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## Hawaii honors its fallen war heroes

120 families receive the Hawaii Medal of Honor

STATE REPRESENTATIVE K. MARK TAKAI  
34th Representative District

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Senate and Hawaii State House of Representatives convened in a special joint session to recognize military service members

who had made the ultimate sacrifice.

The families of fallen service members received the Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of their loved ones.

The Special Joint Session of the legislature met in the House Chambers, April 18. In 2005, the legislature passed House Bill 8, which created the Hawaii Medal of Honor to award — on behalf of the people of the State of Hawaii — an individual killed in ac-

tion while serving the nation as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

"The Hawaii Medal of Honor is a symbol of our remembering those who stood tall for our values so that we may live in a land perpetuated in righteousness," said Sen. Norman Sakamoto, chair of the Senate Committee on Education and Military Affairs.

Recipients of the medal include members

of the armed forces, reserves and Hawaii National Guard who were residents of the State of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in Hawaii, or were stationed in Hawaii by order of the U.S. Department of Defense.

As of February 28, 2006, Hawaii has lost 120 service members with Hawaii ties

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## Agency cooperation rules day for CBRNE

Fort Shafter tests its level of preparedness with joint emergency response teams

Story and Photos by  
DONNA KLAPAKIS  
Staff Writer

FORT SHAFTER — At 9:01 a.m., April 13, a blast went off in the headquarters building of U.S. Army, Pacific, Command here, collapsing the mauka (north) side of the building.

While the blast was real, the collapse was not. Both were part of a three-day chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear explosion (CBRNE) exercise scenario. The ex-

ercise brought together first-response teams from federal, state and local agencies to test their effectiveness and abilities at coordination.

"Although this exercise used a chemical scenario, these same first responders would be present in any type of event. ... It may not be a CBRNE event; it could be a tsunami," said Lt. Col. Anthony Skinner, exercise director.

A CBRNE tabletop exercise had been held in 2002, but culminating six months' planning, last week was the first chance for a joint-response exercise on Oahu.

Within minutes of the "blast," employees who were not playing victims had evacuated the building, and military police

(MPs) and the Federal Fire Department (FFD) units were both on scene. The MPs helped to establish a perimeter, while the FFD made an initial assessment of the scenario situation.

While some firemen unwrapped the hoses and hooked them to hydrants, others donned protective gear and interviewed evacuees outside the building to find out if others were still inside. After finding out that "victims" were still inside, firemen went into the building to rescue them.

"Victims" feigned symptoms of chemical exposure after they were brought from the building. Firemen then hosed them down

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## 66th Eng. welcome home last Soldier

Story and Photos by  
SPC. AMANDA FLEMETT  
2nd Brigade Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The last deployed Soldier from 66th Engineers has returned.

Spc. Bryant Jacobs arrived in Hawaii, April 13, to a hero's welcome. His unit returned 18 months prior.

"It's not every day that we get a chance to say thank-you and welcome home to one of our own heroes. It's an honor for me to be here today, and I know it's an honor for you to stand here today,"

said Brig. General Francis J. Wiercinski, assistant division commander for support, 25th Infantry Division, at Jacobs' recognition ceremony in Fernandez Hall,



Jacobs

April 18.

In the eleventh month of his yearlong tour, Jacobs' HMMWV was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). Another Soldier with him, Spc. David Mahlenbrock, was killed instantly.

According to Sgt. Christopher Harry, a team leader in the 66th, the day was like any other; they were conducting a routine route clearance. The team had just cleared the road and was on a return sweep.

"We didn't notice it because we had just cleared the route. I was two trucks behind him.

They were about one hundred meters from the check point when the IED exploded," said Harry.

The IED hit the passenger side of the HMMWV, throwing Jacobs from the vehicle. He was spotted lying on the ground and believed to be alright. Upon reaching Jacobs, Soldiers discovered he was badly hurt and unconscious.

"It [the IED] came from underneath the vehicle, so it caught him in the back of the legs and [shrapnel] came up on his back and out of his stomach ... and continued up," explained 1st Sgt. Walter Howell, 66th Engineer first sergeant, candidly. "That's how Mahlenbrock was killed, because it hit him in the face."

"I really don't remember much [about the explosion] except for being very uncomfortable," said Jacobs.

Jacobs' mother, Sherry Scheiding recalls the moment she heard her son had been hurt in Iraq.

"Your whole world just stops," she said. "We didn't know, at first, how he was ... how bad the injuries were or if he would survive."

"Having been through the experience [of deployment], you try to give some hint of the surprises

## Army combats sexual assault through awareness

Program creates climate that encourages victims to report without fear

CHRISTA B. THOMAS  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and post leaders are using this month to highlight the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program.

In January 2005, the SAPR program was created to reinforce the Army's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy,

response, reporting and accountability.

