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## Hotlines are taking calls for military affected by Katrina

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News Release

WASHINGTON — Families of deployed Army National Guard Soldiers affected by Hurricane Katrina are asked to call 1-888-777-7731 so that Guard members can be informed of their family's situation. Army Reserve family members and Soldiers affected by Hurricane Katrina also have a newly created

call center. The toll free number for the center is 1-877-464-9330, or from a military phone DSN 367-9330.

Any military members or families in need of counseling services may call the Military One SOURCE number, 1-800-342-9647.

Any military members or family affected by Hurricane Katrina who are in need of financial assistance can call the Army Emergency

Relief. The toll free number is 1-866-878-6378.

### Four ways for Guard to connect

A National Guard brigade from Louisiana and another from Mississippi are currently in Iraq. Families of those Soldiers can call the National Guard hotline at 1-888-777-7731; officials said it will enable the Guard to tell the

troops of their family's current situation.

"There are four ways [for families] to connect with their service member," said Col. Anthony Baker, chief of the National Guard Bureau Family Programs, "either through the Family Assistance Center, state Family Program director, wing Family Program coordinator, or through the rear detachment of their unit."

"We will bridge that gap for them by making sure they have all of the information necessary," he explained. "In cases where they can't make that contact, we will make it for them."

### Hotline works both ways

Deployed service members can

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## 9/11 Observance

All military and civilian personnel and family members are invited to the 9/11 Observance at Fernandez Hall, Building 580 on Schofield Barracks, today at 1 p.m. The observance will take place adjacent the Division War Memorial, located near the flag pole on Sills Field.



## Battleship Mo

Across the nation, military and veterans organizations commemorated the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Locally, distinguished guests recalled events at the USS Missouri docked at Pearl Harbor. A-5



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Spc. Nereida Hansen (right), a combat medic with Medical Co. B, Tripler Army Medical Center, helps Spc. Brandon Davis (left), a supply clerk with Medical Department Activity Center-Alaska, carry a mock casualty who collapsed after being transported by an UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.

## Hawaii medics treat injured

Medics from Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks take part in mass casualty training exercise in South Korean UFL 2005

Story and Photos by  
Sgt. Sean Kimmons  
Editor

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — An enemy force has invaded the country of South Korea and injuries are mounting as a result of numerous attacks. Hospitals on Army operating bases are

being overwhelmed by patients with various wounds.

Medics from the U.S. and South Korean Armies, located at tent-structured combat support hospitals, treat the patients arriving on UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and tactical vehicles.

The combat support

hospitals provide extensive medical care for the wounded by using a variety of capabilities that include triage, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), an operating room (OR), an intensive care unit (ICU), an intermediate care ward (ICW),

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## Secretary outlines recruiting initiatives

Sgt. Sara Wood  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Recent Army recruiting problems don't constitute a crisis, and a number of initiatives are being implemented to bring recruiting numbers up, the secretary of the Army said.

Meeting end-strength goals for the Army is a function of both recruiting and

retention, Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey said in a recent Pentagon Channel interview.

While recruiting has been suffering, retention goals are already being exceeded. High retention rates reflect the quality of soldiers in the Army and show their dedication to their mission, Harvey said. He noted that retention rates are highest in units that are deployed.

"Our Soldiers know that they're making a difference in theater, and that's a real tribute to the quality and capability of our Soldiers," he added.

The active duty Army recruiting goal of 80,000 soldiers in 2005 is the highest it's been in five years, Harvey said. The service missed monthly goals at the beginning of the year, he explained, but the numbers for June, July and August have looked good.

"We're not going to make 80,000," he said. "But, because of our retention success, I would not characterize the situation in any way, shape or form as a crisis."

To prevent the situation from turning into a crisis, the Army has implemented several initiatives to improve recruiting, Harvey said.

The first initiative, which has already been completed,

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## JVEF's military-school partnerships take the spotlight

Story and Photo by  
Dawn Torres-Gale  
Contributing Writer

BELLOWS AIR FORCE STATION — Senior military officials from the five armed services and the Hawaii Army National Guard and Air National Guard joined with Hawaii Department of Education (DoE) representa-

tives to attend the 2005 Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) annual meeting held here Aug. 30. The meeting highlighted various initiatives sponsored by JVEF, a division of the Manpower, Personnel and Administration Directorate at the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM), responsible for the disbursement of approxi-

mately \$5 million in annual DoD appropriations to Hawaii public schools.

JVEF, founded in 1999, sprung from the efforts of DoE Superintendent Paul LeMahieu and USPACOM Commander Admiral Dennis Blair to actively and tangibly involve the military in support of Hawaii's public schools. Specifically, JVEF

was charged with the responsibility for providing a means of assisting those Hawaii public schools significantly impacted by the military student population.

JVEF is governed by a 25-member board of directors comprised of representatives from the military services, the Hawaii State public schools, the Hawaii State

Legislature and various business and community groups.

The 2004 annual meeting began with a posting of the colors by Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, or JROTC, cadets from Campbell High School. Following the posting, USPACOM Act-

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# Lightning Six Sends

The commanding general reflects upon 9/11 events



importantly, it reminds us that the enemy will attack anywhere at a time that he chooses. We must remain vigilant and focused. The nation is at war and we are the warriors. The current battlefield is in Iraq and Afghanistan. As we transform our units and prepare to redeploy, we must ensure we stay up to date on the situation in those two areas. The enemy will adapt his methods of attack and incorporate any means to kill United States and coalition forces. Our preparation begins now and will continue throughout the transformation period and into deployment. Also, each individual Soldier must be prepared for deployment. It is always possible that a Soldier could be required to deploy on an individual assignment. Therefore, you must be deployable at all times and ensure all personnel actions such as wills,

powers of attorney, emergency notification and insurance papers are up to date. As we remember those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, let's honor their memory through our preparations for the ongoing fight. This will keep American strong and ward off any future attacks against our Nation. Tropic Lightning!

*Benjamin R. Mixon*

Benjamin R. Mixon  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding



Gerry Gilmore

Smoke looms over the Pentagon at about 10 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001.

## Lightning Spirit

# Honestly, does what happen in Las Vegas really stay there?

Chaplain Scott Crossfield  
725th Main Support Battalion  
Chaplain

The other day I was watching TV with my family when a commercial came on. It consisted of a young lady with her friend on a city street. In each scene she was introducing her and her friend to someone new. The only difference between each introduction was that she changed her name for each new person she met.

Right as I found myself wondering what on earth the point of the commercial was, the punch line cut in and said, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas."

The punch line evoked an immediate response in me, but I am not sure it was the one intended by the Las Vegas tourism bureau. Instead of humor and entitlement, I found myself sickened.

Images flooded back into my memory of different places I had heard that phrase before. As a junior enlisted person and even as a chaplain, I have heard the expression, "What happens on deployment, stays on deployment."

While some people used this phrase trying to be cute or humorous, I found it to be a veiled attempt for people to rationalize their immoral or illegal behavior.

I do not want this article to be perceived as an attack on the evils of Las Vegas because that is not my point. My point is that there is an ever-present undercurrent in our society that strives to seduce us into rationalizing what God's word calls sin.

If we as a country or an

armed force do not confront this at every turn, we stand the chance of being dragged down ourselves. Be it Abu Gahrab prison, or scenes from the streets of New Orleans after the hurricane, sin in the form of bad behavior impacts us all. Evil deeds done in secret do not just stay there. God sees and knows all.

Every week I deal with Soldiers and family members who love to sow their wild oats all weekend, and then come Monday they pray for a crop failure. They justify their actions with phrases like, "Boys will be boys" or "Girls will be girls," but when it comes time to what the Bible says in Galatians 6: 7 ("A man reaps what he sows." New International Version), they find themselves facing the consequences of their sin: in the form of sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies and uncontrollable debt or broken marriages. Their actions have huge consequences.

For those that come to me for help, I respond with the caring of God's love, but also with the reality of God's truth. I do not provide something that feeds their sin nature, but something that feeds their spirit.

God's word is filled with truth that will carry you to true peace and happiness, if you just follow it. Jesus said in Matthew 7:26 that "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house,

and it fell with a great crash." (NIV)

The wise man was the one who heeded God's word.

I would like to challenge everyone who reads this article to make a difference in your post or community by confronting in love the words or actions of those engaged in immoral or illegal activities. If people of spiritual convictions do not stand up against these things, who will?

In closing, during the first Gulf War, I found myself as an MP (military police) officer helping Kuwaitis recover from their occupation from Iraq. Iraqi graffiti was everywhere on the Kuwaiti buildings. Out of curiosity, I asked a Saudi officer what the graffiti said, and most of it was pretty slanderous against the Kuwaitis.

One phrase caught my attention though. It was a phrase from the Koran and it implied that we all need to be aware of our actions because God sees all things. Somewhere out there was an Iraqi soldier who was disgusted by his fellow soldier's actions, and was reminding them of the sovereignty of God.

At that moment I felt a unique closeness with this unknown Iraqi because we both understood our accountability under God.

Don't believe or spread the lie. What happens in Vegas does not stay in Vegas. The only thing to stay there will probably be the money you donate to the casinos.

Be a light in the darkness that permeates popular culture. God is counting on you.

# Veterans commemorate 60th anniversary of World War II victory

Brooke Adams  
Press Secretary House Veterans' Affairs Committee

The day of Sept. 2 marked the 60th anniversary of the signal achievement of America's greatest generation. On this day in Tokyo Bay, 1945, the forces of Imperial Japan signed the surrender that ended six years of the global cataclysm known by history as World War II.

We call these men and women, 16 million of whom served in military uniform during the war, and 400,000 of whom died in service, the Greatest Generation.

They have earned that name not only because of their victory in world war. For this is the generation that was forged in the crucible of the Great Depression. This is the generation which, after 1945, went to school and bought homes with the GI Bill, and built a new, more prosperous America.

This is the generation that revolutionized medicine, supported civil rights, knit our cities with great highways and pioneered space exploration. This is the generation that stood firm in the face of totalitarian Communism and gave with unmatched generosity to the world's poor.

