze hanging over Black Tiger Drop Zone at 9 a.m. May 15. On the second pass, they dotted the horizon with a combination of 187 Thai and American paratroopers.

The drop earned Thai jump wings for 169 American Soldiers from Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division from Fort Richardson, Alaska. Their 18 Royal Thai Army counterparts from the 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, King's Guard (Airborne) earned their American jump wings in Alaska before the flight.

"There are three requirements for getting another country's jump wings," said Master Sgt. Tonika E. McKnight, the aerial delivery office non-commissioned officer in charge for the 167th Brigade Support Battalion, "using their planes, their jumpmasters and their parachutes."

American paratroopers are proud of their jump wings, and always happy to earn some more.

"I'm very honored to receive my Thai jump wings," said Lt. Col. David Buckingham, the commander of the 3rd Bn.,



Four of the 187 Thai and American paratroopers lower their gear as they approach the ground in Lop Buri, Thailand May 15.

509th Parachute Inf. Rgt. (Airborne), "I worked hard for my American wings and I worked hard for my Thai wings."

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby, the commanding general of the United States Army, Alaska and Maj. Gen. Pruen Suwanatut, the commander of the 1st Di-

vision, Kings Guard, Royal Thai Army exchanged jump wings during a pinning ceremony after the jump. The rest of the American Soldiers will receive their wings at the conclusion of Cobra Gold '06.

But this jump was not an ordinary up-and-down jump. It began with

14 hours in the belly of a C-17, and while exiting, high winds whipped the Soldiers around in the clouds.

"The winds were 11 knots," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Hubb, the executive aid to the commanding general. "It's been a while since I've been whipped like that, but af-

ter 14 hours in the air, seeing the ground was refreshing."

The long flight afforded the Soldiers the opportunity to perform an in-flight rigging.

"Normally, they start with their parachutes on," said McKnight. "But because the flight was so long, they put the parachutes on in the jet a few hours before the jump.

"It was a great day to jump with our Thai companions."

*Lt. Col. David Buckingham
3rd Bn. Commander, 509th Parachute
Inf. Rgt.*

"The drop was the beginning of two weeks of Combined Army Forces cross training between the Thai and American Soldiers to include Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training, jungle training, a combined training exercise and American air assault and Thai airborne assault demonstrations.

"Cross training is a great tool," said Hubb. "It's an excellent way for two countries to build relations and to see where we stand."

"It was a great day to conduct an airborne operation. ... [and] to jump with our Thai companions," said Buckingham.

Caution: Information loss under FBI, VA investigation

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The department also is encouraging veterans to watch their financial accounts carefully for any signs of fraud or identity theft. If suspicious activity is detected, veterans should contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian or Trans Union.

Nichols said the Federal Trade Commission has alerted credit bureaus of a potential increase in requests for fraud alerts and for requests for credit reports.

Any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently should be closed, and the veteran should file a report with local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place. Those who suspect identity theft also are encouraged to contact the Federal Trade Commission via its identity-theft hotline at (877) 438-4338, or through its Web site.

There is no indication when the career employee removed the information from his office, but the data was stolen when his home was burglarized sometime this month, Nicholson said. He declined to identify the employee or where he lives but said law enforcement officials re-

ported several burglaries in the area and they do not believe the stolen information was targeted.

"The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of [a full-scale] investigation," Nicholson said. All appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the Veterans Affairs Department's Inspector General are participating in the investigation.

Members of the President's Identity Theft Task Force met Monday to coordinate a comprehensive response, recommend ways to further protect affected veterans, and increase safeguards to prevent the recurrence of such incidents, Nicholson said.

VA officials also moved up the date by which all department employees must complete the "VA Cyber Security Awareness Training Course" and the "General Employee Privacy Awareness Course." Both must be completed by June 30.

Additionally, Veterans Affairs will immediately begin conducting a review of all current positions requiring access to sensitive information. All employees requiring access to such data will undergo updated law enforcement and background checks.



Major Richard Stebbins | 94th AAMDC

94th AAMDC welcomes Taiwan Army CG

FORT SHAFTER – The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command hosted Gen. Hu Chen-Pu, commanding general of the Taiwan Army Monday, as part of the Taiwan delegation's tour of U.S. military forces in Hawaii.

Col. Kelvin L. Bright, chief of staff, briefed Hu and his staff on the roles, mission and capabilities of the 94th AAMDC and provided information about the 94th, which is responsible for theater missile defense tailored for joint and multinational operations throughout the Pacific region.

25 YEARS AGO

May 28: The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting system reached a midway point for implementation in the continental U.S. The program, which was operational in N.C., S.C., Ariz, Ga., Nev., Calif., and parts of La. and Miss., will add Okla., Ark. and most of Texas in May.

May 28: Army Chief of Staff Gen. E. C. Meyer explained, "Throughout the Army, we must develop a state of mind which makes us all sensitive to wasteful practices and encourages everyone to constantly seek more efficient use of re-

sources given us," in response to initiatives to cut fraud, waste and abuse.

May 28: The Skyview Terrace NCO club's roof and second lounge was remodeled, adding seating for another 600 people. The repairs cost a half million dollars.

June 1: The Army and Air Force Exchange Service hosted a grand opening at Schofield Barracks.
(Editor's Note: Information gathered from archives.)



First Sgt. Antonio Williams of the 39th Military Police Detachment, 25th Military Police Battalion receives an award for his service to the community at the 21st annual Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village May 17. More than 1,100 community and service members attended the luncheon.

Honors: Business leaders recognize armed forces' presence in community

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the man had contributed 50 cents.

"Every little bit helps the athletes," Williams said, laughing.

Cop on Top raised approximately \$16,000.

Following the award presentations, lunch was served. The intermittent tapping of silverware on Schonwald china nearly drowned out the light chatter of conversation. Life-sized images of members of the armed forces flashed onto two 30-foot screens on either side of the stage. Gentle Hawaiian music filled the room.

Following lunch, three guest speakers addressed the crowd.

Governor Linda Lingle lauded several branches of the armed services for their assistance during recent disasters and emergencies.

Quoting Gen. George S. Patton she said, "No good decision was ever made in a swivel chair," and

praised service members in the audience for being upstanding volunteers in their communities.

In addition, Lingle read from a letter addressed to Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon (commanding general, 25th Infantry Division, and U.S. Army, Hawaii). In the letter, the president of Queen's Medical Center, Arthur A. Ushijima, expressed the hospital's indebtedness to the Army and the 68th Medical Company (specifically, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Regiment), for its assistance during the past 34 years.

During that time, the 3-25th CAV flew more than 6,000 missions and saved approximately 7,100 lives in the program known as the Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic, or MAST.

"Although we have not consistently expressed gratitude, we have never taken it for granted," Ushijima wrote.

"We don't thank you nearly enough," Lingle echoed.

Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf, deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, spoke for Adm. William Fallon, commander USPACOM, who could not attend.

"If Admiral Fallon were here, I think he'd say 'thank you,'" Leaf said, with a dramatic pause that drew laughter from the audience.

Leaf stressed the importance of military in the Pacific region and also drew inspiration from Patton.

"When someone asks you what you did with your time in the service, you won't have to say you shoveled stuff in Louisiana," he said. "You'll be able to say you've changed the world."

Brig. Gen. Joseph Chavez, commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, also spoke at the event, which was sponsored by First Hawaiian Bank, Alexander and Baldwin, Inc., and Matson.

Combat Feeding Directorate improves MREs

Ethnic, eat-on-the-go foods added to future MRE menus

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

NATICK, Mass. – Driven by warfighter preferences, the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate (CFD) keeps improving and adding items to meals, ready-to-eat, or MREs.

The nation's warfighters can look forward to numerous new food items and improvements in the next version of MREs, which were recently approved and "green lighted" for production in 2008.

The new items and replacements are the result of extensive evaluations with the very people who will be eating the meals: the nation's warfighters. Thirty-eight new items were evaluated last September by approximately 400 Soldiers at Fort Greeley, Alaska.

According to Judy Aylward, a CFD senior food technologist and project officer for the Fielded Individual Ration Improvement Program, new items must receive a score of 6 or higher on a quality scale of 1 to 9 – with 1 being extremely disliked and 9 being extremely liked – to be included in the annual field evaluation.

Results from the field evaluations, combined with recommendations by Natick Soldier Center scientists, were presented for approval to the Joint Service Operational Rations Forum in February.

Aylward said she has noticed changes in warfighter preferences.

"We have seen a trend in the past several years that the warfighters tend to like ethnic foods, sandwich-type items and eat-on-the-move snack items. They also are more health conscious and read the food labels," Aylward said. "All MRE items have the Food and Drug Administration food label, which includes nutritional information and ingredients."