March 20, 2006, the Army's senior leaders — Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, and Sergeant Major of the Army Sgt. Maj. Kenneth O. Preston — signed a proclamation emphasizing, "sexual assault is contrary to Army values, degrades mission readiness and is a crime."

The proclamation further reads, "During 2005, the Army had over 1,200 reported cases of sexual assault in which either the alleged perpetrator or the victim was a Soldier — more than a 70 percent increase from 2004. ... We have made much progress, but we still have

a long way to go."

"Our current reporting method encourages victims to come forward without fear or shame," said Sandra Crocker, regional sexual assault response coordinator (SARC).

Before June 2005, victims reported assault incidents through their chain of command. However, the procedure escaped no one's attention — the military command and reporting structure was a hindrance to

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Ray Kachatorian | Getty Images

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Street will close from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 26 to repair potholes.

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**We want to hear from you...**

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

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

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**Lightning Six**

**Proclamation celebrates volunteers' service, aloha**

The 33rd annual National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from the 23rd to the 29th of April 2006. This year's theme, "Volunteers Spread the Aloha Spirit," reflects the Army's tradition of providing assistance and support to the community while exemplifying the Army's values of duty and selfless service.

During Volunteer Week, we want to take the time to salute our dedicated volunteers — our Soldiers, retirees, civilians, spouses, and especially our youth — for their contributions and commitment to service; they truly are the embodiment of America's spirit.

Please ensure you express your gratitude to each volunteer you meet for their dedicated contribution to our community.

Volunteers are one of the nation's most valuable re-



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sources. Their contributions make our communities happier and healthier places to live.

Our volunteers represent a broad range of organizations and activities where they inspire and mentor our youth, support deployed Soldiers and their families and offer assistance when there is a tragedy.

On behalf of the Soldiers and civilians of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, I would like to thank our volunteers for their service. Simultaneously, I encourage every member of our community to make a commitment to volunteer.

Your service will enhance our community, make a difference in the lives of others and be personally rewarding.

*Benjamin R. Mixon*

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Major General, U.S. Army Commanding

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**LIGHTNING SPIRIT**

**Will your faith uphold, come what may?**

**CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JAY K. CLARK**  
17th Corps Support Battalion Chaplain

As a part of the great e-mail circle of hopeless idiots, I am consistently sent silly pictures, moronic jokes and completely useless factoids by some of my closest friends.

One such gem showed up in my inbox almost a year ago. It was a list of activities that were forbidden to a young enlisted Soldier while they were stationed at a remote outpost.

Out of the 213 items on the list one of my personal favorites is, "Specialists are not allowed to send lower enlisted out for grid squares, blinker fluid, rotor wash, chem-light batteries, keys to the drop zone or to collect the cannon report."

Many of us were hit with one or all of these practical jokes early on in our military careers. We were young and naïve to the military lingo. We trusted that those above us were only looking out for our best interests. However, this "hazing" is a rite of passage we all go through at some level. In the end, most of us found ourselves blessed for the sometimes humbling experience of coming face to face with our lack of knowledge and understanding. It helped us to realize how much we had yet to learn.

This trial-and-error learning is what our spiritual experiences are like. We all begin either at a very young age or sometimes

later on in life with the stark realization that not everything in this world can be defined by our five senses.

Our journey may begin with some tragedy or traumatic event. Some begin to realize their need for inner strength that can guide them to live a better life. Others search for a way to provide a more fulfilling future.

Whatever the reason, I believe we all have an inner desire to have a spiritual connection to something greater than ourselves. I would suggest that there is nothing more important in this world than embracing our innate need for spirituality.

For years clinical studies have shown that patients who have strong spiritual centers recover more quickly from injuries and illnesses than those without a spiritual centeredness. Mental health professionals can tell us the same when it comes to overcoming and coping with traumatic events.

The science is available to prove my point: desire and need is a part of each human being, so the only gap comes down to each individual's willingness to either surrender his or her will or try to make it through life on his or her own.

As a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I hold to a Christian belief system. Specifically, I place my faith in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the strength that is beyond me. He has helped

me through the difficult times and has been there to celebrate with me when there is reason for exultation.

The Psalmist says this of my God in Psalm 30:

"I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

My personal faith is clear. What about yours?

As you are leaning forward toward the next deployment, or the next permanent change of station move, or perhaps the next promotion ... whatever it might be, have you thought about your own faith lately? Do you know what it is?

Will your faith help you to have joy in the good times and weather the storms that are sure to come?

Speak to your chaplain, talk to your pastor, read a book and/or pray. Take the time, now, while you have it, so that your future may be bright and your pathways straight.

**Military 'brats' cope with challenges, thrive in an uncertain world**

**ELAINE WILSON**  
Army News Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Deployed to Afghanistan for a year, Lt. Col. Timothy Newcomer will miss his son's prom, high school graduation and his departure to college.