President Harry S. Truman, in a radio address broadcast that was part of the surrender ceremonies on the deck of the U.S.S. Missouri, in Tokyo Bay, paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and who bore the pain of loss. He invoked our nation's consequent obligation and spoke with promise of the future open to us through their sacrifices:

"God grant that in our pride of the hour, we may not forget the hard tasks that are still before us; that we may approach these with the same courage, zeal, and patience with which we faced the

trials and problems of the past four years.

Our first thoughts, of course — thoughts of gratefulness and deep obligation — go out to those of our loved ones who have been killed or maimed in this terrible war. On land and sea and in the air, American men and women have given their lives so that this day of ultimate victory might come and assure the survival of a civilized world. No victory can make good their loss.

We think of those whom death in this war has hurt, taking from them fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, and sisters whom they

loved. No victory can bring back the faces they longed to see.

Only the knowledge that the victory, which these sacrifices have made possible, will be wisely used, can give them any comfort. It is our responsibility —ours, the living —to see to it that this victory shall be a monument worthy of the dead who died to win it."

Truly, this Greatest Generation has delivered. Today we who consider it an honor to ensure them a veterans health care and benefits system worthy of their service and sacrifices offer our simple and heartfelt, "Thank you. Job well done."

# Voices of Lightning: How has the date of 9/11 affected you?



"It has affected me by going to war and more deployments."

Sgt. Rodrecus Lipscomb  
HSC, 84th Engineer Bn.  
Construction Wheel Mechanic



"It forced the development of a better homeland security."

Chris Rumell  
Retired First Sergeant



"It has shown me the real purpose of being in the military."

2nd Lt. Scott Wohlford  
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Rgt.  
Platoon Leader



"It has made me realize that Americans are vulnerable too."

Staci Oliver  
Family Member



"...By making me think more about freedom and realizing that it's not free."

Spc. Mark Dille  
HQ, Co. A, 325th FSB  
Motor Transportation

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## Medics

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a laboratory, radiology and a pharmacy.

For about 25 Hawaii-based Soldiers, deployed in support of Ulchi Focus Lens 2005, this scenario seemed very familiar when they took part in a mass casualty exercise out of a combat support hospital here, Aug. 26.

In a couple of hours, Soldiers from Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks Health Clinic saw 15 simulated wounded personnel at their hospital. Injuries ranged from a blast victim, a fractured femur bone, an amputee and — to mix the training up — a baby delivery.

Most of the casualties arrived at the hospital site by Blackhawk helicopters that sometimes dropped off four wounded at one time.

“A MASCAL [mass casualty exercise] is any situation where your resources are overwhelmed by the influx of injured Soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Sean McKay, chief clinical noncommissioned officer for the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic.

“Potentially, three patients could be a MASCAL situation, [so] you still have to make the call of who is the most viable person that is going to live through it,” McKay explained.

Once casualties were unloaded, combat medics transported them to the triage area where they were



**Capt. Kyle Sunada (left), a combat lifesaver and registered nurse with Medical Co. B, TAMC, uses general anesthetic to prep a patient for the simulated surgery of his fractured femur bone. Spc. Francisco Morales, an operating room technician with 121st General Hospital, assists Sunada inside the combat support hospital's operating room, Aug. 26.**

evaluated and sorted into the most urgent.

“They’ll be tagged and sent to the appropriate follow-on care,” McKay said.

Next stop for the most immediate casualties was the trauma area.

“At that location, we’re going to give them immediate resuscitative skills that are required to keep the patient viable. [EMTs] will also begin the diagnostic process,” McKay said.

Following trauma care, many

patients went on to the OR, ICU or ICW areas for further treatment.

U.S. Soldiers from South Korea and Alaska, along with South Korean soldiers, were also located throughout the combat support hospital as part of the MASCAL.

The exercise was McKay’s fifth time training in South Korea. He expressed how imperative it was for the Hawaii-based Soldiers to train in the foreign country.

“This is our front line, and we need to be familiar with the territory and have trust with the people,” McKay said.

He also said that he hoped Soldiers picked up on some of the idiosyncrasies of the South Korean language and culture while they were deployed here.

“This is as real world of a mission that you can get in a training environment,” Sgt. Robert Fecteau, a medical laboratory specialist with Medical Company C, TAMC, said about the MASCAL.

Fecteau, who worked out of a combat support hospital in Afghanistan, said the MASCAL prepared Soldiers for future deployments.

“I can tell you that the Soldiers in Tripler and Schofield don’t get much experience in the field, and if they do, it’s only when they deploy,” Fecteau said. “So, this [mascal] allows me to train up the junior Soldiers and give them an idea of what their responsibilities will be in a combat operation.”

The MASCAL exercise capped off five days of training that consisted of nuclear, biological, chemical operations; resuscitation equipment; semiannual combat medical validation; base defense; and communication equipment.

## Partnership

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ing Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff Rear Admiral Van Alford welcomed attendees. Representatives from the offices of Sen. Daniel Inouye and Gen. Michael Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, conveyed well wishes. Also, representing the undersecretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness, Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Department of Defense Education Activity director, shared his perspective on educating military children.

“Education is not a basket to be filled but a light to be lit” Tafoya said. “If we better educate military children in Hawaii then we educate all children of Hawaii.”

Representatives from each of the four “strategy groups” that comprise JVEF’s working core provided presentations. The meeting concluded with the signing of a formal charter by military and DoE representatives.

*(Editor’s Note: Get more details on JVEF and military education partnerships in next week’s paper.)*



Courtesy Photo

**Soldiers (above) from 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt., prep and paint a picnic table and use a pickaxe (right) to dig a hole for other improvements to the playground of Haleiwa Elementary School.**

## Recruiting

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was to increase active duty recruiters by 25 percent, he said. Officials are also evaluating whether more will be needed in 2006.

A new automated benefit tool is being developed for recruiters, which compares a military career with a civilian career, taking into account benefits and other factors, he added.

In the area of financial benefits, Army officials are working with Congress to double the maximum amount for an initial recruitment incentive from \$20,000 to \$40,000, Harvey said. Only individuals enlisting into certain military occupational specialties would be eligible for the maximum amount, he noted.

Other financial benefits being developed include a \$1,000 “finder’s fee,” which

rewards Soldiers for recommending potential recruits, and the Army Home Mortgage Program, which may offer Soldiers down payments for homes, Harvey said.

The Army advertising budget is up 65 percent this year, and messages are being honed to ensure they reach the right audience and convey the right theme, Harvey said.

Overarching these initiatives is the “Call to Duty” program. This program brings Army leaders, Congressional legislators, veterans organizations, and civilian leaders associated with the Army to local venues to speak about the nobility of service, he said.

“If you really think about it, the greatest work of life is serving this nation,” he said. “I think every American should look in the mirror and say, ‘How am I serving this great country? What am I

doing for this country that is giving me the tremendous opportunity of peace and freedom and democracy?”

Soldiers who recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan are being teamed with recruiters nationwide, Harvey said. These Soldiers, who are generally coming from units with high retention rates and morale, can provide potential recruits with experienced insight on life in the Army and deployments.

A strong belief in the value of military service is what keeps people enlisting and re-enlisting in the Army, Harvey said. Those serving today will be able to look back with pride at what they have contributed, he said.

“They are serving this country; they are preserving peace and freedom in this country,” he said. “They are part of something that is bigger than themselves. They have freed 50 million people.”

## DEPLOYED FORCES

# Female Soldiers lend medical assistance

Story and Photos by  
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29th Brigade Combat Team

**LOGISTIC SUPPORT AREA ANACONDA, Iraq** — Regardless of the controversy over female Soldiers in a combat zone, some missions require their services to accommodate cultural and gender barriers.

Two female Soldiers from the 29th Support Battalion, 29th Brigade Combat Team, take on the challenges of leaving the security of post to contribute their services for a mission greater than gender issues.

To help Iraqis, some missions require Soldiers to venture out into the local villages here. To respect Iraq's strong cultural beliefs, female Soldiers are needed to interact with local women during missions.

Recently, a group of medics, doctors and security elements from 29th Support Bn. and 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, traveled to the Village of Yethrib to provide medical assistance. More than 100 Iraqis soon took advantage of the aid, which was advertised by word of mouth.

Spc. Losivale Faaiu and Spc. Alexis Hernandez, two female Soldiers from the 29th, were among those who wanted to go "outside the wire" to help with the mission — despite the dangers of insurgent activities.

Faaiu was looking forward to her first mission outside of LSA Anacanda, and she wanted to see the country and interact with Iraqis in their communities.

"I'm excited and anxious. You never know what's going to happen," she said. "I feel lucky to have gotten the chance to go on this mission."

A chemical operations specialist for 29th Support Bn., Faaiu played a different role for this mission by providing security.

As a precaution, all Iraqis seeking medical care are searched, and Faaiu was responsible for searching females. The usually "happy, go lucky" Soldier was all business as she helped control the crowd of villagers waiting to be seen by medics and doctors.

Hernandez is a medic who has gone outside the wire a few times before, to support the Soldiers of 100th Bn., 442nd Inf., during their patrols. The medical assistance mission was her first with the intent of treating Iraqis.

"The concept of the mission is great. We help a lot of local nationals," Hernandez said.

During the mission Hernandez attended patients of all ages and treated various illnesses.

"Gender should not be considered; it should be based on ability."

"Some Iraqis are hesitant to see me because I'm a female, but I know they were raised this way, so I don't let it get to me," Hernandez explained. "Most of them see us as equal."

Coupled with training the two received before coming into Iraq, both were confident in traveling outside the confines of the post. Soldiers took precautions throughout the mission, and IEDs found along the route were safely eliminated.

"The news is negative," Hernandez said, reflecting on news media coverage. "They don't mention the [Iraqi] people pointing out the bombs to us. You don't see what the Iraqis are trying to do for their country," she emphasized.