The following items were approved to be included in MREs:

- Granola with blueberries or strawberries
- Instant vanilla or chocolate pudding
- Toaster pastries – chocolate chip or French toast
- Chipotle snack bread
- Chocletto's candy (chocolate toffee candy)
- Twizzler Nibs (small red licorice candy)
- Chocolate-covered coffee beans
- Patriotic cookies (sugar cookie with flags/Soldiers imprinted on surface)



- Cheez-Its, hot and spicy
- Irish Cream flavored coffee
- Banana strawberry dairy shake
- Salsa verde (condiment)
- Butter Buds
- Splenda (sugar substitute)

Some items from previous editions of the MRE will be replaced. For example, chicken pesto pasta will replace the chicken with cavetelli. Lasagna with vegetables, a vegetarian meal, will replace the vegetarian manicotti.

CFD also tries to include commercial-off-the-shelf products in MREs when possible.

"Name brand recognition provides a little bit of home to the warfighter, which especially helps to improve morale," said Aylward.

MREs were developed by the DoD Combat Feeding Directorate, part of the Natick Soldier Center, in the early 1980s. The CFD has since worked continuously to update the meals to provide optimum nutrition, improve taste, and reflect the current preferences of service men and women.

The meals meet the Office of the Surgeon General's nutritional requirements and are packaged to withstand airdrop, rough handling and temperature extremes. Items included in the MRE must be shelf stable for three years at 80 degrees Fahrenheit and six months at 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

According to Aylward, the next version of the MRE will go into production in 2008 and will be available in the field by 2009 or 2010.

Air Force drops in at PTA

Story and Photo by
BOB MCELROY

Pohakuloa Training Area Public Affairs

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii—The U.S. Air Force literally dropped in to Pohakuloa Training Area last week when four C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 15th Airlift Wing at Hickam Air Force Base on Oahu conducted air drop training at Mikilua Drop Zone.

It was the first time the C-17 has dropped bundles at PTA, according to Air Force Maj. Byron Miranda, the Drop Zone control officer. Air Force C-17 crews have been training at Lightning Drop Zone on Oahu.

The first day of training at PTA saw a four-aircraft formation fly in from Hickam AFB and drop 2,200-pound bundles onto Mikilua DZ. The second and third day of training, only two C-17s flew into PTA to drop bundles.

Air Force Master Sgt. Jenny King, a C-17 loadmaster, said the bundles consisted of several plastic barrels filled with water and rigged to a wooden pallet. When the plane reached its designated release point, the pilot raised the nose of the aircraft, pressed a button unleashing the nylon restraints holding the bundles and they slid out of the open tail of the C-17.

On the ground, Miranda and his drop zone party tracked the descent of the bundles to assess the accuracy of the aircraft's release and the bundle's subsequent landing. When the air drops were completed, the C-17s made two more passes over Mikilua DZ without dropping bundles to practice low-level ingress and egress from the area.

Miranda, a C-17 pilot and the Air Mobility liaison officer for the 25th Infantry Division, said that PTA provides much better training opportunities for aircrews than any of the sites available to them on Oahu.

"We can practice low-level ingress and put two aircraft across the DZ," Miranda said. "The DZ on Oahu is not wide enough to do that."

Miranda said that flying a C-17 into Lightning DZ is akin to "threading the needle" given the number of civilian neighborhoods adjacent to Schofield Barracks.

The challenge for the Air Force on Oahu is to balance the need for effective training with being good neighbors, Miranda said. Compared to the challenges Oahu presents, training at PTA is "light years ahead of what we can do on Oahu" he said.

As the last pair of C-17s flew off, Miranda looked out over Mikilua DZ and concluded: "From the training point of view, this has been awesome."



An airman from Hickam Air Force Base, Oahu watches cargo bundles float to earth on Mikilua Drop Zone at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island. C-17 aircrews from the 15th Airlift Wing at Hickam conducted three days of training at PTA last week. The crews practiced low-level air drops, ingress and egress from the training area.

5/14th shifts training focus to Stryker teams

Story and Photo by
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2nd Brigade Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team continues to transform with five new units and a fleet of new, highly mobile, survivable and lethal Stryker vehicles.

Similarly, the brigade's 5th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, is continuing to transform training by shifting from individual Soldier tasks to Stryker team-building exercises.

Recently, the first Strykehorse Stake Challenge, which involved a series of exercises covering four days, concluded at 5-14th Cav. Soldiers executed water combat survival skills, foot marches, call for fire and enter-and-clear enemy building scenarios, and casualty evaluations that graded teams on how quickly they could complete obstacles, as well as teamwork.

"Second Brigade training is steadily changing to meet demands of new Stryker units," said Capt. Kirk Alexander officer-in-charge of the challenge. "Training is becoming more team-focused with emphasis on Soldiers performing as leaders," he added.

The Strykehorse challenge was the first time Stryker team members of the 5/14th have trained as squads. They successfully executed tasks, explained Alexander, then added that these "cohesive teams" of "tough Soldiers" will comprise the new Stryker crews.

After demonstrating initial mastery of individual physical fitness, marksmanship, medical training, small unit drills and digital training, squads prepared to further demonstrate their capabilities as formid-able Stryker teams.

Team leaders were forced to make decisions such as best foot-march routes, foot march pace, rest stops and times, and ammunition



Stryker teams were required to charge into a room in a mock Iraqi village. Rushing into the building to secure the room and occupants inside, 5/14th comrades dressed as "Iraqi Insurgents" fired at them.

distribution for movements. Each leader's decision greatly impacted the capability of Strykehorse teams at subsequent stations.

"My job is to make sure my guys are taken care of," said 1st Lt. Jacob Hina, Troop D leader, "and my guys kicked butt!"

The simple idea of training teams together – so they will work smoothly as one unit capable of dynamic thought – is the principle of these exercises. It is this type of team building that unit leaders believe will bond Stryker Soldiers, teams and leaders.

"Everything we are doing has to have a combat edge to it," said Lt. Col. David Davidson, squadron commander for 5/14th. "It's better for them to learn here than learn downrange."

First Strykehorse Stake Challenge

1st Place: Team B,
3rd Platoon, Troop C

Members

Sgt. 1st Class Pierre Berube
Staff Sgt. Kristopher Van Beveren,
Spc. Robert Shelton
Pvt. Daniel Brooks
Pvt. Michael Simmons
Pvt. Timothy Hall

SEA program opens for unit nominations

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Headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific

The Supply Excellence Award (SEA) FY07 program is now open for USARPAC-level units or activities organized at company, battalion, battery, troop, or detachment level by a Modification Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE) or a Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) structure.

The SEA program recognizes total Army units and Supply Support Activities (SSA) that demonstrate excellence in unit-level and direct support supply programs.

To participate in the SEA program, a Major Subordinate Command (MSC) will select their best units based on their Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP) for competition at the USARPAC-Level. MSC may nominate up to one organization for each level of the competition. The method that the MSC employs in selecting units will be at the commander's discretion, but should be in concert with the CSDP. The program is structured to allow units with like complexity and responsibility to compete against each other. The levels of competition are identified in Army Regulation (AR) 710-2, appendix G.

What is the reward for all the effort? Two representatives from the winning and runner-up units receive an all-expense-paid, four-day trip to the Washington, DC area to accept the unit's award. Trip includes travel, per diem, lodging, ground transportation, time for shopping, tours of Washington area and a photo with the Army Chief of Staff.

SEA guidance and evaluation criteria can be found in AR 710-2, table B-1 through B4 and appendix G.

The objectives of the SEA are to enhance readiness of all Army units, to enhance the Command Supply Discipline program, to provide a structure for recognition of group and individual Soldiers, to perpetuate group competition, and to increase public awareness of supply excellence in the U.S. Army.

MSCs must submit nominations to Headquarters, USARPAC by July 14.

For complete details, call Master Sgt. Harvey High, 438-8629.

DA supports national 'Click it or Ticket'

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FORT RUCKER, Ala. – Throughout the Army, installations are supporting this year's national seat belt campaign, Click it or Ticket, through June 4.

Post motorists will be faced with either buckling up or receiving a ticket in the national effort to keep people safe on the roads.

"The Click it or Ticket program remains one of the most enduring law enforcement and safety partnership programs," said Col. Eugene Smith, operations division chief of the Army Office of the Provost Marshal General.

"We need to promote seat belt awareness week as a grim reminder of the large number of lives that may have been saved in accidents had the vehicle occupants only worn their seatbelts," he said.

In the first eight months of fiscal 2006, the Army logged 72 Class A vehicle accidents. Only 49 percent of all POV Class A-D accidents reported contained any description of seatbelt use. Of the 49 percent reported, 21 percent were not wearing seatbelts.

Since 1993, the national Click It or Ticket campaign – led by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Safety Council – has actively promoted the awareness that seatbelts are a major factor in saving



Army installations throughout the world are currently promoting seatbelt use by participating in the national Click it or Ticket campaign.

lives. According to NHTSA, safety belts saved 13,274 lives in 2001, and if more occupants older than 4 years old had been wearing seat belts, an additional 7,334 more lives could have been saved.

Installation military police will work with civilian law enforcement officials throughout the campaign to implement a zero-tolerance enforcement policy with checkpoints and periodical vehicle stops.

Police normally check seat belt use as drivers enter installations, and they frequently provide courtesy corrections to drivers and passengers not wearing seat belts, Smith said. It is equally important, he added, for drivers and passengers to check themselves when they depart installations.

Some posts will also offer child safety seat and safety belt checks by

military police.