But his son, Matt, is not upset in the least.

"He loves to be a Soldier," said Matt, a senior at Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School. "How can I complain that he's not watching me graduate when he's out there sacrificing for our nation?"

**Military children, our hidden heroes**

As a military child, Matt represents a segment of the military population sometimes referred to as "unsung heroes" because of the level of sacrifice they never signed on to make.

"Children are really the hidden heroes of the military family," said Julie Coffey, a 20-year Cole counselor. "Their sacrifices may not be as visible, but are no less important.

"I've seen the faces and names change, but the challenges confronting military children always seem to remain the same throughout the years," Coffey said.

The challenges include frequent moves, loss of friendships, separation from parents due to temporary duty or deployments, and academic struggles when faced with differing curriculums and state requirements.

**Losing friends**

"Moving so much has made me cautious," said Keena Fisher, a Cole junior who said she has moved so much she can't "count the moves on both my hands." Keena is the daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Scott and wife, Tina.

"I used to find best friends right away, but then I'd have to move. It was devastating. I don't get as close to people anymore. I still open up but not as much."

"The hardest part for me is not making new friends, it's leaving the old ones behind," Matt added. "You know you're never going back and no matter how hard you try to stay in touch, the friendships drift away over time."

As friendships are lost throughout the years, Coffey said military children protect themselves by learning not to put down roots as quickly or deeply. "They may look like they are making friends, but, for many, it's not the same depth of commitment (as nonmilitary children)."

**Learning to adapt**

While the separations can be painful, Coffey said military

children also manage to pick up a positive attribute along the way — adaptability.

Keena said "When I go to college, I don't think it will be as hard for me as other kids." "I know how to adjust to change and feel prepared."

Their ability to adapt has been called upon frequently in recent years as military children have been confronted with not only a war, but the possibility their parent could be sent to fight in it.

Amazingly, Coffey said, many middle and high schoolers take the separation in stride, most likely due to a support system of military friends and family familiar with the pain and struggles.

For the most part, even elementary-age children have an uncanny ability to adapt, said Jayne Hatton, Fort Sam Houston Elementary School principal.

"After a while, I just dealt with it," said Marlene Renz, a fifth grader at Fort Sam Houston Elementary School. Renz' father, Lt. Col. Evan Renz, is a surgeon for the Brooke Army Medical Center burn unit on a six-month deployment to Iraq.

"I'm just happy he's coming home soon. It helps that we can e-mail and talk on the phone a lot."

Some children handle the separation better than others, Hatton said, so most military schools keep a keen eye on their students for signs of stress or depression and offer a variety of programs to help transitioning students. A more widespread concern for elementary students is academics, the principal said.

"The children are coming from schools from throughout the nation and the world with educational experiences that are inconsistent with Texas requirements," Hatton said. "We have to help them adapt to a new environment. It's hard enough to come to a new school without having to struggle academically."

**Values**

Although confronted by a host of challenges, military children not only survive, they thrive, said Hatton, also a military "brat."

Keena said she is grateful for the values that have been instilled in her as far back as she can remember.

"Being a military kid is a lot of responsibility, but that's a good thing. I've been raised to be a leader; my mom and dad are leaders. You have to cope with a lot more and can deal with everyday life and situations better."

"I know there are people in small towns who never left their hometowns, never experienced half of what I have," Matt said.

(Editor's Note: Elaine Wilson writes for the Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office.)

**Did you know?**

- Points for traffic infractions on post or in housing areas remain for accumulation purposes for two years, not one?
- When a Soldier is ticketed, a copy of the citation is forwarded to his or her company commander?
- Driving while license or installation driving privileges are suspended or revoked is a mandatory five-year revocation?
- Department of the Army civilians' and family members' licenses can also be revoked.

**23 days** since last fatal accident

As of 4/19/06

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

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

Be safe. Tropic Lightning!

**Donations to AER increase \$93,817**

The Army Emergency Relief campaign is in full swing..

"Donations to the AER fund," said 1st Lt. Aaron Carriere, AER agency project officer for the 25th Infantry Division, "allows Soldiers to take care of their own."

Donations are accepted through allotment, cash donations or by credit card via website, www.aerhq.org

**Voices of Lightning: Why do you think it is important to recycle?**

**"To save the ecosystem."**

**Sgt. 1st Class Michael Palm**  
C Co., 2-27th Inf. Platoon Sergeant

**"To limit pollution."**

**Cadet Maj. Michael Ollis**  
Patrides H.S. JROTC Cadet

**"To save money and to save the earth."**

**Senior Airman Angela Grudzinski**  
Signal Intelligence Operator

**"Cuts down on trash and saves materials."**

**Jip Pruden**  
Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel

**"To preserve the environment for future generations."**

**2nd Lt. Sergio Nandin**  
D Co., 325th BSB Maintenance Officer

# 84th Engineers remember comrade



Judith D. DaCosta | Courtesy Photo

**JEFF SCHOGOL**

*Stars and Stripes, Mideast edition*

CAMP ANACONDA, Iraq — They came to say goodbye. Many were choked up with emotion. All were moved by the loss of Pfc. Joseph Love, 22, of B Company, 84th Engineer Combat Battalion, who was killed by a roadside bomb, April 9.