Spc. Alexis Hernandez, a medic from 29th Support Bn., 29th BCT, comforts her young Iraqi patient as she examines him during a medical assistance visit.



Spc. Jasmine Ocampo, a medic assigned to Co. C, 29th Support Bn., 29th BCT, speaks to reporters from the New York Times about her work at the North Entry Control Point. With hundreds of Iraqis coming to the gate every day to work on the LSA or receive urgent medical care, the soldiers there have become a focus for national media attention from newspapers, to magazines, to television documentary crews.

## TRANSFORMATION

## Division Support Command readies for transformation

Story and Photo by  
Capt. Johnny Wilson  
Division Support Command

Taking transformation "up a notch," the 25th Infantry Division Support Command recently executed battle drills to establish a Division rear area, while officers received officer professional development (OPD) on combat service and health service support operations.

The three-day event was executed in three parts. The initial phase focused on training noncommissioned officers to set up the new Base-X tent system, and in the second phase, NCOs and Soldiers set up the tactical operations center.

NCOs represented the 225th Forward Support Battalion, the 325th FSB, the 524th Corps Support Battalion, the 725th Main



Division Support Command Soldiers move equipment and tents during a three-day tactical operations center exercise, or TOCEX.

Support Battalion and the DISCOM headquarters.

Contractors taught NCOs and Soldiers the capabilities and employment of the newly fielded Base-X tent system. The instruc-

tion covered employment of the tent system and highlighted its advantages and versatility. Advantages include speed of setup and recovery, and power generation and environmental control units

as components of the forward system.

NCOs supervised and trained Soldiers on employment of new equipment. Soldiers commented on the speed and ease of set-up and recovery using the new Base-X tent system, and they improved their set up time.

In the third phase, officers received OPD, information briefs that mapped out the glide path for transformation. The capstone OPDs focused on the transforming logistical structure.

Briefs progressed from current operational setup within the Division and continued with the logistics structure of the Sustainment Brigade in the transformed force — from theater level to support, to infantry battalion and combat service support to health service support.

The instructional briefs outlined

the many changes that leaders will confront on the march forward as DISCOM transforms to Support Brigade and as 725th MSB to Brigade Troops Battalion.

Officers across all grades said they can envision the evolution of combat service support as the Army transforms into a more modular and lethal force.

"The TOCEX [tactical operations center exercise] was an excellent opportunity for Division logisticians to discuss how we will fight and support our new CSS [combat service support] structures," said Lt. Col. Gregory Mason, DISCOM deputy commander. "It was a great exercise."

Soldiers, NCOs and officers said they came away from the exercise with increased skills and knowledge in the use of new equipment, as well as with a better understanding of transformation.

## News Briefs

**Federal Impact Survey** — This week Hawaii public school students received a federal census survey card to take home from school. Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to complete the federal survey card and return it promptly to their child's school. The data collected from these forms is turned in to the Federal Department of Education, which determines funding received by the Hawaii DoE.

Impact aid is the DoE program that provides payments for a portion of the educational costs of federally connected students. It's intended to replace the tax revenues lost to a community by the double impact of having a colocated, non-taxable federal property. As well, impact aid is the only federal education program where the funds are sent directly to the receiving school district's general fund for operations such as the purchase of textbooks, computers, utilities and staff salaries.

**DPW Engineering Relocation** — The Department of Public Works's Engineering Division will be relocating from Building 113 Wheeler Army Air Field to the second floor of Building 108 on WAAF, Monday. Engineering will reopen for business Sept. 19. Call Victor Lee at 656-2914, extension 3068, for more details.

**CIF Telephone Change** — Reach the accountable officer at the Central Issue Facility at a new number, 655-8120. For more details, call Luis Encarnacion at 655-3975/ 655-8120.

**Military COLA Survey** — All military personnel in the state of Hawaii are encouraged to complete the military Cost of Living Allowance survey sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command, any time before Sept. 30, via the Internet. Participate at [www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscsla/lps/hawaii](http://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscsla/lps/hawaii).

Accuracy in completing the survey is critical to the COLA determination process. For more information, call Eddie Fowler at 477-1396.

**AMR Chapel** — Women's groups have begun fall programs at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, and three fall Bible studies will be introduced for morning study. Call Kelley Bradley at 833-4094 for details.

**Military Council of Catholic Women** — MCCW fall studies will begin Thursday with Full of Grace by Johnette S. Benkovic. All women from AMR, Fort Shafter, Tripler, Schofield Barracks, Kaneohe, Pearl Harbor and Hickam Air Force Base are invited to be part of the MCCW.

Meetings are held at AMR Chapel, and free child care is provided during programs, once chil-

dren have been registered at AMR, Fort Shafter or Schofield Barracks. Call the Chapel Religious Education Office to make a reservation for your child at 833-8175. Call Liz Martin at 834-7335 for more details about MCCW.

**Hispanic Heritage Observance** — The Stryker Brigade Combat Team is hosting the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, Hispanic Heritage Month Observance Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at Sergeant Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. Soldiers, civilian employees and family members are invited to come celebrate and learn more about Hispanic cultures.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Christopher Keese, Stryker Brigade Equal Opportunity advisor, at 655-6244.

**64th Military Police Corps Regimental Anniversary Ball** — Officers and Soldiers, as well as Department of the Army police and civilians of the Military Police Brigade, Hawaii, will be celebrating their 64th Military Police Corps Regiment Anniversary Ball on Friday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom.

For ball tickets and information, call Reynaldo Balmores or 1st Lt. Duncan at 655-5514/5513/5349.

**Child Safety Seats** — Does your child's car seat move around after you have buckled it in? Is it the right type of safety seat for the size of your child? Do you know if the seat ever been recalled? Or do you know when is it safe for your child to use just a seat belt, or even what is that little metal clip and when do you need to use it?

Child safety seats can be confusing, and questions are seemingly endless. Help is now available. Come to the free Child Safety Seat Inspection and get your child's safety seat examined for safety. Experts will answer questions and discuss transporting your children as safely as possible.

Sponsored by Tripler Army Medical Center and the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, this safety inspection will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic. For more details, call Carol Moreno at 433-6434.

**Preretirement Orientation** — Soldiers with 18 or more years of active service should attend the semiannual preretirement orienta-

tion scheduled for Oct. 4 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room, Building 584, on Trimble Road, across the street from the Sergeant Smith Theater. Spouses of applicable military personnel are also encouraged to attend.

The orientation will provide information concerning benefits and privileges for military retirees. Representatives from federal, state agencies and military staff offices will be available to answer individual questions.

For more information, call the Schofield Barracks Retirement Services Office at 655-1585/1514.

**Combined Federal Campaign** — The 2005 Hawaii-Pacific CFC will run from Sept. 19 through Oct. 28, and this year's theme is "Heroes of the Pacific - Be One!" The 25th ID (L) is the designated Army agency for all Army units participating in Hawaii's campaign, and staffs look forward to coordinating an effective and rewarding campaign.

As the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, and the only campaign authorized to solicit and collect contributions from federal employees in the workplace, the mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy. For more details, contact Capt. Andrew Thompson at 655-3984.

# Thousands commemorate World War II

Story and Photo by  
USS Missouri  
Memorial Association  
News Release

PEARL HARBOR — Over 200 World War II veterans were the honored guests among more than 2,000 who gathered at the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Sept. 2 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Japan's formal surrender aboard the USS Missouri and the end of history's most devastating war.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association, caretaker of the now decommissioned battleship, hosted the event.

From the Missouri's 01 deck — the Surrender Deck — Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Adm. Gary Roughead was joined by State of Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle, the Missouri's chairman, Vice Adm. Robert K.U. Kihune, and World War II veterans to address attendees seated on the main deck and pier below.

Speakers included retired Army Col. Ben Skardon, who described his experiences as a World War II prisoner of war and Bataan Death March survivor; retired Navy



Veterans of World War II were distinguished guests at the ceremony commemorating the surrender of Japanese Imperial Forces aboard the USS Missouri.

Reserve Lt. Cmdr. James Starnes, who shared his unique perspective as the navigator of the USS Missouri during the final days of the global war, and the officer of the deck at the surrender ceremony; and Missouri gunner's mate Murray Yudelowitz, who witnessed the

formal surrender ceremonies from atop the battleship's massive Turret No. 2, directly above the proceedings.

"I watched as Admiral Chester Nimitz signed and Ambassador Shigemitsu signed for the Japanese government," Yudelowitz said. "A

lot of water has passed under the 'Mo' in the last sixty years, and still the struggle for freedom goes on. I just want to say to the officers, sailors and Marines still on duty on the USS Arizona, and every American service man before and after who has

served this great country, God be with you all. God bless America.

"I leave you with two words — we remember."

The ceremony also featured an international wreath presentation to all World War II veterans who have passed, echo "Taps" and a rifle volley salute performed from atop the Missouri's Turrets 1 and 2, and a Missing Man Formation Flyover by Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 aircraft.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association is a private Hawaii-based nonprofit organization designated by the U.S. Navy as caretaker of the battleship Missouri. The association operates the Battleship Missouri Memorial, and President George Herbert Walker Bush is the memorial's honorary chairman of the board.

The memorial is supported by admissions, retail and concession sales, donations, grants, and the work of volunteers. It is not supported with government funding. The association was formed in 1994 and includes a cross-section of leaders from Hawaii's business, civic, political, and retired military communities.

## Nation marks 60th anniversary of war's end

Gary Sheftick and LaDonna Davis  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than a thousand veterans and service members gathered on the National Mall with the public Sept. 2 for a DoD ceremony commemorating the end of World War II 60 years ago.

Many of the World War II veterans, like former Staff Sgt. Frank Norton, were also in town for military reunions. Norton was one of about 300 attending what was billed as the "last roundup" of the China-Burma-India Veterans Association of World War II.

### One-third of men served in WWII

Nearly 16.5 million men and women served in the armed forces

during World War II and over 4 million of those who served are still alive.

Those service members who participated in the war represented one-third of the male population that was old enough to serve.