"Buckling up your children is important, but ensuring they are buckled up correctly is vital," said Smith. "It's estimated that 80 to 90 percent of child safety seats are installed or used incorrectly. We want to help parents ensure that their children are properly secured in the vehicle."

Teens are a high-target group during the campaign, according to NHTSA. The administration reported 3,322 teens lost their lives in vehicle crashes during 2001, totaling up to nine teens a day. Sixty-five percent of those teens were killed because they weren't wearing safety restraints.

In the last year, safety belt use has increased to 82 percent, and NHTSA estimates that for every increase of safety belt use, 2.8 million more people are making the decision to buckle up. This increase saves 250 more lives while preventing 6,400 serious injuries annually, according to NHTSA officials.

NHTSA and Army leadership agree the campaign has increased the national use of seat belts, and though the campaign only lasts for two weeks, officials stress that the decision to buckle up must be a lasting one to continue saving lives.

(Editor's Note: Written by Kelly Widener, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center Public Affairs Office.)

Military evals to be prepared electronically

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army Human Resources Command Evaluation Systems Office is about to announce an effective date for a new regulation and pamphlet covering Military Evaluation Systems: Army Regulation 623-3 and Pamphlet 623-3.

These references update policy, procedure and specific forms used in officer, noncommissioned officer and academic evaluation reporting systems. A recent MILPER message (#06-119) laid out an implementation timeline for revised forms and highlighted specific policy changes within each system.

As a major change, the revised regulation allows individuals to electronically prepare evaluation forms using an AKO My Forms site and route them between rating officials with digital signatures, then forward to Headquarters, Department of Army for final processing.

The site and forms, currently being tested, are expected to be available mid-June. Features and functions of the site will change administrative processes at the lowest unit levels.

"Soldiers love that routing individual forms is easy and does not require special packaging or email," said Lt. Col. Joseph Byers, Officer Evaluation Reporting System Policy.

Users will be able to route individual or multiple forms in a specifically named folder with just a few steps. The AKO site will also offers easy tracking of forms, the option to add administrative comments to a form or folder of forms, and the history of any form or folder of forms with data on who has seen or acted on it.

More information and training slides are available at the Evaluation Systems Office Web site, or by calling (703) 325-9660, DSN: 221, or email: tapcmse@hoffman.army.mil.

(Editor's Note: Jan Swicord is chief of the Evaluation Systems Office, Management Support Division, Human Resources Command.)

Army launches online weight loss program

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FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Soldiers can now participate in the Army's weight management program from the comfort of their own home.

The Army has launched an online version of "Weigh to Stay" improving the program's accessibility and convenience for Soldiers, families and retirees.

"The site has been hugely successful," said Lt. Col. Danny Jaghab, site creator and nutrition staff officer for the Directorate of Health Promotion and Wellness, U.S. Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. "We recently had 23,000 hits, the most any medical page has received on [Army Knowledge Online] other than the 'myMedical' page."

The Weigh to Stay program is a requirement for Soldiers "flagged" for weight and comprises three one-hour sessions and three half-hour follow-up sessions with a dietitian.

Before, reserve and active duty Soldiers attended sessions in person. While the requirement wasn't generally a problem for the active duty, it often created headaches for reservists and their leadership.

"Reservists have to take time off from their civilian jobs and, in some cases, travel a distance to attend a session," Jaghab said. "As a result, the program's return rates were poor for reserve and Guard members."

Hoping to remedy the problem and improve the overall health of reserve members, Army leadership asked Jaghab to find a solution.

Jaghab turned to the Internet for inspiration. "It made sense; people would be able to do the program from home at any time."

The online site duplicates the standard version, offering the same number of sessions and content, which includes nutrition basics and myths, supplement use, menu planning, behavior modification and the importance of exercise. The only difference is that participants attend sessions online rather than in-person.

"You sign up, go online and pick a class," Jaghab said. "Then, at the scheduled time, you log on and participate in a virtual class."

Participants can interact with other students and the instructor, view slides and a participant list.

The site also includes links to health and weight loss information and special features. In a recent section, dietetic interns reviewed nine popular weight loss books, scoring them for such areas as hunger satisfaction, healthiness and effectiveness.

"Weigh to Stay is the Army 'gold standard,' but there are other ways that are effective," Jaghab said. "Since there are other methods out there, we want to make sure we provide information so people can make smart choices for themselves."

The site's success has prompted Army officials to extend the online program to active duty Soldiers, family members and retirees, although only reserve Soldiers are able to forego the traditional program for the online one. It could also prove particularly beneficial for deployed Soldiers who take risks when traveling from the frontlines to attend

sessions with a dietitian, Jaghab said.

"Statistics show 70 percent of our population is not flagged but know they have a problem now or one in the past," he said. "There's a need for this type of online program in the Army."

The ultimate goal is to create a multiservice site for the Department of Defense, Jaghab said.

"I'm hoping the site eventually becomes a 'one-stop shopping' site for weight management," he said.

For more information or to register for the Weigh to Stay Web site, call Jaghab at (410) 436-8856, DSN 584-8856 or e-mail danny.jaghab@apg.amedd.army.mil.

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Historical groups celebrate Armed Forces Day in Waikiki

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WAIKIKI — Beachwear took a turn for the worsted, Saturday. Uniforms from every era of the U.S. Army, from the Revolutionary War to the present, made a marked contrast to the usual aloha attire and bathing suits.

The front lawn and driveway of the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii on Fort DeRussy was given over to local historical groups, as the museum celebrated Armed Forces Day as Living History Day, May 20.

The museum, which is on the site of the historic U.S. Army Battery Randolph, hosted displays set up by the Hawaii Historic Arms Association; Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association; Civil War Roundtable; Ka Pa Lua Hawaii; and Birds of Paradise Team, a show team for radio-controlled aircraft enthusiasts.

The re-enactors were on hand to share the history behind their costumes and displays.

The World War II tent was set up as if it were a forward command post (CP) for the 82nd or 101st Airborne on D-Day. Sheldon Tyau, executive director of the Army Museum Society, explained that the uniforms the re-enactors wore were the same as seen in the television series "Band of Brothers." Their mock up of a CP even had "captured" German equipment, as well as American military equipment.

The Birds of Paradise Club, which is a show team from the two local radio-controlled aircraft clubs, the Paradise Flyers, and the Aloha State RC Club, was on hand with RC models of vintage aircraft. Notable among these were a U.S. P-51 Mustang; Japanese Zero, German Focke Wolf 190; and a U.S. F-86 Sabre, which is a gas turbine jet model of a Korean War era fighter jet.

Private John Demsey, 536th Maintenance Company, from Arden, Del., said he has been on Oahu for about one month. He came from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he attended the 52D generator mechanic course. Demsey said he thought the displays were interesting and gave a good history of the Army from the Revolutionary



The U.S. Army Museum in Waikiki hosts local historical groups displaying vintage airplanes, vehicles, weapons and uniforms during Living History Day, Saturday. The museum also showed popular World War II films.

through the Civil Wars to modern day.

The Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii played a mixed set of Scottish Highland and American music around 11 a.m.

Dorian Travers, museum specialist for the Army History Museum in Waikiki, was dressed in a uniform from the Spanish-American War. He chose it because no one else had a uniform to represent the era, and he was able to find the complete kit on eBay. He said as a museum specialist, he felt a bit guilty wearing it.

Slightly apart from the other exhibits, a Civil War camp was set up, complete with members of the Civil War Roundtable wearing uniforms from both the Union and Confederate sides, and with red "longjohns" underwear hanging from a clothesline to dry.

Tory Laitila, the registrar in the mayor's office of culture and the arts for the City and County of Honolulu, explained that in historical dress there are levels of authenticity. Dressed in the blue and white uniform of the 1st Continentals, he said his coat is not authentic because it was machine sewn.

Laitila said because his degree is a bachelors in art history with a focus in historic costumes, he can tell within a few minutes of looking at most uniforms or costumes if they are authentic.

Native Hawaiian warrior dress and weapons were also on display. Ka Pa Lua Hawaii's Laakea Suganuma brought a variety of reproductions of various Hawaiian warrior clubs, spears and daggers.

Suganuma, who has taught Hawaiian marital arts for 12 years, said he had been on hand for the dedication of the five wooden statues in front of the museum. He and a friend were practicing spear throwing to perform in the ceremony, when his friend caught a spear wrong and the tip went through his hand.

His friend has recovered. In fact, he showed up for the ceremony the next night and was able to catch the spears with his other hand. Suganuma said it was a good thing he could, because a whole bunch of generals and other dignitaries were sitting right behind him.

Also from Ka Pa Lua Hawaii, Henry Pulaa, a Navy veteran who was born in Manoa, demonstrated *ihe*, Hawaiian spear throwing, using two vertical, hewn logs as targets. The spears are made from straight allspice or star apple saplings, Pulaa said.

Pulaa said he comes to Waikiki once each year for the Living History Day in order to support Armed Forces Day, but otherwise finds it too crowded with too many people rushing around.