About 350 friends and colleagues gathered April 11 at Camp Anaconda to pay their final respects to Love, of Sacramento, Calif. Among them was Spc. Richard Obleada, 33, who was in Love's convoy when Love was killed.

Obleada, of Virginia Beach, Va., said he remembers last seeing Love being put on a helicopter. "I have to move on and get back in the game, like Love would have done," Obleada said, describing Love as a man who lived life to its fullest and was fully committed to being a Soldier.

A Soldier pays respects at a memorial service honoring Pfc. Joseph Love of B Company, 84th Engineers, who was killed by a roadside bomb April 9.



Love

"This guy was fearless. If you were to tell him to run toward oncoming traffic while blindfolded, well, he'd have to think about it for a few minutes, but he'd do it," Obleada said.

Several of Love's friends mentioned they will also remember his sense of humor.

Pfc. Albert Tagoe, 24, said Love was an outspoken person, and that sometimes got him into trouble. Once Love presented his weapon for inspection without cleaning it, he explained. When Love's sergeant noted that the weapon was dirty, Love feigned indifference and said that it could still fire while dirty, Tagoe said.

"He paid dearly for his outspokenness that morning, but his weapon was never below standard again," Tagoe said.

Love's company commander, Capt. Andrew Marshall, said he had the privilege of twice promoting

Love and looked forward to promoting him yet again.

"That Private Love, always volunteering for something," Marshall said, choking up.

Love was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Combat Action Badge and the Purple Heart, said Pfc. Angel Morales, 20, of El Paso, Texas.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Mark Toy called Love "one of the most dedicated Soldiers in the battalion." He added Love's loss has affected him personally.

"I feel an enormous sense of loss in my heart. All the Soldiers in my unit are my sons and daughters as well," he said.

Staff Sgt. Frank Johnson, Love's platoon leader, said he also felt like Love was famil.

"My brother will never die. My brother will never be dead. He will always be loved in our hearts," Johnson said.

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## Web sites assist military families, allow for self-sufficiency

**PFC. DURWOOD BLACKMON**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — As service members prepare for the 25th Infantry Division's upcoming deployment, keeping their families informed and able to receive vital information is key to ensuring peace of mind ... and that things run smoothly at home. One easily accessible source of information can be found only a mouse click away.

With Internet capability in most homes, and at various locations on post — such as the library — adults and children alike have become accustomed to surf-

ing the net for various odds and ends or e-mail.

But the Web is also a source for military assistance.

The Army has designed and made available many helpful sites for the family and loved ones of Soldiers to remain self-sufficient in their absence. Everything from family readiness groups, military pay and entitlements, and medical questions can be discovered with little effort.

Broken down into categories, the following Web pages contain links and guides to help families and Soldiers function during the upcoming time of transition.



The 25th Infantry Division homepage, [www.25idl.army.mil](http://www.25idl.army.mil)

**Medical Sites:**

- U.S. Army Health Promotion and Wellness, [www.hooah4health.com](http://www.hooah4health.com)
- Tricare, <http://tricare.osd.mil>
- Tricare Dental, [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com)

**Family Sites:**

- My Army Life Too, [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com)
- Military One Source, [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)
- Dads at a Distance, [www.fambooks.com](http://www.fambooks.com)
- Army Families Online, [www.armyfamiliesonline.org](http://www.armyfamiliesonline.org)
- Army Family Team Building, [www.defenseweb.com/aftb](http://www.defenseweb.com/aftb)
- Kids information on deployment, [www.deploymentlink.osd.mil/kidslink/grade\\_select.htm](http://www.deploymentlink.osd.mil/kidslink/grade_select.htm)

**Reservist, National Guard & Civilian Personnel Sites:**

- Army Reserve Family Programs Online, [www.arfp.org](http://www.arfp.org)
- The National Guard, [www.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ngb.army.mil)
- Guard and Reserve Family Readiness Programs Toolkit, [www.defenselink.mil/ra/family/toolkit](http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/family/toolkit)
- Civilian Personnel Online, <http://cpol.army.mil>

**MyPay, Pay Entitlements & Military Resources:**

- MyPay, [www.mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx](http://www.mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx)
- Department of Defense deployment information, <http://deploymentlink.osd.mil>
- Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services, [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)

## ACS develops classes for deploying Soldiers

**SPC. DANIEL BEARL**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and their families will have many questions while gearing up for the next deployment but, sometimes, clear answers are hard to find.

Fortunately, there are resources the Soldiers can turn to.