"We were so young, we had no idea how serious it (the war) was," said widow Gretchen Howlig, whose husband had served with the U.S. Army Air Corps stationed in China.

"I think it's great they're doing this. I just love to see the different young men in their uniforms," said Howlig.

### War made strangers brothers

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said the war "turned companies of strangers into bands

### ON THE WEB

The site can be viewed at [www.army.mil/postwarjapan](http://www.army.mil/postwarjapan).

of brothers ... on fields where heroes were made."

World War II veteran and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John W. Vessey, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony near the World War II Memorial. He was introduced by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston.

"World War II had both literally and figuratively taken the world apart and put it together again in a different form," said Vessey.

It was clearly the defining event of the 20th century, and the shaping event for the first part of the 21st century," Vessey said.



U.S. Army Photo

Namoro Shigemitsu signs on behalf of the emperor of Japan and the Japanese Imperial government during the surrender ceremony on the USS Missouri, Sept. 2, 1945. Lt. Gen. Richard Sutherland, U.S. Army chief of staff - Southwest Pacific area, stands by.

# Guard mounts massive response to Katrina

# AER helps hurricane victims

LaDonna S Davis  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — For those Soldiers, active and retired, and their family members who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina, Army Emergency Relief will assist with short-term needs such as food, lodging, clothing, gas and other financial needs such as rent deposits and bill payment.

"As long as the emergency exists, we will assist," said retired Col. Dennis Spiegel, deputy director of administration of Army Emergency Relief.

AER is a private nonprofit organization whose sole mission is to help Soldiers and their dependents in times of financial hardships.

AER provides interest-free loans with delay-start repayment, as well as grants on an as-needed basis.

AER obtains most of its funds through donations from both the general public and the Army Family.

Donations can be sent to the Army Emergency Relief Headquarters at 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Va. 22332.

Any military members or family affected by Hurricane Katrina who are in need of financial assistance can call the Army Emergency Relief. The toll free number is 1-866-878-6378.

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www.25idl.army.mil/haw.asp

Story and Photo by  
Master Sgt. Bob Haskell  
Army News Service

NEW ORLEANS — Nearly 30,000 National Guard troops from across America left their families and their civilian jobs during the week after Hurricane Katrina became the biggest national calamity since terrorists struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with jetliners nearly four years earlier.

"This is one of the worst natural disasters we have faced with national consequences. Therefore, there will be a national response," said President George Bush after observing the devastation and recovery missions on Sept. 2.

New Orleans, it was pointed out, is far more than a cultural center, convention city and party town. It is the port for 20 percent of American commerce. It was flooded out — shut down.

And tens of thousands of people in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast states of Louisiana and Mississippi needed help — fast. The afflicted area covers 90,000 square miles, the size of Great Britain, twice the area of Pennsylvania, CNN reported. The National Guard was ready to respond.

## 40 states to send troops

By Sept. 3, five days after the storm struck with 145 mph, Category 4 fury on Aug. 29 and after the levees that protected New Orleans had broken open, nearly 27,000 Army and Air Guard men and



**Louisiana Army National Guard Staff Sgt. John Jackson checks out portable radios outside the Louisiana Superdome a few nights after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and led to massive flooding.**

women were on state active duty in the stricken region.

That number was expected to increase to nearly 40,000 during the coming days. Forty states, including the affected ones, were sending troops, equipment and supplies by cargo planes and convoys. The Guard was providing 74 percent of Joint Task Force Katrina, the unified military support to

civilian authorities, the National Guard Bureau reported.

Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, promised two basic things to President George W. Bush, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and whoever else asked.

"We'll give you whatever you need. We're here for as long as you need us," Blum vowed.

## Mission includes search, security, subsistence relief

Guard members in helicopters and Humvees and high-water trucks are providing security to communities without power, helping distribute food and water, and conducting search and rescue missions in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and in Florida where a relatively mild, Category 1 Katrina had struck the southern Miami region three days before devastating the Gulf Coast.

They did what they could for the 20,000 or so people who flocked to the Louisiana Superdome before and after the storm and who were finally evacuated from that filthy facility on Saturday, Sept. 3. They took control of the Crescent City's convention center the day before that.

By Sept. 3, the Air National Guard had flown 785 sorties, more than it had done in three months. The Air Guard reported flying in 12,854 troops, evacuating more than 11,000 victims to safety and delivering 39,013 tons of supplies and equipment to the devastated area.

## Moving ice, water, sandbags and food

The Guard had trucked nearly 1,600 loads of water and more than 1,000 loads of ice to afflicted people in the four states. The Guard's CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters had flown in 65 sandbags, each weighing 20,000 pounds, to help block a breached levee in Louisiana.

It was the largest and

most comprehensive National Guard response to a natural disaster since 32,000 California Guard members were called up for the earthquake that hit the San Francisco Bay region area in October 1989.

## Bigger than 9/11?

Yes, it was bigger than the response to Sept. 11, 2001, reported National Guard historian Michael Doubler, author of the 2001 book "I Am The Guard."

"With the commitment of 20,000 National Guard troops at this early stage, this operation is already four or five times larger than the sustained National Guard response that followed the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9-11," Doubler said.

"I couldn't be more proud of the people in the National Guard and the absolutely awesome response they're showing to this natural disaster," said Blum while appearing on Larry King Live: How You Can Help, a three-hour CNN special.

"We had over 10,000 Guardsmen on duty, who left their families, left their jobs, prepared to help others before the hurricane hit," Blum explained. "The first Citizen-Soldiers responded to the shot heard 'round the world.' Now we're responding to the storm heard round the world."

*(Editor's note: Master Sgt. Bob Haskell writes for the National Guard Bureau. More news on the Army's response to Hurricane Katrina can be found on the Special Army Web site [www.army.mil/katrina/](http://www.army.mil/katrina/).)*

## Hotlines

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also call the hotline to contact their families.

"If a service member calls in and asks us to find their family, we'll call one or all of the services in that state and say, 'please connect, find the family and get back to us,' so we can let that service member know that they are all right," Baker said.

If deployed service members cannot call one of the toll free numbers, they may be able to make contact through [www.army.mil/ako](http://www.army.mil/ako) or [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) Web sites.

Baker and his team of coordinators have already been successful in contacting deployed service members with family information.

### Many services available via hotline

In addition to helping Guard families and service members make contact, operators at the hotline can assist families in getting help and services from federal, state and local agencies.

"Once they call the hotline, the person can expect a live person to answer the phone, listen to their issue or concern, provide information, or provide a referral or outreach to another agency," Baker said. "Before we hang up the phone, we'll contact the Family Program director or other assisting agency while they are still on line and let them know, what their issues are and what type of assistance they need. The two are then connected."

The assistance provided through the hotline is very extensive and all encompassing, Baker said. He added that National Guard Family Program personnel are deeply connected with numerous federal, state and local agencies. This partnership allows them

to assist families with those operating in the immediate geographic location.

No matter what the problem or issue, Family Program has the ability to find, contact and connect the family with the proper service, officials said, such as the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Legion, the Department of Veterans Affairs and other services operating in the area.

Aside from the hotline, Guard family members can contact their nearest Family Program Office by calling 1-800-342-9647.

### Army Reserve hotline also 24/7

The Army Reserve call center phones will be manned 24 hours a day as of noon, Sept. 2, officials said. Operators will take down information to aid deployed Army Reserve Soldiers in determining the status and whereabouts of their families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Additionally, callers will be screened to determine what other assistance they may need. The call center will have information and will help guide callers to specific resources.

In addition to the 1-877 phone number, a Web site is established where families of deployed/mobilized Army Reserve Soldiers and Army Reserve civilians may provide their current contact information. The address of the Web page is <http://www.arfp.org>. The Web site also provides information and links to the many agencies providing specific relief to those in need.

Army Reserve Soldiers and Army Reserve civilians who have been dislocated as a result of the hurricane should also call the number, officials said, or log into the Web site to aid in establishing accountability.



Master Sgt. James M. Bowman



PH1 Ken J. Riley

Above — National Guard Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 204th Air Defense Artillery Battalion, Newton, Miss., distribute Meals Ready to Eat and ice in Pascagoula, Miss., on Sept. 3, during humanitarian relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

Right — September 2, 2005, Mississippi Army National Guardsmen and Sailors from the Amphibious Assault Ship USS Bataan (LHD-5) load a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with hurricane relief supplies at Gulf Port International Airport, Miss.

# APCSS ponders 21st century issues

Asia-Pacific Center for  
Security Studies  
*News Release*

HONOLULU – The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is hosting a conference entitled “Perspectives on Asia-Pacific Security for the 21st Century,” Monday through Tuesday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The conference will convene distinguished experts and practitioners to examine the security challenges and opportunities for the Asia-Pacific region for the 21st century.

In the last decade, the Asia-Pacific region has increasingly fostered security cooperation through multilateral dialogue conducted by both governments and non-government agencies. At the same time, new security threats that transcend national borders have emerged that require even closer cooperation among the countries in the region.

In addition, an important security challenge continues to be the need for sustained dialogue to manage and ultimately resolve long-standing conflicts in the region.

To prepare for the securi-



William R. Goodwin

**Fellows and faculty interact during a seminar session in an APCSS Executive Course, held three times a year with about 100 Fellows per course. Seminar groups promote discussion and teambuilding.**

ty challenges ahead, this conference will assess the progress and effectiveness of “theater security cooperation” and examine how regional cooperation and dialogue can be strengthened at the governmental as well as the non-governmental level.

By convening this conference, it is hoped that the representatives from throughout the region will be able to forge a common vision of the security future for the Asia-Pacific for the 21st Century.

In conjunction with the conference, APCSS is also

hosting an “open house” for conference attendees and invited guests. The open house will commemorate APCSS’ 10th anniversary.

For more information on the conference, go to [www.apcss.org](http://www.apcss.org) and click on “Conferences” then “Future Conferences.”



Joy Boisselle

## Fellowshipping

Nearly 50 women gathered for friendship and fellowship at the Protestant Women of the Chapel’s Fall Kick-off held Tuesday at the Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks. Weekly meetings feature Bible studies, activities, prayer and food. PWOC is also available at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.