Justin Vance, of Hawaii Pacific University; Katy Watkins, a teacher at Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School; and Pastor Rick Watkins, pastor for Hawaii Cedar Church, sit inside mock up of a Civil War camp during Living History Day at the U.S. Army Museum in Waikiki, Saturday.

News Briefs

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Gates Closed — The Lualualei and Kolekole Gates will be closed from May 27 at 5:30 p.m. to May 29 at 5:30 a.m. For more informa-

tion, call the Schofield Barracks military police at 655-7114.

Schofield PXtra — In order to complete Phase I construction of the new Schofield Shopping Center, the PXtra will close Tuesday, May 30.

Case-lot Sale — The Schofield Barracks Commissary will have a case-lot sale in the commissary parking lot May 27-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items may be paid for at cash registers outside or at design-

nated registers inside the store only. Cash, checks, or credit cards only are accepted as payment for case-lot items — No debit or EBT cards.

Memorial Day Remembrance — The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii will conduct a Memorial Day Remembrance at 11:30 a.m., May 29, at Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery to honor fallen comrades who died in the service of their country. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Howard J.

Killian, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

U.S. Army Birthday Ball — Celebrate the Army's 231st Birthday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village June 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$55 per person. Ticket information is available through units.

Borrowed Library Materials — Deploying soldiers are asked to return all borrowed materials to the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield

Barracks before departure. For information call 655-8002.

Deployment Expos — Deployment Expos will be held at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, to prepare Soldiers and families for deployment. All Soldiers, spouses and significant others are invited to attend this day of training.

•June 5 and 26: 3rd Infantry Bde. Combat Team.

•June 12: Combat Aviation Bde. Nehelani will open to Soldiers from 8-9 a.m. Briefings and Army

Community Service-led classes will be held from 9-11:30 a.m.

Oahu South Townhall — The Oahu Base Support Battalion will hold a townhall meeting for the Oahu South Community Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel. The townhall meeting is a proactive forum designed to assemble directors and agency chiefs to provide information on Fort Shafter Community matters. For more information, call 438-6147.

Climate survey shows garrison improvements

Kalakaua homes turned over to families

ANN WHARTON
Army Hawaii Family Housing

Regarding communication with customers

- Use Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) online.
- Give entrance and exit briefs.
- Host surveys and questionnaires.
- Provide counsels and boards.
- Provide customer town halls.
- Host Hawaii Army Family Advocacy Program (HAFAP).
- Provide brochures and Web sites.
- Walk around and talk to customers to ascertain satisfaction and needs.

The preceding listing is just a sample of what garrison leadership is currently practicing, helping to facilitate better communication.

Garrison leadership is personally involved with improving communication. For example, the garrison commander and senior leaders form the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) function as a corporate board of directors. The ESC is responsible for strategic business planning and directs the garrison approach to continuous improvement.

To better communicate high-priority issues, Col. Howard Killian, USAG-HI commander, has recently revised the agenda for the monthly ESC. Each director and special staff chief will brief significant upcoming events, particularly those impacting garrison operations and involve other directorates and staff offices.

Killian hopes this method will facilitate better communication between directorates, as well as better understanding of all top garrison issues for the month.

Two others issues received attention at a recent leadership off-site meeting; they were recognition and rewards, and training. Senior leaders understood customer issues and concerns, and Killian has released three new policy memorandums for civilian employees.

Each directorate and office has received a copy of these USAG-HI policy memorandums, all dated March 24, 2006:

- No. 25, "Training Plan"
- No. 26, "Recognition, Retention and Motivation Guide"
- No. 27, "Recruitment Planning Guide"

Communication is key to a successful organization. Continued participation by employees in future surveys will allow everyone's voice to be heard and provide the garrison with a clear understanding of the "pulse" of the organization.

Candid, thought-provoking comments are needed so changes can be made that affect the organization's environment, making things better for everyone.

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Privatization and Partnerships William Armbruster will be among the keynote speakers at a ribbon cutting ceremony officially welcoming families into the first new homes at Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH). Dignitaries from USAG-HI and USARPAC, representatives from Hawaii's congressional delegation, and local political and business leaders are expected to attend the event May 31 at Schofield's new Kalakaua community.

"Welcoming families into our first new homes is a highly anticipated event for everyone involved in the Army Hawaii Family Housing project," said Steven Grimes, Project Director for Actus



Mark Brown | Army Hawaii Family Housing

Junior NCO families will begin moving into new homes next month at Schofield Barracks' new Kalakaua community. Pictured above is one of several JNCO home designs found in the neighborhood. All new homes will have no less than three bedrooms, open-air/high ceilings and central air-conditioning.

Lend Lease's Army Hawaii Family Housing project. "Our Army partners, staff and contractors have worked tirelessly over the past year to reach this milestone and we look forward to sharing this success with everyone."

Twenty families will begin moving into the new homes in June, and the remaining 158 units of Kalakaua's Phase One will be turned over to families by the end of the year.

The event also is a significant milestone in the U.S. Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) to foster a better quality of life for Soldiers and their families. RCI is critical to the Army's goal to sustain housing for the long term; and quality, affordable housing is essential to the well-being of Soldiers and is a significant contributor to recruitment, readiness and retention.

Regarding leadership

- Practice leadership by walking around (LBWA). Stop and talk to those performing work.
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- Have mission, vision, goals that align with the garrison's.
- See employees as customers; treat them well.
- Give updates within each directorate to the garrison commanders, twice monthly.

Regarding communication with employees

- Hold staff meetings regularly.
- Host employee town hall at least quarterly.
- Maintain open door policies.
- Give routine in-process reviews (IPRs) and after-action reviews (AARs).
- Annually conduct garrison employee climate survey.

Every director and chief of a garrison organization received his or her survey's results, including ratings and narrative comments. Most organizations disseminated the results internally and discussed them at various forums.

During the February USAG-HI Leadership Conference, the survey was broken down into various issue areas: communication, rewards and recognition, and training. Various strategies were discussed to improve these three areas, and individual directorates and offices will be striving to make meaningful changes.

Survey participants agreed that there is always room to improve communication across boundaries, both within and outside of each organization in garrison. Hence, earlier this fiscal year, directors and chiefs were interviewed to discover what they believe are "best practices."

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- Give routine in-process reviews (IPRs) and after-action reviews (AARs).
- Annually conduct garrison employee climate survey.

DoD, Congress making progress on Tricare changes

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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has been working hard with Congress for the past several months and has reached some conclusions about how the fee system for military health care should be changed, a top DoD official said here May 11.

"It's universally agreed that there is a serious issue, a serious problem, with the growing health care costs within the Department of Defense, and the potential adverse impact that that might have to sustain our great health benefit," Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said in an interview.

DoD has had a lot of good, transparent dialogue with members and committees of Congress, along with beneficiary organizations, Winkenwerder said. There has been emerging agreement in some areas, he said, specifically in the area of pharmacy costs.

All parties agree that changes need to be made in the pharmacy co-payment system, and DoD has received some good feedback to modify its proposal, he explained.

Congress is debating DoD's proposed Tricare fee adjustments as part of the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Act.

A persistent rumor that the increase in Tricare fees for military retirees will eat up 50 percent of their cost of living al-



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lowance is not true, Winkenwerder said. He asserted that the increases in Tricare fees will be dramatically less than the increases in retiree pay.

All the senior DoD and military leadership support the Tricare fee increase as a necessary means to sustain the military health care system, Winkenwerder said.

The chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all the chiefs of staff, vice chiefs of staff, and surgeons general wrote a letter to Congress supporting DoD's efforts and asking Congress to work with the department, he said.

"Within the department, there's almost

universal agreement about the problem and the proposal. Having said that, it's important that members of Congress and others get a comfort level or some level of agreement about what we're doing, and that we move forward together."

Changes to the Tricare fee system are essential if the military is to sustain

its health benefit at the current level, Winkenwerder said. Unless financing continues to flow into the system now and in the future, it will be impossible to keep up the quality of care the military has grown accustomed to, he said.

"Something's gotta give; so, unless you have that financing coming in, we're concerned that the system would really run into trouble," he said. "That's why taking action now or in the near future is important, and waiting two years or beyond would not be a good idea, because it just makes the problem harder to solve."

Winkenwerder and other DoD officials have said if the fee system is not changed, the health system will take up 12 percent of the DoD budget, at \$64 billion, by 2015.

The discussion so far about the Tricare fee increases has been spirited and heartfelt, but always professional, Winkenwerder said. A lot of good ideas have been exchanged, he said, and he is confident about the future.

"We're optimistic about being able to make changes over the next months and into next year that would be the right thing to do and certainly very important to do," he said.

Education: Military-populated schools looking better

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why bus transportation fees are charged.

Several parents worked out the math from Hamamoto's extensive slide show, presented prior to the Q&A period — along with a presentation on the "Effects of Deployment on Children" from Dr. Michael Faran of Tripler Army Medical Center's Child Adolescent Psychiatry.

Hamamoto, however, said many variables impact DoE and state priorities, and then affect specific dollar amounts spent for individual K-12 students. As well, she clarified that property taxes benefit the county, not the state, and emphasized the fact that the Hawaii Department of Education does not enjoy direct fiscal control over education funds. Control rests with the legislature for the state's single school district.