One resource, Army Community Services, is offering classes designed specifically to prepare Soldiers and their families for deployment.

The classes address topics such as family advocacy, new parents, money, family team building and family readiness groups.

ACS also offers many of its key classes "when you want it, where you want it." This provides flexible class scheduling so Soldiers and units can chose the courses they feel will best prepare them for deployment.

The courses address all aspects of a deployment. Soldiers can receive instruction on how to prepare themselves and their families before deployment, how to cope with being separated from family during deployment and how to reunite with family and readjust to garrison life after redeployment.

Soldiers can access course listings by going to the ACS section of [www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com), or may call 655-4227 for more information.

**ACS Deployment Classes**

- Family Advocacy Program**
- 7 Steps to Surviving Your Spouse's Deployment or TDY\*
- Making R&R Work for You\*
- Understanding Battle Stress\*
- Stress Solutions\*
- Maintaining Healthy Relationships\*
- Coping with Separation (adult)\*
- Couples Communication\*
- Stress for Leaders\*

- Money Matters**
- Money management\*
- Free Confidential Financial Counseling

- Army Family Team Building**
- Military Spouse 101\*
- This is Not What I Expected\*
- Alphabet Soup and Condiments\*
- Your Pay and You: Be Informed About Your Finances\*
- Staying Connected\*
- I've Got a problem... How Do I Fix It?\*

- U.S. Army Volunteer Corps**
- The Benefits of Volunteering on the Road to Employment\*

- Family Readiness Group**
- \*FRG in a Nutshell
- \*Be Ready for Deployment
- \*Point of Contact
- \*Managing FRG Funds
- \*FRG Resources Online Computer Class
- \*Organize Yourself for Deployment
- \*Organize Yourself
- \*FRG Newsletter
- Saturday Workshops
- Bi-Monthly Company FRG Leaders Meeting
- (\*Asterick indicates class is part of the "When you want it, where you want it" program.)



- New Parent Support Program**
- Active Parenting
- Kids and Deployment – Coping with Separation (children)\*
- Play and Learn
- Nurturing Parenting

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## Riding the roads

# 'Night Stalkers' tackle convoy security in Iraq

Various specialties within 84th Engineer Combat Battalion provide security for missions across Iraq

**1ST LT. MELINA M. JUAN**  
84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy)

BALAD, Iraq — "Let's get the team ready." This statement is heard frequently by the Personal Security Team (PST) of the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, which deployed here in December 2005.

The 84th ECB currently occupies different areas of Iraq ranging from Al Asad to Q-West back down to LSA Anaconda. With missions across the country, the PST conducts operations on a consistent basis.

Led by 1st Lt. Nicholas Shavers and Staff Sgt. Carlos Barreto, the PST is made up of 15 Soldiers from the battalion, who have varying military occupational specialties, ranging from cooks, 92Gs, to land surveyors and technical engineers, 21Ts. Soldiers with specialties from all corners of the Army make up the PST; their combined special qualities ensure the 84th will execute its mission.

The PST, known as "Night Stalkers," provides convoy security throughout Iraq, which allows the battalion commander and command sergeant major the opportunity to visit the numerous project sites



Courtesy Photo

The Personal Security Team provides convoy security for the battalion commander and command sergeant major during visits to various project sites. Shown (from left to right) — Pvt. Kyle Allen Bibey, 21V; Spc. Kenny Nelson Watson, 92G; Spc. Larry Lantrell Carter, 21T; Spc. Gregory Ruth, 21V and an unidentified Soldier prepare vehicles for a mission.

at a moment's notice. When missions arise, the PST comes to the rescue and leads any element to these sites, ensuring all convoys arrive at any given destination at specific times.

Teams relentlessly complete their missions despite obstacles. Members have completed training and perfected skills to anticipate and react to scenarios they may encounter along the road.

Pfc. Jimmy Toun, a driver at the PST, said he believes that "going outside the gate is overwhelming because you never know what's going to happen and when it's going to happen."

"The team is so close-knit and trains regularly, so I feel very confident that we will always bring everyone back to the FOB [forward operating base] safely," he said.

Spc. Larry Carter, a gunner, said he feels the same way about the team.

"It's always a new experience because every situation is different, but we do enough training prior to the missions that it keeps us prepared for any situation," Carter explained.

From drivers to gunners to communications experts, the "Never Daunted Night Stalkers" are operating on a 24-7 schedule.

"As gunners we have the best line of vision, so it's on us to see our surroundings. The team relies on us to watch the roads," explained Carter.

"The best thing about being on the PST is the learning experience and learning military tasks and drills," said Pfc. Bradley Porter, a gunner on the team.

"The CSM [command sergeant major] and the BC [battalion commander] have a job to do and represent the Soldiers," he said. "They have a job to ensure that the mission is being completed to standard."