## News Briefs

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**Law School** — The Office of the Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this initiative, the Army plans sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. This program is open to officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain, and applicants must send their request through command channels. Interested officers should contact Lt. Col. Jim Robinette at 655-4884 for more information, or to schedule an interview with the staff judge advocate.

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

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

**Road Closings** — McCornack Road from Cadet Sheridan Road to Hewitt Street on Schofield Barracks will be closed through December 2006. The reason for these road closures is to construct new family housing quarters. For more information, contact Albert Matute at 748-8200.

# Wolfhounds honor 91-year-old sergeant major

By Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

"Living History Day" on most military bases is an annual event held at the post museum. The event is marked by speeches, vehicle and photo displays, and numerous reenactors celebrating the traditions, lore, and history of units on the post, both past and present.

For the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds," celebrating their "Living History" means marking the birthday of their own living legend, Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Hugh O'Reilly. With four days of events held in his honor, the Wolfhound Regiment helped Sgt. Maj. O'Reilly celebrate his 91st birthday in true "Wolfhound" fashion. Events included a regimental run on Aug. 26 and numerous cake-cutting ceremonies, the last hosted by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team on Aug. 30.

Of O'Reilly's importance to the regiment, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Marrero, a former 2nd Battalion Wolfhound and currently Command Sgt. Maj. of the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, said, "You just can't put into words what he's meant [to the regiment]. From when he was first with the regiment to now, he has touched so many lives from the orphanage to all the Soldiers through the years."

Continuing he said, "He is still a Soldier and he is the honorary regimental sergeant major. More than that, he is like everybody's father."

So who is the man who has won



Archive Photo

**In 1949, 27th Regiment's Platoon Sgt. Hugh O'Reilly greets orphans from the Holy Family Home near Osaka, Japan. O'Reilly is credited with establishing a relationship with the orphanage that continues today. He is the honorary Sergeant Major of the 27th Regiment.**

the respect and perhaps more importantly, the love of so many?

Born Aug. 27, 1914 in New York, Hugh F. O'Reilly at 18 enlisted in the Army in 1932 and spent his three year enlistment in Hawaii. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, he, then a civilian, heeded the call to arms again and joined the Marines serving in Guam and Guadalcanal before his discharge in 1945.

A short four years later and perhaps missing the 'Soldier way of life', O'Reilly enlisted in the Army once again in 1949 at the age of thirty-four. It is here that his story with the "Wolfhounds" really begins.

O'Reilly was sent to Japan where

he was assigned as a platoon sergeant for B Company, 27th Infantry Regiment. On Christmas day while visiting the Holy Family Home, a local orphanage, O'Reilly noted the disrepair of the facility and the lack of bare necessities for the orphaned children. He resolved to make a difference in their lives that day.

O'Reilly took up a collection among the Soldiers and on New Year's Day, 1950, presented the home and the children with gifts, clothes, toys, and money. More than 50 years later, that simple act forged a relationship between the regiment and the orphanage that flourishes still today.

Senior leaders down to even the

youngest Soldier describe O'Reilly as an icon, a wolfhound to the core, a unit treasure, and the very heart and soul of the regiment.

At the 2nd BCT cake ceremony, Col. Steve Banach, the brigade commander said of O'Reilly, "He represents the legacy of the Wolfhound organization. He has spent 56 years caring for the children of a country that was once our enemy, and I think that's a pretty important lesson for our Soldiers to understand...the decency that comes from being a Soldier."

"Sgt. Maj. O'Reilly is an incredible role model whether you are a Wolfhound or not. And, anyone who has ever come in contact with him feels better for having known him — in his interactions with Soldiers, he conveys what's important and gives the right perspective on being a Soldier," Banach explained.

An ever-present supporter of the Wolfhounds and the 25th Infantry Division, O'Reilly's presence is felt at many unit events, including promotions, reenlistments, and changes of command. Several days a week, he can be found in one of his offices at each of the battalion headquarters. While there, he works on his memoirs, discusses Wolfhound history with new Soldiers, or just enjoys conversations with the many visitors who stop in to say a hello.

When asked about the celebrations in his honor, Sgt. Maj. O'Reilly bowed his head and said simply, "Well, I think they think a lot more of me than I really am."

See "Wolfhounds," page A-10

# BSTB Family Night builds camaraderie

1st Lt. Gregory Polk  
3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion

Once a month at 5 p.m., you'll find the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion in the dining facility with their families. The BSTB enjoys strong camaraderie at work, and one way to further that camaraderie is to bring families into the battalion. For three months, Family Night has successfully mixed all ranks of Soldiers and families for fun and good times.

The time frame is a treat that allows the cooking staff to create new themes and dishes. This Family Night featured authentic Mexican dishes: fresh basil and ground garlic melting on lasagna, chicken parmesan and spaghetti, to name a few. Families feasted on desserts such as chocolate mousse pie, strawberry cheesecake and plenty ice cream.

Small children said they liked the movie presentation, while adults commented they enjoyed the opportunity to socialize. As well, Single Soldiers, their friends and significant others said they welcomed the inclusive atmosphere.

Not only did the evening's dinner provide great quality food for all families at a very low cost, children from 2 weeks old to 18, and spouses, received the opportunity to meet and greet other unit members. At night's end, the unit's goal had been met — to strengthen bonds during stressful times in military households, times filled with change caused by deployments, permanent change of station and transformation moves.

## Wolfhounds

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As for his role in the unit, he explained, "I try to teach Soldiers about the traditions and spirit of the unit and that the Army is built on traditions. It's nice to be able to tell them about the Wolfhound's distinguished combat career and about the Medal of Honor winners, of which I have known several.

"I just try to make them feel as proud as I am to be a Wolfhound; and I'd rather be with the Wolfhounds than any other place except home."

Many Soldiers look to historical and special heroes when faced with questions, both military and personal. They ask themselves, "What would Sgt Audie Murphy, or Gen. Omar Bradley, or even my Dad do in this circumstance?"

For the Soldiers of the Wolfhound Regiment, a walk to Sgt Maj. O'Reilly's office will guarantee them an answer gained from O'Reilly's lifetime of service to Soldiers, the military, and his country.

## We want to hear from you

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes letters and commentaries. To submit, call 655-4816 or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com. The

editorial deadline for news articles is the Friday prior to the week of publication.

Please send all articles in Microsoft Word or text format.



# Living History Day

## ACTIVITIES

- Try on soldiers' gear and camouflage face paint. Have your picture taken with Co. A, 2/35th Inf's rifle squad.
- What was it like to be a tunnel rat? Climb through our version of a tunnel and earn your 25thID Patch.
- Chat with re-enactors about their period uniforms, weapons, and equipment.
- See current and restored army vehicles.
- Learn about insignia and memorabilia from the early days at Schofield Barracks.
- Talk with present day soldiers about their duties and experiences.



## PROGRAM

The Way it Was: real heroes relate their combat Experiences!

- 10:30- Bob Kinzler, December 7, 1941
- 11:00- Flo Rivera, Vietnam tunnel rat
- 11:30- SGT James Rivera, Operation Enduring Freedom
- 1:00- Steven Fredrick presents actual film footage from December 7, 1941

## ENTERTAINMENT

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# COMMUNITY & SPORTS



## More *than* NUMBERS

*From picture brides to bango tags, Hawaii's Plantation Village paints a vivid portrait of plantation life*

Story and Photos By  
Cpl. Megan L. Stiner  
Press Chief, Hawaii Marine

### ON THE WEB

For more information, call 677-0110 or visit [www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org](http://www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org).

WAIPAHAU — The tour guide, a man of 80, ushers young visitors into a hallway where they wait for their turn to tour the sugar plantation. He seems eager to begin the tour. His enthusiasm and zeal give the impression that he has a personal connection to the plantation, which, in fact, he does.

Sugar plantations began sprouting up around the island of Oahu in the mid to late 1900s. Shortly thereafter, sugarcane became the staple agricultural product in Hawaii. On the island of Kauai alone there was once a total of 17 sugar mills.

During this time, more than 400,000 immigrants began making the journey from their home countries to Hawaii, in order to establish themselves and make money through the sugar trade.

Domingo Los Banos is a tour guide for Hawaii's Plantation Village here, who grew up among people from a variety of races and nationalities. It is a life he seems to have enjoyed very much.

"You had to have a sense of humor," he began, as he described what life was like growing up on the plantation, "and nearly every joke revolved around where you came from — Korea, China, Japan, the Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico. There were a lot of people from different countries, all mixed together. The easiest way to get along with everyone was through humor."

As the tour progressed, guests gained a true feel for how people from diverse cultures defined who they were

through the different styles of homes and recreation areas.

The first building on the tour is a Chinese society building — a brilliantly painted red and white structure, complete with artifacts, pictures and household tools from the early plantation era.

Further into the tour are the homes of Portuguese, Puerto Rican and Japanese workers who traveled to Hawaii to make a better life for themselves. The Koreans and Filipino houses that followed the others also displayed their country's heritage through pictures, tools, beds, clothing and house construction.

Stories about movie stars, boxers, rooster fights, worship and the simplicity of life are told as guests travel on small concrete paths from house to house.

The infirmary and general store separate the homes from the most social building on the tour: the dance hall.

All visitors are invited to sit on benches inside the wide-open ballroom and listen to the guide talk about how strict the rules about certain cultures intermingling with others were. He also speaks of how the sternness soon wore off, and that is why Hawaii is now filled with people of mixed nationalities.

Los Banos keeps visitors engaged with humorous comments about his upbringing. He continues to comment on humor, an ever-present element throughout his tour.

"If you can't laugh at yourself, than you will grow to be miserable," he stated. "Humor is enjoyed worldwide."

The tour concludes with a short stroll by natural ponds filled with fish. The timing is perfect for guests to ask the guide questions about the plantation before visiting the plantation's gift shop, filled with items made by craftsmen of the village.