Further, though some audience members appeared to miss the connections, Hamamoto explained that current realities such as soaring gas prices and high electricity bills add and subtract from projected revenue streams.

A few military parents lauded Hamamoto's ef-

forts and shared positive experiences with their children's schools. One noted, while audience members nodded in agreement, "I imagine this [town hall meeting] must not be easy to do," thanking the superintendent.

"We've got a long way to go, but that doesn't mean we stop. And we definitely do not give up."

*Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent of Hawaii Schools*

As well, a Solomon Elementary teacher recalled recent feedback from a military family sending back compliments from the District of Columbia for superior math placement of her child in a D.C. school. He further encouraged more participation from parents, particularly at PTSA meetings.

A Leilehua High School teacher echoed his comments about participation.

Before Q&A wrapped almost an hour after it had started, a parent seeking further explanation about the lack of textbooks in classrooms

asked, "Why not take that money and put up a server and put that [textbook] online, so that parents can access it?"

Almost drowned out by applause, Hamamoto asserted, "I'm for that," explaining she's been hounding the legislature for years to move on similar requests.

Overall, the superintendent asserted, as she had begun, "Public education has been taking a bashing all across the nation ... and I acknowledge that things aren't right.

"We've got a long way to go, but that doesn't mean we stop. And we definitely do not give up," she emphasized.

Many of the town hall questions required research; therefore, the command will be working with the DoE to find answers and post them on a variety of Web sites provided at the town hall. Other unanswered questions were specific to individuals, and the command or DoE will conduct a follow-up, as appropriate.

According to Moniz, despite the often-confrontational nature of the questioning, the town hall ap-



peared to have met its objective of providing an opportunity for parents to raise education issues directly to the command and DoE leadership.

Moniz added that the real test

will be in what actions are taken by all those involved in children's education as parents, teachers, the command, and DoE administrators strive to improve the quality of education in Hawaii.

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Photo courtesy of Clarita "Cre" Ngaporo

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sam Ngaropo, a native of New Zealand who is the joint interface control officer, 94th AAMDC and USARPAC, performs his duties as master of ceremonies at the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration on Fort Shafter Flats May 18.

Army celebrates Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

DONNA KLAPAKIS AND CHRISTA B. THOMAS
Staff Writers

Melodies of a Hawaiian falsetto, the shrill of Polynesian warriors and the thunderous shots of taiko drums were among the sounds of the Pacific that echoed over Fort Shafter Flats, May 18, and Sills Field on Schofield Barracks, May 19.

The sounds were all part of the scheduled events held to celebrate the 2006 Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Soldiers from the Special Troops Battalion, 25th Infantry Division hosted the colorful and eclectic event that entertained nearly three hundred attendees at Schofield Barracks. The two-hour event featured art, dancing, demonstrations, and food that reflected the wide range of cultures from the Pacific, including those of Hawaii, Vietnam, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines.

The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command hosted U.S. Army Pacific Command's Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration on Fort Shafter Flats.

Guests who attended were made to feel a part of the Fort Shafter event from the beginning.

At the start of the celebration, master of ceremonies Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sam Ngaropo, a New Zealand native who is the joint interface control officer, 94th AAMDC and USARPAC, had everyone in the audience walk out to the center of the parade ground to receive three Polynesian warriors who performed a tradition *pohiri*, an island welcome. One warrior blew a conch shell three times. According to the narration, this procedure recognizes the

universal sound of the sky and earth through which Polynesia was created.

The warriors also performed a *karanga* to represent the voice of the earth mother and to symbolize the spiritual and physical realms connecting the past, present and future.

To welcome all the guests, warriors then performed the *wero*, presenting Maj. Gen. William Brandenburg, USARPAC deputy commanding general, and Brig. Gen. John Seward, 94th AAMDC commanding general, with traditional gifts, *teka* and coins. According to the narrative, the gifts, *teka* and coins symbolize that the community brings prosperity to the land, and that all negative influences have been cleared.

The Polynesian warriors then led guests back to the Army Reserve Center, where food was laid out for everyone. Refreshments included kalua pork, sweet and sour spare ribs, fried rice, fried noodles, gyoza, lumpia, poke, salads, and beverages.

Kendo Music played taiko drums throughout the first parts of the performance and the food tasting.

With many Asian Pacific cultures, dance is very important. Dancing is used in offerings, ceremonies, weddings and other important events. As part of both celebrations, entertainers from the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC) performed dances that reflected several islands of Polynesia, including Tonga, Samoa, New Zealand and Hawaii.

Carol Feinga, who is Tongan, said many of the performers, most of whom are Brigham Young University Hawaii students, are from the various island of Polynesia and learn a great deal as they perform for the Soldiers and military on the island.

"It is good for the student performers to see and talk to them [the Soldiers] in their setting," Feinga said. "They find through conversation and exchanging ideas that our cultures are very similar."

At Fort Shafter, the Japanese dance troupe, Miya Zono Minyou Buyo Kai, and Korean dance troupe, Chang Hwa Sook, followed the PCC dancers.

Seward then welcomed guest speaker, Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann.

"I cannot say how much we appreciate our military. Not only to protect us, ... but to help us out every day of our lives. ... I can always count on the military being here for us," he said.



Hannemann said that he particularly appreciated the military's help during all the difficulties the city and county experienced during March and April with the flooding and sewage problems.

He said he also wanted to inspire others of Asian-Pacific heritage.

"... If I were to have listened to half the things people told me that a Samoan should do and should not be able to do, I would never be mayor of the town I grew up in," he said.

Hannemann said he hopes that all are proud of their own heritage.

After the mayor spoke, The Fantastics, a *keiki* entertainment group from Linapuni Elementary School, performed the last set. Hannemann got up to dance with the children at the end of the performance.

"It's entertainment through cultural awareness," said Maj. Patrick Guzman, 25th ID Equal Opportunity program manager, who is of Guamanian descent. "This is about who we are. Through entertainment, we can stimulate the mind to learn more."

Congress expanded the holiday from a 10-day observance to the entire month of May in 1992. May was chosen to commemorate two milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the May 7, 1843, arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the U.S. and the contributions of Chinese workers who helped build the transcontinental railroad, completed on May 10, 1869.



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Chief Lauano heats things up using his dexterity and skill in nifo 'oti — the tooth of death. This ancient Samoan fire knife dance was performed by warriors to intimidate their enemies.

- (Left to right. Photos by Christa Thomas except where noted)
- Tama Halverson from New Zealand performs the Welcoming Ceremony at Fort Shafter Flats. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joel Quebec, 9th Regional Readiness Command)
- A PCC performer does an ancient kailao, a Tongan war dance.
- Lt. Col. Liana Brantland, G-1, 25th ID, shows her proficiency with the New Zealand poi balls.
- Chief Lauano performs the fire knife dance of Samoa.
- A drummer from Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble shows his agility on the Japanese taiko drum.
- A PCC dancer performs the maullulu, a traditional Samoan dance done while sitting.
- Alex Galea, from Samoa, wields the taiaha, an ancient Maori weapon. (Photo by Maj. Richard Stebbins, 94th AAMDC)





May

26 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person.

Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

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

Damn Yankees — Don't miss your last chance to enjoy the Broadway musical classic "Damn Yankees" at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter tonight and tomorrow night, May 26 and 27. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or online at <http://www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html>. For more information, call 438-4480.

27 / Saturday

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at the Peterson Child Development Center on Parents Night Out, Saturday, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town.

Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the central enrollment registration office no later than noon May 26. Reservations are first come, first served. For more information, call 655-8313.

28 / Sunday

Library Closure — The Sgt Yano Library, Schofield Barracks will be closed May 28 for carpet cleaning and May 29 for Memorial Day. Regular library hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 655-8002.



Parrot party

Tropics' Pau the Parrot visits with children during story time at the Morale Welfare and Recreation Expo.

The MWR Expo, held May 17 at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, showcased MWR facilities and services.

More information on Army MWR in Hawaii can be found at www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com

10 / Saturday

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

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at the AMR Child Development Center on Parents Night Out, Saturday, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town. Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the Central Enrollment Registration Office no later than noon June 9. Reservations are first come, first served. For more information, call 655-8313.

13 / Tuesday

Summer Reading Club — The program kicks off with a visit from Ronald McDonald at the Fort Shafter Library, June 12, Sgt. Yano Library, June 14 and the Aliamanu Library, June 15. All programs begin at 3 p.m. and are open to kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call 438-9521 (Fort Shafter), 655-8002 (Sgt Yano), or 833-4851 (Aliamanu).

22 / Thursday

High School Leadership Program — Teens will have the opportunity to perform community and volunteer work, including the Hawaii Army Family Action Planning Conference. The program begins June 22. For more information call 655-9818 or e-mail sandy.sailsbury@hawaii.army.mil.