*(Editor's Note: 1st Lt. Melina M. Juan is the logistics officer for Headquarters and Service Company, 84th Eng. Combat Bn. (H). The current deployment is her second to Iraq.)*

## U.S. Army Pacific engineers aid Seabees building Iraqi camp

**1ST LT. AMY MAHOWALD**  
84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy)

BALAD, Iraq — Army and Navy engineer units have constructed the latest Iraqi Army camp, Camp Kasem, and will turn its operation over to Iraqis in early May.

Soldiers of the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) and 46th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) worked alongside Sailors of the 133 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion. They cut the ribbon opening Camp Kasem, March 23.

The camp is named in honor of the Iraqi battalion's first Soldier killed in action. It will provide the Iraqi Army a place to launch their future missions, sustain their forces and ultimately protect their country.

Camp Kasem includes necessary force protection, living and working quarters and life sustainment facilities for Iraqi Security Forces.



Courtesy Photo

A ceremonial ribbon cutting opens Camp Kasem, an operations facility for Iraqi Security Forces. The camp was built through a joint effort between U.S. Army and Navy engineering units.

The camp consists of 79 wood frame buildings, or huts, used as barracks for Iraqi Soldiers and U.S. military transition teams that train the Iraqi force.

Buildings are designated for use as tactical operation centers, company command posts, and as a battalion aid station. A large storage building measuring 32x80 feet

was also completed and will be used by the Iraqis as their supply and bulk storage.

In order for the Iraqis to store and maintain their equipment, a maintenance bay was erected and a gravel yard was set. The camp also includes facilities such as shower and latrine trailers and a dining facility, which is a three-bay, hardened structure, which doubles as a bunker in case of indirect fire.

All the camp's facilities are wired and run off their own generators.

"We worked with what we had," said Staff Sgt. Aldegundo Nevarez, carpentry masonry supervisor from A Company, 84th Eng.

The materials alone cost \$4.3 million. In comparison to a government contract, a similar

project would cost \$28 million.

Camp Kasem has a five-year life span, but with regular service and camp maintenance, the Iraqi Army should be able to use the facility for many more years.

"Quality of materials was poor and ... caused delay mildew on materials," explained Staff Sgt. Aldegundo Nevarez. "Once the pre-fabrication operation was set up, the Seabees were able to construct one complete hut a week. When 1st Platoon came on board, that rate was increased to two huts a day."

Navy Lt. Doug Ingram, officer in charge was working with the Army for his first time.

"We could not have finished as fast without their help," he said.

The 46th was tasked with completing the shower and latrine

units as well as all road and earth moving projects. Their completion date was May 8, but effective use of manpower and materials allowed the project to be completed more than a month ahead of schedule.

Army engineers said they gained valuable knowledge from the Seabees who were more specialized in their various construction areas.

Seabees said they were impressed by the Army's ability to act both as warriors and experienced construction workers. The close working environment allowed both services to learn about their different cultures and traditions.

*(Editor's Note: 1st Lt. Amy Mahowald is the Vertical Construction Platoon Leader of 1st Platoon, A Company 84th Eng. Combat Bn. (H).)*

# Garrison requests feedback

ANN WHARTON

Army Hawaii Family Housing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A resident survey sent to Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) communities earlier this month is among U.S. Army Garrison Commander Howard J. Killian's priorities.

The semi-annual CEL survey, conducted in coordination with the garrison and AHFH's property management team, asks residents to rate property management and maintenance support services, as well as quality of life issues surrounding on-post communities.

"This survey is an important opportunity for families living on post to provide feedback to the command and our property management team," said Col. Killian. "Completing and turning in the survey will tell us what we are doing right and what we need to improve upon."

"The results," he continued, "will assist us in setting our priorities and improving the quality of life for our Soldiers and their families as well to recognize AHFH team members who are providing excellence in service."

Surveys were sent to nearly 3,000 AHFH families, about half the families that live in AHFH communities. Families who did not receive the survey will receive one when it is sent out the next time.

Residents are asked to complete and return surveys by the end of April. Results will be published in May.

## Family Housing

# New homes, park, call system, survey top AHFH news

ANN WHARTON

Army Hawaii Family Housing LLC  
Aliamanu communities' activity

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — While construction of new houses has been going on at Schofield's Kalakaua and Porter communities, Actus Lend Lease has been preparing for the construction of new houses at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR).

Demolition of existing structures got started earlier this month, which paves the way for construction of 212 new three- and four-bedroom duplexes. The first are scheduled to be ready in fall 2007, with final completion of the neighborhood in spring 2008. The houses will be designated for junior noncommissioned officers and will include a mix of three- and four-bedroom duplexes.

"Our construction teams will work to minimize any inconveniences to families in the surrounding community by conducting work between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday," said Jeff Cangemi, senior development manager for Actus Lend Lease. Some work will occur outside of these hours, but we will make every attempt to keep this to a minimum."