Above — Domingo Los Banos points to his family photo (center), which hangs in the Filipino house at Hawaii's Plantation Village, as Marine Sgt. Santiago Kaites, a platoon sergeant with Combat Service Support Group 3 looks on. Above the family photo is a picture of Los Banos' grandfather, the first member of his family to travel to Hawaii and work the sugarcane fields.



Top — A display at Hawaii's Plantation Village depicts a young Japanese woman, recently arrived at the docks in Honolulu, holding the picture of the man who has sent for her hand in marriage. Often during the 1900s, older men who traveled to Hawaii to work the sugarcane fields, would send an old picture of themselves to young women. They hoped to entice them to

come to Hawaii for marriage. Tour guides say many times these picture brides would not recognize their future husband because the outdated picture sent no longer resembled the man or was not a true indication of his real age. One of the displays tells of a young woman whose husband-to-be was more than 25 years older than she, but she married him anyway to avoid shaming her family.

Bottom Right — These bango tags were used by managers at Hawaii's Plantation Village to keep track of thousands of immigrant workers whose names were odd and unfamiliar. Plantations tracked their workers by ethnicity, often by assigning a particular ethnicity with a specific number series.





**MWR Briefs**  
Serving America's Army in Hawaii  
**SEPTEMBER**

**10 / Saturday**

**Yu-Gi-Oh** — Get ready to duel at the Tropics. Registration will get underway at 1 p.m. for this tournament, and the duel starts at 2 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes Yu-Gi-Oh merchandise. Prizes will be awarded, and all ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.

**Plant Doctor** — Nursing a sick plant? Stop by the Aliamanu Military Reservation Library from 1 to 3 p.m., and plant doctors will help you diagnose the problem. Call 833-4851 for more information.

**12 / Monday**  
**Nehelani Advisory Council Meeting** — This bimonthly meeting will be held today at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center on Schofield Barracks. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and the community is invited to attend. For more details, call 655-4466.

**Mongolian Barbecue** — Select from a large variety of meats and vegetables, and we'll grill them to personal preferences beginning at 5 p.m. today at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, with seating at Reggie's. Cost is \$.65 per ounce, and reservations are recommended. Call 655-0660.

**14 / Wednesday**  
**U.S. Army Field Band** — The U.S. Army Field Band, the Army's premier touring musical group, will present a musical showcase to audiences at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks beginning at 5:15 p.m. today. Stop by to enjoy the entertainment as well as the diverse selection of foods the Nehelani has to offer. For more information, call 655-4466.

**Stained Glass Class** — Learn either beginning foil or lead techniques in this six-session class being held at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center beginning Sept. 14. Classes will be held weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and costs \$50. Supplies are additional. Advance registration is recommended due to limited class size. Call 655-4202 to register or learn more.

**17 / Saturday**  
**Parent's Night Out** — Leave your kids in the competent hands of Child and Youth Services on Sept. 17, and enjoy a nice night out on the town. Children enrolled in Parent's Night Out must be registered with

the office no later than Sept. 14 at noon.

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

**Dog Wash and Vaccination Clinic** — Fort Shafter Veterinary clinic will be holding a pet vaccination clinic and dog wash on Saturday, September 17, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments must be made for the vaccination clinic. Walk-ins are welcome for the dog wash. Donations are greatly appreciated for the dog wash; payment is due upon receipt of services for the vaccinations. Please call for further details, or to schedule an appointment.  
(808) 433-1975 or (808) 433-2271

**30 / Friday**

**Hawaiian Luau** — 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 438-1947 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

**ONGOING**

**Family Child Care** — Individuals interested in caring for children in their home should inquire with the Child and Youth Service's Family Child Care program. Benefits include free training, additional income and flexible hours. For more information, call either the Aliamanu Military Reservation FCC office at 837-0236 or the Schofield Barracks FCC at 655-8373.



**Tropic Lightning Week** — Organizations interested in operating a food booth during Tropic Lightning Week, Oct 3-7 must designate a point of contact to complete the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Family Readiness Group Food Service Sanitation Training, online at [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com), prior to the fundraising event in October. For more information on participation, call 655-0110/0112.

**Army Community Theater** — Tickets are now available for Richardson Theater's 63rd season featuring "Guys & Dolls," "Kismet," "Cats," and "Damn Yankees." Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$20, and season subscriptions and individual tickets can be purchased from the box office open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets may also be purchased from the ACT Web site at <http://www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html>. Call 438-4480 for more information.

**Nue va en la Biblioteca** — The Sgt Yano Library on Schofield Barracks now has a collection of books and videocassettes in Spanish. Books are appropriate for children of all ages, and a wide selection of adult fiction by popular authors such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Sandra Cisneros is also available. For more information, call 655-0145.

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

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

**Pau Hana Friday** — Enjoy cool refreshments and the chef's choice, a \$2 pupu platter every Friday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Mulligans and Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter. Call 438-1974 for more information.

**Karaoke at Waianae Beach** — Sing along to popular music at this activity held Mondays through Thursdays from 7 to 11:30 p.m., and Fridays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call 696-4778 for more information.

**Tropic Lightning** — Enjoy a fast and hot lunch buffet, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Reggie's. Cost is \$8.95 per person. Call 655-4466 for more details.

**Tropics and Starbucks** — Visit the Ono Isle at the Tropics and enjoy hot and cold Starbucks specialties such as lattes, cappuccinos, mochas, hot chocolate and much more. The Ono Isle serves delicious pastries, desserts and smoothies. Visit the Tropics in Building 589 on Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0002 for more information.

**Framing and Matting** — The Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center offers framing and matting techniques in this weekly class. Participants cut and assemble 8 by 10-inch frames with double mats. Classes are held every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per session and includes artwork used for the course project. Call 655-4202 for more information or to register.

**Schofield Fall Camp** — Registration continues for the Schofield Fall Youth Camp. Middle School students and teens interested in meet-

See "MWR Briefs," page B-4



**Celebrate**  
**Hale Ikena's 6th Birthday!**

**\$6.00 Lunch Buffet**  
September 26 - 29  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Birthday Celebration**  
September 29  
5 - 7 p.m.

**For Reservations Call: 438-1974**

*Tickets must be purchased in advance to receive the special pricing listed above. Those purchasing tickets on the same day will pay the regular price of \$8.95.*

**Community Calendar**  
**SEPTEMBER**

**9 / Today**  
**Schofield Barracks Community Chapel** — The Schofield Barracks Community Chapel presents the "Wounded, Hurt and Healed" 2005 Women's Conference on Sept. 9 and 10 at the Main Post Chapel. The guest speaker is Prophetess Gerrian Hawes from Atlanta. The program will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday; lunch will be provided on Saturday. For more information, contact the Main Post Chapel Staff at 655-9307.

**26 / Monday**  
**ACS Volunteer Advisory Council** — The Volunteer Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2091. The VAC council is made up of representatives from all of the agencies served by volunteers. Senior command group spouses, agency reps, unit reps, active duty or spouses from the battalion level are encouraged to attend. Planning our volunteer recognition ceremony for next April will be a topic for discussion. Contact Cathie Henderson at 655-2398 for more information.

**ACS Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)** — The Army Community Service EFMP is sponsoring "A Parent's Guide to Special Education in Hawaii Schools," an important workshop series for all par-

ents of special needs children in our local schools. Learn how to become an advocate for your special needs child, regardless of where you live.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii (LDAH) will present a free three-day workshop at the Schofield Barracks ACS, Building 2091, on Sept. 26, 27, and 28 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Registration is required. Call Army Community Service at 655-2400 or 655-2303, or LDAH at 536-9684, ext. 26 to register.

**15 / Thursday**  
**Hui O Na Wahine** — The Hui O' Na Wahine will hold its first 2005-2006 luncheon Sept. 15 at the Nehelani Club on Schofield Barracks. This month's program will feature Stuart Holmes Coleman, author of the book, "Eddie Would Go." Mr. Coleman will be bringing books to sell and for signing after he speaks. Come early and shop, meet new friends and enjoy lunch. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for shopping and lunch at 11 a.m. For reservations, last names A-L, call Kristin Flynn-Reservations at 624-8199 or email at [dkflynn@earthlink.net](mailto:dkflynn@earthlink.net). For reservations, last names M-Z, contact Kelly Albert at 624-0015 or email at [Kelly.s.albert@us.army.mil](mailto:Kelly.s.albert@us.army.mil)

Limited on-site child care will be provided. Call Central Registration at 655-3929 and 655-5314 to make a reservation. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services prior to calling. Interested vendors should call Amy Snyder at 624-4989.

**30 / Friday**  
**Joint Spouses Conference Registration** — The 11th Annual Joint Spouses' Conference, a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast

Guard, be held Friday, Sept. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.

Registrants may choose from more than 65 workshops with an array of interests including cultural arts, cooking, health and fitness, parenting, career enhancement, military benefits and more.

Keynote speakers include Brig. Gen. Coral Pietsch and "Do It Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments" author Dr. Kent Keith. The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 Friday or Saturday only, and the fee includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a conference tote bag.

Seating is limited to 400, so get your registration forms in early. All forms must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 16. Children are not permitted to attend and child care is not available.

Registration begins today through Sept. 16. Forms may be picked up at military exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops and chapels. Or, register online or download the registration form at [www.jointspousesconference.com](http://www.jointspousesconference.com). For more information, contact Army liaison Beverly Tate at 778-8696.

**OCTOBER**

**1 / Saturday**  
**Tropic Lightning Museum** — The Tropic Lightning Museum is hosting its annual Living History Day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join all in celebrating the thrilling history of the 25th Infantry Division and its distinguished history dating back to 1941.

Learn about the division's role in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and present-day Iraq and Afghanistan. Real-war heroes will relate their com-

bat experiences, and current and restored Army vehicles will be on hand.

Children can enjoy camouflage face painting, school presentations of various projects and crawling through re-enactment tunnels like the ones used in Vietnam. The Tropic Lightning Jazz Ensemble will also provide entertainment.