3 / Saturday

Hawaii's Plantation Village — Hawaii's Plantation Village presents "Relive The Plantation Days - 2006," a celebration of Okinawan heritage. The event is free and takes place Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Village at 677-0110 or visit the Website at www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

4 / Sunday

Pet Blessing Festival — Come celebrate all creatures at the annual Pet Blessing Festival held in observance of "Pet Appreciation Week" at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha - Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu. Leashed or caged pets are welcome for a Shinto blessing any time on Sunday, June 4, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations are not required. Free parking is plentiful on Olomea St. and in the shrine "barking" lot. For more information, call Bob Harada at 383-9383

8 / Thursday

Employment Workshop — Interested in Federal employment? Workshops will be held June 8 at Schofield Barracks ACS and Wednesday, June 14 at Fort Shafter ACS from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call ACS, FS, 438-9285; ACS, SB, 655-4227.

10 / Saturday

Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park — Kulcha Klash Music Festival will be held at the park June 10, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Pre-sale tickets for the event are \$18, tickets the week of the event are \$20, and tickets at the door are \$25. For more information, call 674-WAVE, ext. 102.

12 / Monday

Vacation Bible School — Children 4 years old through the sixth grade are invited to Schofield Barracks' Vacation Bible School (non-denominational), June 12-16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 655-6645 or 655-4461 for more information.

June

1 / Thursday

July 4th Picnic Sites — Picnic sites for the "4th of July Spectacular" can be reserved for \$60 beginning June 1, 9 a.m. at the Leisure Activities office, Kaala Community Activities Center. The 20-by-25-foot sites will be located on the perimeter of Silks Field. These areas are the only areas authorized for cooking on grills. For more information, call 655-0111 or 655-0112.

2 / Friday

Mongolian Barbecue — Come from 5 to 8 p.m. for Mongolian barbecue, cooked outside in front of Nehelani with seating in air-conditioned Reggie's. Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables and Reggie's staff will grill them to your liking.

Cost is 65 cents per ounce, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call 655-4466.

5 / Monday

Summer Reading Club — Summer reading club registration and packet pick up is June 5 at Sgt. Yano, Fort Shafter, or Aliamanu libraries. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are encouraged to participate by reading at least one book a week and attending special weekly in-library programs.

The theme for the summer is "Read in the Wildest Places," and the program runs from June 13 to July 13. Special weekly programs include Ronald McDonald, Bubble Show, Balloon Mon soon, Brenda Freitas-

Obregon and Bungie the Clown. All activities are free. For more information, call 438-9521 (Fort Shafter), 655-8002 (Sgt. Yano), or 833-4851 (Aliamanu).

Read to Me — Children up to age five are encouraged to participate in the Army library "Read to Me" summer program. June 13- July 13. Participants will be given a reading log at the beginning of the program to record their progress. Children will receive stickers for their accomplishments at weekly story times.

Story times will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at Fort Shafter Library, Wednesdays at Sgt. Yano Library and Thursdays at Aliamanu Library. Registration and packet pick-up for the "Read to Me" program begins today at all libraries. For more information, call 438-9521 (Fort Shafter), 655-8002 (Sgt Yano), or 833-4851 (Aliamanu).

7 / Wednesday

July 4th Fundraising Opportunity — Units and Family Readiness Groups interested in fund-raising at the "4th of July Spectacular" should attend a meeting June 7, 9 a.m. at Kaala Community Activities Center, Building 556, Room 101, Schofield Barracks. For more information, call 655-0111.

9 / Friday

Seafood Bucket for Two — Seafood lovers can dig into a variety of seafood, including shrimp, crab, clams and mussels at Reggie's, tonight from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$24.95 for two and includes a pitcher of your favorite beverage. For reservations or more information, call 655-4466.

USAS (1-877-849-8727) or send an e-mail to shintz@scholarshipamerica.org.

Ballet Hawaii — Jim Hutchison, whose dance credits range from the "Pajama Game" to the movie version of "Hello, Dolly" with Barbra Streisand and whose directing projects include "Damn Yankees" invites aspiring tap dancers to his special six-week session at Ballet Hawaii. Hutchison will be teaching 12 lessons for beginning and intermediate students May 30 through July 7. The course is offered at Ballet Hawaii's studios on the second floor of the Dole Cannery and costs \$85.

For registration and information, call Hutchison at 941-9719.

June

1 / Thursday

Teen Driving Summit — SKIES Unlimited invites teens to apply for the second annual National Teen Advisory Panel — a diverse group of teens on a mission to drive change and save lives. The National Teen Advisory Panel will give a teen voice to the safe driving issue by helping build a national teen-led movement to raise awareness, save lives and reverse the staggering teen driving statistics. In addition, panelists will travel to a teen-driving summit in Chicago Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, all expenses paid. Call 655-9818 by June 1, for more information.

Dixie Grill Barbeque and Crab Shack — Join the fun at Dixie Grill Bar-B-Que and Crab Shack from June 1-30 for the annual "Crabfest." Enjoy special crab-inspired dishes, and daily highlights. The Dixie Grill is open 11 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. weekends at 404 Ward Avenue and 99-016 Kamehameha Highway in Aiea. Call 596-8359 or 485-CRAB.

30 / Tuesday

ThanksUSA Scholarships — "ThanksUSA", a nonprofit organization, invites all children and spouses of military personnel to apply for one of nearly 1,000 scholarships of up to \$5,000 each for college, vocational and technical schools. Apply by May 30 to qualify. To learn more about the scholarship and/or to download the application, go to <http://www.thanksusa.org/>. For more information, call 1-877-THX-

defy_nsga_hawaii@yahoo.com or call 655-3579, 655-3538 or 655-3391.

Leilehua High School — Support Leilehua High School's "Project Grad 2006" by attending their swap meet Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Case-lot Sale — The Schofield Barracks Commissary will have a case-lot sale in the commissary parking lot May 27-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items may be paid for at cash registers outside or at designated registers inside the store only. Cash, checks, or credit cards only are accepted as payment for case-lot items — No debit or EBT cards.

"Sunset on the Beach" — "Sunset on the Beach" is back with two more great shows, May 27 and 28 on Queen's Surf Beach (across from the Honolulu Zoo). Saturday brings "Beyond the Break" (filmed in Makaha) with entertainment provided by ukulele artist Jake Shimabukuro, followed Sunday by "King Kong." Food booths open at 4 p.m. Live entertainment starts at 5 p.m., and the movies will screen after sunset, approximately 7:15 p.m.

28 / Sunday

Aloha Stadium — For the second year in a row, the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet will hold its "Aloha Show and Shine Car Show" on May 28, alongside the regular Swap Meet. The car show will feature over 100 cars, to include, classic cars, stock cars, choppers, fat boy bikes, funny cars, 4 x 4's, and low riders. Call 486-6704 for more information.

Reggae Fest 2006 — Bellows Air Force Station will hold reggae concert and cookout Sunday, May 28, from 4:30-7 p.m., at Pavilion B. Admission is free. A variety of food is available for purchase. For more information, call 259-4112.

29 / Monday

Lantern Floating Ceremony — At sunset on Memorial Day,

over 1000 candle-lit lanterns will be cast afloat from the shores of Ala Moana Beach Park by members and friends of Shinnyo-en Hawaii. The ceremony, called Toro Nagashi, or Lantern Floating, is a time-honored Buddhist tradition that is practiced throughout Japan to express respect for ancestors and comfort the spirits of the deceased. All are invited to take part in this spiritual event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. For further information, contact Shinnyo-en Hawaii at 947-2814.

Memorial Day Ceremony — Mayor Mufi Hanneman will deliver the keynote address at the 55th Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Puowaina (Punchbowl) Crater. For more information, call 692-5725.

Speak Out for Military Youth

— The Hawaii SOMK team is looking for interested youths, ages 14-18, to participate during the upcoming July 2006 - June 2007 year and participate in the National SOMK training to be held in Washington, DC from July 16-19, travel expenses paid. The state team participants will develop and implement a plan on how the team will train other groups of youth throughout the state on SOMK, develop messages in different mediums and develop and implement their state Speakers Bureau. For more information and an application, call Claire M. Nakatsuka at 956-7196.



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

May

26 / Friday

50th State Fair — Come check out the midway at the 50th State Fair 2006 at the Aloha Stadium parking lot. There will be lots of food, games, rides, and booths. The hours of operation are Fridays, 6 p.m.-midnight and Saturday and Sunday noon to midnight. The fair continues May 26, 27, 28, and 29; June 2, 3, and 4; June 8, 9, 10, and 11; and June 16, 17 and 18. Tickets are \$3 general, \$2 children 4-11 and free for children under 3. Call 682-5767 for more information.

Destiny — The music group Destiny from the Multnomah Bible College will perform at the Schofield Barracks main post chapel, Friday, at 6 p.m.

Waikiki Shell — Don't miss Hootie and the Blowfish at the Waikiki Shell, 2805 Monsarrat Ave., Friday, May 26, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com/section>.

27 / Saturday

Drug Education for Youth — DEFY, a self-esteem building program that provides kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs, and alcohol, needs youth, junior and adult mentors. The deadline to be a part of this rewarding program is May 27 for mentors and junior mentors, ages 13-18, and June 24 for youth, ages 9-12.