Several local contractors are working with the Actus team to complete the Ama project. AMR residents who have any questions or concerns should call their community center manager.

Also at AMR, the action sports park for BMX bikers and skateboarders should be completed next month. The park is a result of feedback provided by AMR



Mark Brown | Army Hawaii Family Housing LLC

Construction of 212 new three and four bedroom houses at AMR's Ama community got underway this month. Log on to [ahfh.oxblue.com/cam1](http://ahfh.oxblue.com/cam1) to view live shots of activity taking place at the Ama site.

residents to Oahu Base Support Battalion representatives at a recent town hall meeting.

### AHFH mails resident survey

The semiannual survey went out to Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) residents last week, and the local garrison and AHFH strongly encourage residents to complete and return the surveys.

"We cannot stress enough how important these surveys are," said Janine Lind, director of Property Management, AHFH. "Resident feedback helps AHFH make the right decisions when it comes to housing and community life."

The survey is conducted twice a year; residents receive it in the spring and fall.

### Callmax answering service

Residents calling their community center may have noticed some changes to the AHFH answering service. Callmax, specifically designed for the property management industry, was installed earlier this year to answer calls during non-business hours or when staff are busy assisting residents and unable to answer the phone.

Key benefits of this system include the immediate notification to staff that a message has been left and the abil-

ity for residents to leave a detailed message. Other features benefit AHFH as well:

MaX-Interactive is a speech recognition feature programmed to answer frequently asked questions such as helping a resident find out about the pet policy.

MaX-Bulletin is a resident notification system that delivers a message to 100 residents per minute. If there is an unexpected water outage or emergency, a notice can be recorded and Callmax automatically will call all residents. Hence, residents should ensure the community center has their current phone numbers.

Those who have questions regarding the Callmax system should call their community center manager.

## News Briefs

Send military news announcements to [community@hawaii.armyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaii.armyweekly.com).

**Food Drive** — Soldiers will assist Hawaii Foodbank with accepting canned goods at the Schofield Commissary Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. For questions, call Mr. Bill Roome,

Public Affairs Office 655-0760 or Ms. Kim Bartenstein, Hawaii Foodbank, 836-3600 extension 240.

**Gate Closure** — Schofield Barracks' Foote Gate will be closed April 29-30, and May 6-7, for the installation of telecommunications duct lines. For more information, contact Rick Lewis, Lucent Technologies, at 624-5896.

**Quarterly Volunteer Recognition** — Ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 25 from 2 to 2:30

p.m. in the Division Command Conference Room.

**Annual Volunteer Ceremony** — Event will be held Friday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, contact Cathie Henderson at 655-1703 or [e-mailhenderson-ca@schofield.army.mil](mailto:e-mailhenderson-ca@schofield.army.mil).

**Training Aid Support Center (TASC)** — Facility is tentatively scheduled to move from Bldg. 2065 to Bldg. 1052 May 2-5. Customers will encounter delays in

service during the move. For more information, call 624-6669 or 6760.

**Tax Center** — Schofield Barracks location will be open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to May 25.

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

•April 24 and 28: Special Troops Bn.

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

•June 12: Combat Aviation Bde. Nehelani will open to Soldiers from 8-9 a.m. Briefings and Army Community Service-led classes will be held from 9-11:30 a.m.

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

# Yards of the Quarter

Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter residents embrace Good Neighbor Joe's campaign to encourage community pride and respect for the environment

**Green thumbs** — Chris Sitzler shows her excitement at 288-104 Bennet St., Schofield Barracks. She and husband Master Sgt. Hank Sitzler were recognized for the Yard of the Quarter in the Solomon community.



Christa B. Thomas | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs



Spc. Stephen Proctor | 17th Public Affairs Detachment



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Above — Staff Sgt. Javier Carrasco, the U.S. Army, Pacific, protocol NCOIC, moves a potted flower around the patio of his Yard of the Quarter at 1060-D 7th St., Fort Shafter.

Left — 25th Infantry Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon (left) and Cindy Matthews (right), community housing manager, congratulate Sgt. 1st Class Eric Basora and family, 135-101 Uluhe Court, Schofield Barracks, for the Yard of the Quarter in the Sante Fe community.



# SAPR sheds light on assault facts

Sexual assault affects everyone around the victim — friends, family and the command. The victim is not at fault and should not allow others to discount his or her feelings by projecting blame.

Misconceptions are associated with sexual assault and who is most likely to become a victim. The Sexual Assault Prevention Program Web site, [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil), debunks these myths.

**Myth:** Sexual assault is an uncontrollable act of passion.

**Fact:** Rape is an act of violence, not sexual desire. Most rapes are planned: A location is selected, enticement is used, and the offender deliberately coerces sexual relations.