The museum is located at Building 361, Waianae Ave, Schofield Barracks; admission is free. For more information, contact Linda Hee at 655-0438.

**15 / Saturday**  
**Hale Kula Elementary** — Hale Kula Elementary School's Parent Teacher Association is currently taking booth applications for their Fall Festival to be held on Oct. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. Vendors and interested Family Readiness Groups should contact Kelly at 624-1902.

**ONGOING**

**Army Hawaii Family Housing** — AHFH presents "Take pride in your community," a community-pride contest aimed at their youngest residents. During the month of September, children ages 4 to 17 are invited to participate in a drawing or essay contest. Children, ages 4 to 8, are asked to draw a picture of what community pride means to them, while youth, ages 9 to 17 should submit an essay explaining what they think community pride means.

Entries should be submitted no later than Oct. 15. The entries will be judged according to age groups, 4 to 8, 9 to 12, and 13 to 17, and the first, second and third place winners will receive a special gift.

Contact your community center for more details.

**HACN TV Schedule**

- Morning**
- 6:00 Sign on
  - 6:25 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 6:46 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 7:00 Bulletin Board
  - 7:30 What's down the Drain
  - 7:41 White Face
  - 7:55 Water Safety
  - 8:00 Hawaii Army Report
  - 8:30 Army News Watch
  - 9:00 Pentagon Channel
  - 10:00 White Face
  - 10:15 Change of Command Ceremony 25id & Usarhaw
  - 10:20 Bulletin Board
  - 10:50 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 11:04 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 11:26 VATV #1
  - 11:52 Inside Afghanistan 8/15/05
  - 12:00 Hawaii Army Report
  - 12:35 Pentagon Channel

- Afternoon**
- 2:00 Inside Afghanistan 8/22/05
  - 2:12 Bulletin Board
  - 2:42 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 2:55 Shamu-The Rhino Story
  - 3:30 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 3:50 Hurricane Safety
  - 4:00 Pentagon Channel

- Evening**
- 6:00 Hawaii Army Report
  - 6:30 Community Focus
  - 6:46 What's down the Drain
  - 6:55 Change of Command Ceremony 25id & Usarhaw
  - 7:00 NFL-15 Greatest Comebacks
  - 8:00 Bulletin Board
  - 8:30 Inside Afghanistan 8/15/05
  - 8:42 What's down the Drain
  - 8:50 White Face
  - 9:06 Volunteers
  - 9:21 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 9:34 Inside Afghanistan 8/22/05
  - 9:45 Safety Video
  - 9:49 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 10:10 NFL-Greatest Games 77 Afc
  - 11:22 Bulletin Board

- Overnight**
- Pentagon Channel

**This Week at the MOVIES**

- Sgt. Smith Theater**
- Today*  
Wedding Crashers  
7 p.m. (R)
  - Saturday*  
Hustle & Flow  
7 p.m. (R)
  - Sunday*  
Sky High  
7 p.m. (PG)
  - Wednesday*  
Wedding Crashers  
7 p.m. (R)
  - Thursday*  
Hustle & Flow  
7 p.m. (R)

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

# Dash N' Grab contestants win \$1,242 in free groceries

Candace Godfrey  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

"Go! Go! Go!" is what you often hear at the start of the quarterly Dash N' Grab event held at the Schofield Commissary; hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and sponsored by Army Hawaii Family Housing.

August 25 was no exception. Three lucky contestants dashed through the commissary and together grabbed more than \$1,200 worth of free groceries.

The event, which mimics the Supermarket Sweep game show, kicks off with a question and answer period. The Q&A session and the contestants' answers determine which finalists will receive the three-minute, two-minute and one-minute shopping sprees.

The three finalists — selected at random from entry boxes placed at the Schofield Commissary, Army Community Service and the Tropics — were Staff Sgt. Dean Reed, Pfc. Courtney Thrower and Mrs. Mary Ann Christian. Each finalist was allowed to bring a partner to assist him or her in answering questions and with pushing the grocery cart.

Thrower, an active duty Soldier with 25th Transportation, and his wife Felicia won the three-minute spree. Christian, the wife of



Ruben Moreno

**Contestants (clockwise, from bottom left) Josielyn and Dean Reed, and Mary Ann and Brandon Christian (right), raid the meat aisle as commissary patrons capture the moments.**

an activated National Guardsman currently serving in Iraq, and her son Brandon won the two-minute spree. Reed, an active duty Soldier with 325th Forward Support Battalion, and his

wife Josielyn won the one-minute spree.

Thrower said that "he was first focusing on the meat," and then as the countdown

from three minutes began, he and his wife ran to the meat aisle. At two minutes, Christian and Brandon also took off for the meat aisle;

however, one-minute winners, the Reeds, said they wanted to hit the meat but also wanted razors and other toiletry products.

After the allotted time for each contestant, all made their way to the checkout aisles to determine the value of the goods they had grabbed.

Christian, whose cart only contained meat, said, "I have two freezers and two iceboxes. I'm having a barbecue dinner tonight. Anything the kids want, they got it."

Christian grabbed the most items of all the contestants; she walked away with \$728.89 worth of free groceries.

Thrower, whose cart contained meat and a variety of other items said, "I got enough; I don't even know what to do with it."

The Throwers received \$284.88 of free groceries.

Reed's cart contained meat, fish, razors and a variety of other items. Josielyn Reed was disappointed that they didn't have time to grab some shampoo and conditioner, but she said she was thankful to walk away with \$228.95 worth of groceries.

The Dash N' Grab event was originally created to boost the morale of family members of deployed Soldiers. Army Hawaii Soldiers still remain deployed, and this event continues to bring smiles, fun and excitement to active duty Soldiers and family members on Schofield Barracks.

# Medieval fun beckons kids

Jan Iwase  
Principal, Hale Kula  
Elementary School

Fair maidens, courageous knights, humble peasants, beautiful princesses and ferocious dragons were all observed roaming around Hale Kula Elementary School, Sept. 1.

Each was participating in the Medieval Family Fair, a culminating activity for the Scholastic Book Fair, which is a major fund-raiser for the school's library and Parent Teacher Association.

School librarian Michelle Colte and PTA President Melanie O'Neill coordinated the activities leading up to the Medieval Family Fair.

More than 30 students and their families worked on castles for the castle-building contest, using recyclable materials. They designed creative castles of all sizes and shapes for the contest.

Judges said they experienced difficulty selecting winners, but after much contemplation, they narrowed the field to the following students and declared them winners: Katherine Browder, Andre and Lauren Shade, Brianna Gormally, Justin Mitchiner and Dominique Blake.

Fifth graders Elizabeth Haebig, Katherine Browder,



Michelle Colte

**Leilani and Lopaka Wahineokai and Brianna Gormally pose with the castles they made for the Hale Kula Castle Contest as part of the Medieval Family Fair, Sept. 1.**

Brittany Stockton and Alexandra Jacobs came up with the idea to hold a costume contest in conjunction with the Medieval Family Fair.

"The girls planned everything," Colte said, "from the flyers that were distributed to the rubric used to judge the contestants, and the certificates that were presented to the winners."

Evident from the number of participants, the fair was a popular activity. The Society for Creative Anachronisms featured jousting bouts and a spinning wheel demonstration, as well as arts and crafts activities and displays. The Student

Council organized medieval-type games, and diverse families browsed through the Book Fair, purchasing old and new favorites.

"We appreciate the support from the school community; an event of this magnitude cannot be done without the help of many," Colte emphasized. "Our parents, teachers, military and busi-

ness community helped to make this a special night for our students.

We will have another event in the spring to coincide with our second Book Fair, 'Camp Read a Book.' We've already started planning," she continued. "I hope the community will join us again for the next activity."

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ing new people and going on field trips are encouraged to sign up for this activity running Sept. 26 to Oct. 7.

Cost is only \$25 per week and registration is at the Resource and Referral Office at Schofield Barracks. Parents must sign a waiver for their child to participate. Call 655-0451 for more information.

**Homeschool Support Group** — Homeschool students are invited to join biweekly group meetings where activities include arts and crafts, field trips, science experiments, computer classes and more.

Call 655-2263 to obtain a copy of the current calendar or learn more about registration.

**Youth Sponsorship** — If you are new to Hawaii and between the ages of 5 and 18, CYS has a welcome gift for you, and a youth sponsor who wants to be your friend. Call 655-2263 for more information.

**SKIES Unlimited** —

Your one-stop program for child and youth instructional classes is SKIES Unlimited. Current offerings include music, martial arts, gymnastics and driver education classes. Also, register for babysitting certification, which includes CPR and first aid courses. Hula, "Introduction to Dance" for 3 to 9 year olds (tap, ballet, movement and tumbling) and street dancing are coming soon; plus modeling and tiny tot opportunities will round out offerings. For more information, call 655-5525.

**MWR Happenings** — To find out more information about MWR activities, programs and facilities pick-up a copy of the Discovery magazine available at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Fort Shafter PX, Aliamanu Shopette, Tripler mauka entrance and at all MWR facilities. Or visit the MWR Web site at [www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com).

**Job Search** — Visit, browse and apply for federal jobs that are available in Hawaii at [www.nafjobs.com](http://www.nafjobs.com).

## Part Two of Five

## Dates on food products don't always tell of expiration

Warrant Officer  
Budd A. Dodge  
Central Pacific District  
Veterinary Command

“Sell by Feb. 14” is information you might find on a meat or poultry product. However, are dates required on food products? Does the information mean the product is unsafe to use after that date?

Here is some background information that answers these and other questions about product dating.

### What is dating?

“Open Dating” (use of a calendar date as opposed to a code) on a food product is a date stamped on a product's package to help a grocery store determine how long to display the product for sale. It can also help the purchaser know the time limit to purchase or use the product at its best quality. The date is not a safety date.

### Is dating required?

Except for infant formula and some baby food, product dating is not required by federal regulations. However, if a calendar date is used, the date must express both the month and day of the month (and the year, in the case of shelf-stable and frozen products).