For more information, email

HACN TV2 Schedule

5:00	Army Emergency Relief
5:01	Lightning Rumble 4
5:05	Safety message CG rown
6:00	Sign on Tape
6:24	Army Emergency Relief
6:26	Lightning Rumble 4
6:30	Bulletin Board
7:00	Safety message CG Brown
7:05	Army Emergency Relief
7:06	I Give My Heart to You
7:11	Pentagon Channel
8:00	Safety message CG Brown
8:04	Hawaii Army Report
8:33	Army Emergency Relief
8:34	Lightning Rumble 4
8:38	Bulletin Board
9:08	CG Mixon Deployment Message
9:13	I Give My Heart to You
9:19	Pentagon Channel
10:00	Army Emergency Relief
10:01	Lightning Rumble 4
10:06	Pentagon Channel
11:00	Safety message CG Brown
11:05	Army Emergency Relief
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11:10	CG Mixon Deployment Message
11:15	Pentagon Channel
12:00	Safety message CG Brown
12:04	Hawaii Army Report
12:33	Lightning Rumble 4
12:37	CG Mixon Deployment Message
12:42	Bulletin Board
1:12	Army Emergency Relief
1:13	Pentagon Channel
2:00	CG Mixon Deployment Message
2:05	Lightning Rumble 4
3:00	Safety message CG Brown
3:04	Lightning Rumble 4
3:09	Army Emergency Relief
3:10	Pentagon Channel
4:00	Safety message CG Brown
4:04	Army Emergency Relief
4:05	Lightning Rumble 4
4:10	Bulletin Board
4:40	I Give My Heart to You
4:45	Pentagon Channel
5:00	Safety message CG Brown
5:04	Army Emergency Relief
5:06	Lightning Rumble 4
5:10	Pentagon Channel
6:00	Safety message CG Brown
6:04	Hawaii Army Report
6:33	Lightning Rumble 4
6:37	Community Focus
6:43	I Give My Heart to You
6:48	Deployment Message CG
6:53	Honor to Serve
7:01	Army Emergency Relief
7:02	Bulletin Board
7:32	Lightning Rumble 4
7:37	Pentagon Channel
8:00	Safety message CG Brown
8:04	Army Emergency Relief
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8:36	CG Mixon Deployment Message
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Overnight
Pentagon Channel

Because of hardware failure Tv2 Programming may be interrupted during daily scheduled programming and replaced with Pentagon Channel and/or Bulletin Board.

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



Ice Age 2: The Meltdown

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



Lucky Number Slevin

(R)
Saturday, 7 p.m.



Take The Lead

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

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

Wahiawa Pineapple Festival features blend of celebrations

Armed Forces Day in Wahiawa had something for celebrants of all ages

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WAHIAWA, Hawaii – The Wahiawa community created a fantastic blend of culture, food and fun when it combined Armed Forces Day, the Filipino Centennial celebration and the annual Pineapple Festival May 20.

The yearly festival celebrates the pineapple and its contribution to Hawaiian life.

The fun started with the annual 10K Pineapple Run followed by a Pineapple Parade, which included local schools, pineapple plantations and military organizations.

Military organizations included the Schofield Barracks' 1st Battalion 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Uniting Women Veterans of Hawaii and World War II, all of whom waved to spectators while traveling down California Aveue.

The parade ended at Wahiawa District Park for the Pineapple Festival and merry-making.

Children had plenty of activities to choose from including rock-climbing, a Ferris wheel, a merry-go-round, and bounce houses. Most rides cost a dollar. Keiki ID's sponsored by the Honolulu Police Department were also on site.

For the slightly older "child," there were static displays of antique military vehicles complete with a Sherman Tank and the 2nd SBCT's new Medical Evacuation Stryker vehicle.

Retired Brig. Gen. James T. Hirai, the newly appointed deputy director of Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, kicked off the day's events.

"As a former pineapple picker and a former Soldier from Wahiawa, it is an honor to recognize the importance of the pineapple industry here," said Hirai. "It's



Retired Brig. Gen. James T. Hirai deputy director of Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, rides on a Sherman tank during the march to the Wahiawa District Park to start the festival.

"When I met these gentlemen I was struck by their vitality, their energy, but they wanted to re-

Filipino heritage," Sherry, a Wahiawa native, said.

For those with grumbling stomachs, relief came in the form of the "Chef's Corner," which boasted everything from Alan Wong's pineapple braised short ribs to Leilehua High School's pineapple cheesecake and pineapple upside-down cake.

For \$15, consumers could taste each of the 19 dishes presented by celebrity chefs and gourmet restaurants.

After feasting on the delicious pineapple dishes, festivalgoers welcomed the chance to sit as they took a trolley tour of Wahiawa. The trolley made its way through town visiting the sacred Kukaniloko (birthing stones site) as well as the Healing Stones of Wahiawa and other historic sites.

For attendees interested in a more low-key activity, author Richard Dole was on hand to personally sign his biography of James Dole, the founder of the Dole Food Company.

The spirit of unity coursed throughout the celebration and mimicked the history and culture surrounding the pineapple;

most Wahiawa natives have worked in the pineapple fields, and even more are Filipino. Both groups comprised a community with strong military ties.

"So as we celebrate today in a way that is uniquely Wahiawa style, we also want to honor the memory of those who gave all and made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf," Hirai said.

He finished by reminding Wahiawa about its own heroes.

"I am reminded every time I drive by Wheeler Army Air Field of the heroes our great nation has," Hirai said. "They don't come from anywhere as much as from small towns. And they come from small towns just like Wahiawa."



Inset — The Dole Plantation float featured a blend of Filipino migrant workers and the Dole Pineapple mascots.

mind me that they're not young veterans.

They are our senior veterans," Hirai said.

The event's master of ceremonies, Sista Sherry of KRTR FM 96.3, led the crowd with upbeat, entertaining dialogue. Having spent time in the pineapple fields herself, she said she enjoyed the opportunity to visit family and friends.

"I think this year is even more special because it's combining recognitions of [the] armed forces, the pineapple and of

important to recognize the centennial of our Filipino brothers and sisters who came to Hawaii, and it is always an honor for a Soldier to talk about our armed forces of the United States."

Filipino World War II veterans, some of whom who had been prisoners of

war, proudly showed their medals and hats.

Hirai and others could hardly believe these men were older than 85 and were veterans of the World War II. Hirai was forced to concede when one of the men presented his drivers license.

MWR helps with Oz fare

BY TIM HIPPS
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons will be hard-pressed to beat the cost of an Australian vacation purchased through their Information, Ticket and Reservation office.

A five-night stay in Sydney or Melbourne is available for \$838 per person based on double occupancy. The "G'Day Good Deal" packages include three- or four-star accommodations for five nights, round-trip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco aboard Qantas Airways and a 15-hour calling card that can be used to dial the United States. Taxes and surcharges are not included in the base price.

"Normally, when you're talking about a trip to Australia, your opening bid is \$1,800, at least," said Dan Yount, chief of Army Leisure Travel Services at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. "This is a major savings."

Trips to Sydney can be routed through Los Angeles or San Francisco. The Melbourne package is available only from San Francisco. Travelers are responsible for reaching the debarkation points in California.

Authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons can access the packages on the Internet at www.ittaaustralia.com and begin a step-by-step process of building itineraries to a vacation Down Under. After preparing the itinerary, they can visit a supporting Information, Ticket and Reservation office or Information, Tickets and Tours office to finalize the booking, confirm arrangements and pay for the vacation.

The Australian packages are a combined Army, Navy and Marine Corps ITR/ITT program available to active duty, members of the Reserve component, retired military, Department of Defense civilian employees and family members.

Travel must be completed before June 8 or between Aug. 1 and Aug. 30.

"When you're looking at Australia, this is kind of in the fall and winter," Yount said. "But winter in Australia in the worst place is kind of like winter in Northern Florida. Most times you're going to be very comfortable in a T-shirt or certainly a long-sleeve shirt and maybe use a windbreaker in the morning."



www.ittaaustralia.com

From Sydney, host of the 2000 Summer Olympics, to Melbourne to Brisbane, Australia offers sun-drenched horizons, white sandy beaches and sophisticated modern cities. Aside from its natural beauty, the hospitality and U.S.-friendliness of Australia is rivaled by few countries, Yount said.

Additional day trips can be added to itineraries.

"You can add other tours and segments while you're there if you want to go up to the Great Barrier Reef or the rain forest," Yount said.

To book through Oahu Army ITR offices, prospective travelers should go in to the office first to get the instructions for booking. The Schofield Barracks ITR is across from the commissary parking lot in Building 3320. The Fort Shafter ITR is inside the PX.



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The Sydney Opera House is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world. More than 200,000 people take a guided tour of the complex each year.

Camps tackle summer boredom

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School will be ending soon, leaving some children and teens idle. Navy Region Hawaii MWR summer camps are open for registration to help fill the void. The array of summer camps held through June and July offers opportunities for children, 6-12 years old and teens, 13-17 years old. Programs are open to family members of all branches of military active duty and DoD civilians, unless specified otherwise.

Operation Purple

One camp is Operation Purple. Created by National Military Family Association (NMFA), these camps are geared for children and teens of all military branches whose active duty parents are, have been or will be deployed between May 2005 and Sept. 2007. Here, they will be able to form their own network and be with peers who know what they are going through. This special camp is free for all participants.

For the younger kids, Operation Purple

will be held at White Plains Beach from July 17-21. In this overnight camp, children can express themselves creatively through military life arts and crafts and learn self-reliance and coping skills.

Teens will get to fly free to the Big Island for Operation Purple at Kilauea Military Camp. From July 24-28, participants will witness the world's most active volcano, walk through lava tubes, and see steam vents.

Registration for both children and teen camps is available at www.nmfa.org.

Adventure/Adventure Plus

The different camps appeal to children and teens' interests and are designed to fit the parents' needs by coinciding with their work schedules. Camps Adventure and Adventure Plus run from June 12 through July 28, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Children will participate in activities, sports and field trips that center around weekly themes.

Overnight camps are of shorter duration, but offer a more intensive objective.

Sail Training

Through Marimed Foundations, teenagers will sail aboard a three-masted topsail schooner on a three-day adventure to Kauai, learning teamwork and ocean stewardship. Teen Sail Training and Leadership Adventures will be held on July 10-12 or 13-15.

Skills/Knowledge Camps

In sports camps, teens and youth will focus and develop physical talent on a specific sport. For those who prefer indoor activities, Cyber Camp will be the place for kids to learn game design, digital photography and robotics. Each camp runs during different dates and prices vary.

Navy Region Hawaii MWR Summer Camps offer a variety of programs but space is limited. Programs are expected to fill fast, so registration should not be delayed. To find out more information or to register call 421-1556 (Catlin Clubhouse), 499-2572 (Iroquois Point Clubhouse) or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Photo contest deadline approaches

AUSA STAFF

Association of the United States Army

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) has announced the 11th Army Magazine photo contest.

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to enter the contest, officials said. The winning photos will be published in Army Magazine, and photographers will be awarded cash prizes.

The first prize is \$500; second prize is \$300; third prize is \$200; and five honorable mentions each will receive \$100.

Entry Rules:

1. Each photograph must have an Army-related subject and must have been taken on or after July 1, 2005.

2. Entries must not have been published elsewhere. Evidence of prior publication of any winning entry will disqualify it.

3. Each contestant is limited to three entries.

4. Entries may be black-and-white prints, color prints or color slides.

5. The minimum size for prints is 5x7 inches; the maximum is 8x10 inches (no mats or frames).

6. The smallest format for slides is 35mm, and slides must be in plastic or paper mounts.

7. A sheet of paper must be taped to the back of each entry indicating the following: caption information and the photographer's name, Social Security number (for identification and tax purposes), address, and telephone number.

8. Entries must be mailed to: Editor in Chief, Army Magazine, 2425 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22201-3385, Attention: Photo Contest.

9. Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2006. Letters notifying the winners will be mailed in September.

10. Entries will not be returned.

11. Employees of AUSA and their family members are not eligible.

12. Prize-winning photographs may be published in Army Magazine, other AUSA publications and the AUSA Web site up to three times.

13. Photographic quality and subject matter will be the primary considerations in judging.

For more information, contact Editorial Assistant, Army Magazine, 2425 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22201; (703) 841-4300, ext. 204; armymag@ausa.org. (Editor's Note: Reprinted by permission of AUSA.)



Navy Region Hawaii MWR Marketing

Kids climb the Alpine Tower at Barbers Point during outdoor adventure camp.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

May

27 / Saturday

Paws on the Path — Want to be part of a hiking club for people and their dogs? Join the club on Saturday for a hike through North Shore's Kaunala Trail. Hikers and dogs should arrive at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike at 9 a.m. To get to the Kaunala Trail above Waimea, go to the end of Pupukea Road. Then, park on the side of the road by the Boy Scout Camp. Bring snacks and lots of water for people and dogs. For more information, contact Liza Souza at 356-2217 or go online to <http://calendar.go.hawaii.com/>.

June

4 / Saturday

10k Volksmarch — The Mene-

hune Marchers is sponsoring a 10K volksmarch on June 4 at Kamananui Valley. The start point is the Moananalua Valley Neighborhood Park at Ala Alolani Street. The walk is free and walkers may start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon. Award and volksmarch credit, if desired, is available for a nominal fee. Call 947-3359 or visit the Web site at http://www.ava.org/clubs/menehune_marchers/.

17 / Saturday

Waimea Valley Audubon Center — A sanctioned 5K and 10K volksmarch (walk) will be held June 17 at the Waimea Valley Audubon Center. Walkers can start anytime between 9:00 and noon. There is a nominal entrance and vehicle parking fee. Volksmarch credit, if desired, is available. Walkers need to register by June 1. Registration information is available at [p://www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers](http://www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers). Call 626-3575 for more information.

July

10 / Monday

2006 Relay for Life — Relay For Life is a team event that in-

creases cancer awareness in the community. Families, schools, companies, hospitals, and other community groups create teams of 8 to 15 people who take turns walking around a track all night to raise money to find a cure. The next Relay for Life will be held at the Kapolei High School, Athletic Field, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., July 10. Relays are ongoing throughout the month at various locations. For more information, contact Burgardie Onekea at 486-8420 or search "Relay for Life" online for upcoming events.

Ongoing

Bike Hawaii — Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages can include downhill biking, waterfall hiking and sailing off Waikiki with exclusive access to a remote Hawaiian rainforest. Delicious meals are included. For more information or to schedule your adventure, call (877) 682-7433, 734-4214, or go online to www.bikehawaii.com.

Happy Trails Hawaii — 'Giddy up' through the North Shore area on horseback with Happy

Trails Hawaii and enjoy a supervised trail ride. For more information, call 638-RIDE (7433) or visit the Website at <http://www.happytrailshawaii.com/>.

Honolulu Marathon Clinic —

Looking to get in shape and run a marathon? Join the free Honolulu Marathon Clinic, led by Dr. Jack Scaff and his trained staff. The clinic meets Sundays at 7:30 a.m. at Kapiolani Park at 3833 Paki Ave. The clinic stresses slow, recreational running, for beginners and walkers. The focus is training to finish the Honolulu Marathon in December. No headsets are allowed when running with the group. For more information, call 655-4692.

American Youth Soccer Organization — AYSO Region 188 (Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor) will accept pre-registration for the Fall 2006 soccer season from now to June 15. Youth, born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 2002 are eligible to participate. Practice begins in August and the season runs from September-November. The cost is \$55. Volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, referees and board members are needed.

For more information, go to www.soccer.org and logon to e-AYSO or call 834-5439.



May

27 / Saturday

Hawaii Championship Wrestling — Come watch Hawaii Championship Wrestling at the Tropics, May 27. Doors open at 6 p.m., and matches 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 655-5697 for more information.

29 / Monday

101 Days of Summer — Students, kindergarten through grade twelve, are invited to the Fort Shafter and Schofield bowling centers from May 27 through Sept. 4 to bowl their way through the 101 days of summer. Participating students can receive one free game of bowling for each paid game each day of summer. Free games can be played any day of the week from opening until 5 p.m.

Grand prizes include a trip for four to an "Aly & AJ" concert and a private movie screening of "How to Eat Fried Worms" for one lucky winner and 100 guests. Other prizes include a portable DVD player, iPOD shuffle, video games, and prizes from the Schofield and Fort Shafter bowling centers. For more information, call 655-0573 (Schofield Bowling Center) or 438-6733 (Fort Shafter Bowling Center).

June

3 / Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies, do you want to brush up on your golfing skills? A free golf clinic will be held June 7 at the Leilehua Golf Course located right outside the Wheeler front gate.

The clinic will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last for one hour. All required equipment will be provided to participants. Advance reservations are recommended. For more details, call 655-4653.

4 / Sunday

"5 Game, No Tap" Tournament — A "5 Game, No Tap" tournament will be held at the Schofield Bowling Center June 4. Check-in is at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

12 / Monday

Summer Junior Golf Program — Registration is ongoing for the 2006 Summer Junior Golf program to be held June 12 through

July 24. The program is open to active duty military and retired military family members and civilian family members with a golf association membership. Junior golfers must be 7 years old by June 12 and may not be older than 17 by July 24. Separate sessions for beginner, intermediate and advanced players will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 655-4653.

28 / Wednesday

Summer Soccer Clinic — Youths born between 1990 and

2001 are invited to register for a summer soccer clinic, conducted by Hawaii Pacific University soccer coach Mark Kane. The cost is \$12 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is open now through June 14 at your nearest Army youth center. The clinic will be held at Aliamanu Military Reservation Field, June 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. and at Watts Field, Schofield Barracks, June 29, 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 836-1923 (AMR), 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-6465 (Schofield Bar-

racks), or 655-0883 (Helemano Military Reservation).

Ongoing

Youth Sports Coaches — Youth

Sports is looking for volunteer coaches for the youth sports program. If you would like to give back to children in your community, see your local Youth Sports director or call these numbers for more details: AMR at 836-1923, Fort Shafter at 438-9336, or Schofield Barracks at 655-6465.