If a calendar date is shown, immediately adjacent to the date must be a phrase explaining the meaning of that date such as “sell by” or “use before.”

No uniform or universally accepted system is used for food dating in the United States. Although dating of some foods is required by

## Refrigerator Home Storage

(Store at 40 degrees or below for fresh or uncooked products. When a product has a use-by date, follow that date. If product has a sell-by date, or no date at all, cook or freeze the product by the times on the following chart.)

PRODUCT	STORAGE TIMES AFTER PURCHASE
Poultry	1 or 2 days
Beef, Veal, Pork and Lamb	3 to 5 days
Ground Meat and Ground Poultry	1 or 2 days
Fresh Variety Meats (Liver, Tongue, Brain, Kidneys, Heart, Chitterlings)	1 or 2 days
Cured Ham, Cook-Before-Eating	5 to 7 days
Sausage from Pork, Beef or Turkey, Uncooked	1 or 2 days
Eggs	3 to 5 weeks

more than 20 states, areas exist in the country where much of the food supply has some type of open date. In other areas, almost no food is dated.

### What foods are dated?

Open dating is found primarily on perishable foods such as meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products. “Closed” or “coded” dating might appear on shelf-stable products such as cans and boxes of food.

The systems of dates in place are sell-by, best if used by (or before), use by, and closed or coded dates. A sell-by date tells the store how long to display the product for sale. You should buy the product before that date expires. A best if used by (or before) date is recommended for best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.

A use-by date is the last

date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. The manufacturer of the product has determined that date. Lastly, the closed or coded dates are packing numbers for use by the manufacturer.

### Safety after dates expire

Except for use-by dates, product dates don't always refer to home storage and use after purchase. But even if the date expires during home storage, a product should be safe, wholesome and of good quality if handled properly and kept at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Foods can develop an off odor, flavor or appearance due to spoilage bacteria. If a food has developed such characteristics, you should not use it for quality reasons.

If foods are mishandled, however, food-borne bacteria can grow and cause food-borne illness — before or

after the date on the package. For example, if hot dogs are taken to a picnic and left out several hours, they would not be safe if used thereafter, even if the date hasn't expired.

Other examples of potential mishandling are products that have been defrosted at room temperature more than two hours, cross-contaminated or handled by people who don't use proper sanitary practices.

Make sure to follow the handling and preparation instructions on food labels to ensure top quality and safety.

### Baby formula and food

Federal regulations require a use-by date on the product label of infant formula and the varieties of baby food under FDA inspection. If consumed by that date, the formula or food must contain not less than the quantity of each nutrient as described on the label.

Formula must maintain an acceptable quality to pass through an ordinary bottle nipple. If stored too long, formula can separate and clog the nipple.

Dating of baby food is for quality as well as for nutrient retention. Just as you might not want to eat stale potato chips, you wouldn't want to feed your baby meat or other foods that have an off flavor or texture.

The manufacturer, packer or distributor of the product selects the use-by date on the

basis of product analysis throughout its shelf life, tests or other information. It is also based on the conditions of handling, storage, preparation and use printed on the label. Do not buy or use baby formula or baby food after its use-by date.

### What about can codes?

Cans must exhibit a packing code to enable tracking of the product in interstate commerce. This code enables manufacturers to rotate their stock as well as to locate their products in the event of a recall.

These codes, which appear as a series of letters and/or numbers, might refer to the date or time of manufacture. They aren't meant for the consumer to interpret as use-by dates. No book tells how to translate the codes into dates.

Cans may also display open or calendar dates. Usually these are “best if used by” dates for peak quality.

In general, high-acid canned foods such as tomatoes, grapefruit and pineapples can be stored on the shelf 12 to 18 months; low-acid canned foods such as meat, poultry, fish and most vegetables will keep two to five years, if the can remains in good condition and has been stored in a cool, clean, dry place.

### Dates on egg cartons

If an egg carton has an

expiration date printed on it, such as “Expires May 1,” be sure that the date has not passed when you purchase these eggs. The date is the last day the store may sell those eggs as fresh.

On eggs that have a federal grademark, such as Grade AA, the date cannot be more than 30 days from the date the eggs were packed into the carton. As long as you purchase a carton of eggs before its date expires, you should be able to use all the eggs safely in three to five weeks after the date you purchase them.

### Storage Times

Since product dates aren't a guide for safe use of a product, how long can the consumer store the food and still use it at top quality?

- Purchase the product before its date expires.
- If perishable, take the food home immediately after purchase, and refrigerate it promptly. Freeze the product if you can't use it within recommended times.
- Once a perishable product is frozen, it doesn't matter if the date expires because foods kept frozen are safe indefinitely.
- Follow handling recommendations on products.

(In Part Three of this series, next week, get more information about food temperatures and bag lunches.)

# Community Sports

## SEPTEMBER

### 15 / Thursday

**Tripler Army Medical Center** — Do you have questions or concerns regarding health and fitness? Women's Health and Fitness Day is the nation's largest annual health promotion event for women of all ages. It will be celebrated nationally Sept. 28, but TAMC is celebrating early.

TAMC will be highlighting this event on Sept. 15 at the hospital. Community Health Nursing will be hosting a free, one-hour seminar from 10 to 11 a.m. at the TAMC 10th floor conference room.

Guest speaker and fitness expert Susanne Dale will be presenting "A Woman's Guide to Fitness, Dispelling the Myths," and she will be available to answer health and fitness questions.

Call 433-6834 or 433-1462 to register or for more information. Space is limited.

### 24 / Saturday

**National Hunting and Fishing Day** — The Hawaii Hunter Education Program presents the 34th National Hunting and Fishing Day at the Koko Head Shooting Range near Hanamau Bay. Attendees can bring a canned food or cash donation for the Hawaii Food Bank, and they will receive an activity coupon to participate in a muzzleloader, skeet, .22 caliber/handgun, archery, airgun, or a fish-casting contest.

Lots of fun and demonstrations, and food and prizes, will be the order of the day. This event will be held Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 587-0200.

### 25 / Sunday

**Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club** — Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club presents the Schofield Barracks 25K, Sunday, at 5:30 a.m. at Stoneman Field. This race is the third in the "Marathon Readiness Series 2005," designed to help you prepare for the 2005 Honolulu Marathon.

The 25K course will start on Ayers Avenue, in front of Hale Kula School above Stoneman Field, and the course will repeat, circling the Schofield Barracks perimeter. Awards will be presented in elite and five-year age group categories.



Entry forms are available at all Army Fitness Centers, and in the September/October issue of *AthletesHI* running magazine. The fee is \$17, postmarked before Sept. 19. Packet pick-up is Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Running Room, 819 Kapahulu Ave., Honolulu, and late registration is available there for \$25.

On race morning, the late registration fee is \$30. T-shirts are not guaranteed for late registrants. For more information, contact Ron Pate at 589-2646.

## ONGOING

**Local Sports Calendar Briefs** — Do you have sports announcements of upcoming events or activities you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly?

If so, e-mail your information to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

**Hickam Hurricanes** — The Hickam Hurricanes Swim team is in need of a Head Coach. If you want to work with a great group of kids with lots of potential, then this team is for you. Previous coaching experience is desirable.

The team also has an immediate opening for an assistant coach; no previous coaching experience required. This opening is a great opportunity to start your coaching career.

For more information, contact Peggy Glasgow at 389-5063 or email Information@HickamHurricanes.com with a current resume.

**Schofield Junior Bowling League** — The fall youth bowling season has begun, but interested youth can still register. This handicap league gives novice and experienced youth bowlers a chance to compete not only at the Schofield Bowling Center but also in travel league competition across Oahu.

The league will last 30 weeks, costs \$7 each session and is open to bowlers under 22 years of age. All skill levels are welcome.

Costs include coaching for all levels, trophies and United States Bowling Conference membership. Contact Phil Weyl at 623-3009 for registration information.

# MWR Sports

## SEPTEMBER

### 12 / Monday

**NFL Football** — Visit Reggie's today to watch NFL Monday Night Football and cheer your favorite team on. Individuals participating in the continuing Fantasy Football promotion have an opportunity to receive a prize if their team wins. Stop by to enjoy the food specials beginning at 5 p.m.

Call 655-0660 for more details.

### 18 / Sunday

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

### 20 / Tuesday

**Youth Mini-Sports Basketball** — Youth can learn about basketball and basic skills in the Youth Mini-Sports Basketball program. All youth born in 2000 to 2001 are invited to participate in the program, which runs from Sept. 20 to Nov. 10.

Registration runs through Sept. 13. Cost is \$10 and includes a T-shirt for the participant. For more details, call your nearest Army Youth Sports Center.

### 30 / Friday

**Basketball Shootout** — Parents and children can team up in this unique basketball shootout event. The event format positions parents as rebounding and then passing the

basketball to children.

The shootout is open to children in ages 5 to 14 and will be held at both the Fort Shafter Youth Gym and the Schofield Barracks Bennett Youth Center Gym.

The shootout for youth, ages 9 to 14, will go Friday, Sept. 30, while youth ages 5 to 8 will shoot it out on Friday, Oct. 7.

Registration continues through Sept. 21. Cost is \$10 and includes a T-shirt for the youth participant. For more information, call 438-9336.

## ONGOING

**Pick-Up Sports** — Army youth, ages 10 to 18, can be active in sports without league rules or practices. Various activities such as volleyball, basketball, badminton and kickball will be conducted weekly at both the Bennett Youth Center on Schofield Barracks and at Aliamanu Military Reservation Youth Center every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

This program is free and no registration is required. For more information, contact your local area Youth Sports director.

**Personal Trainers** — Personal trainers are available to help individuals develop a specialized program to improve their fitness level. These experts can assist with building muscle, losing body fat, and increasing flexibility and nutrition.

Cost is \$30 per hour. Call 655-8007 for more information.

**Muscle Moves** — Tone your muscles using a variety of equipment, including bands, dumbbells, exercise balls and more. Classes are offered every Friday at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center at 11:45 a.m. Call 655-8007 for more details.