**Myth:** Strangers commit most sexual assaults.

**Fact:** Victims usually know their assailant. In nearly 70 percent of sexual assaults on women, the assailant was the boyfriend, spouse, date, friend, family member or neighbor.

**Myth:** No one can be sexually assaulted against his or her will.

**Fact:** Rape is a crime of violence. Often, the victim is threatened with bodily harm or death if he or she resists. While a victim may not offer resistance for fear of violence, this lack of resistance does not amount to consent for the attack.

**Myth:** Victims provoke assault by their actions or by the way they dress.

**Fact:** No one ever “asks” to be sexually assaulted. Offenders rationalize their crimes by claiming that victims “asked for it.” This notion wrongfully blames the victim for the crime,

not the offender.

Victims have reported a wide range of dress and actions at the time of the assault. If someone is sexually assaulted, it is not his or her fault.

**Myth:** Men cannot be raped.

**Fact:** Sexual assault, no matter the gender of the offender or victim, is a crime of violence. Statistics indicate one in six men are sexually assaulted or abused in his lifetime. Typically, the offender is a heterosexual male. Because of social stigmas, sexual assault of males is thought to be greatly under-reported.

**Myth:** Only “bad girls” are sexually assaulted.

**Fact:** Sexual assault is an equal opportunity crime and occurs in all segments of our society, regardless of race, age, gender or socio-economic class. Most rapists choose their targets without regard to physical appearance or lifestyle.

**Myth:** The best way to protect oneself from sexual assault is to avoid being alone in dark, deserted places such as alleys or parking lots.

**Fact:** Most sexual assaults occur in a home with the largest percentage occurring in the victim's home. The idea that most sexual assaults fit the “stranger-in-a-dark-alley” stereotype can lead to a false sense of security.

**Myth:** Sexual assault victims will not suffer any long-term effects unless they are physically harmed.

**Fact:** Sexual assault can have serious effects on the victim's health and well-being. Individuals who have been assaulted feel anger or fear and may become less trusting.



Members of the Federal Fire Department HAZMAT team scrub down a member for decontamination after his initial shower following entry into a “contaminated area” during the CBRNE exercise April 13 on Fort Shafter.

## Shafter: Exercise involves federal, state, local units

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for an initial decontamination, and then “victims” gathered by the flagpole until HAZMAT could set up a secondary site for showers.

Many agencies and organizations played a part in the final scenario: USARPAC headquarters staff, FFD, the hazardous materials unit (HAZMAT), the FBI, military police, the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), the Navy's explosive ordnance disposal unit (EOD), Hawaii's State Department of Health Radiological Emergency Response team, the Emergency Operations Center, the Joint Task Force-Homeland Defense, USARPAC's Joint Operations Center and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. While local emergency medical technicians had participated in the first two days of the exercise, they were unavailable for the final day. Buses were used to carry victims to Tripler Army Medical Center (Tripler).

Simultaneously with and complementary to the CBRNE, Tripler held a mass casualty exercise. Mark Jackson, public affairs officer, said the exercise was a success for Tripler as well.

To add to the exercise, Tripler experienced a “bomb threat” at their Center for Aging as they were treating “patients” from the CBRNE. “It was outstanding,” he said.

“We had a senior physician evaluating our processes this time. He was impressed with our communications.”

“There was a lot of good that came out of this exercise because we had not ever done an emergency response exercise at that level,”



Petty Officer 1st Class Kimo Makaneole of the Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 3 dons protective equipment before going to the site of the explosion.

Skinner said. “We had done a tabletop exercise, but that is just not the same thing as boots on the ground.”

Working through which actions could occur simultaneously, and which agency took priority at different times in the scenario, was one reason all were brought together.

“I think it went well, overall. This was a successful operation. Every agency here was willing to do everything they needed to do to help. That's what it all about, is working together,” said Assistant Chief Joseph Otineru, overall incident commander for the exercise. “There were some rough points; it wasn't perfect, but that's why we drill.”

EOD's Chief Petty Officer Sean Robertson agreed.

“From EOD's standpoint, this was great. We train all the time, but it's nice to take the unit out somewhere else and integrate with other units like the fire department where we have the whole big picture.”

Mike Krueger, FBI intelligence analyst for the in the Joint Terrorism Task Force, said the exercise was invaluable to the FBI.

“It would be even better if we could do it quarterly or twice a year,” he said. “The more agencies are able to work together, the better they will work together,” he added.

“What we'd like to do in the future in the JTF-HD [joint task force — homeland defense] realm is where we also bring in Marines, Air Force Navy, and it is a truly joint effort. We'd like to bring all our assets together,” said Skinner.

The next CBRNE exercise for the Pacific Command area will be in Alaska in August.

# Assault: Program focuses on safety, emotional well-being of victims

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victims coming forward.

“To address the situation, the Army implemented two different reporting options: restricted reporting and unrestricted reporting,” Crocker said.

Installation victim advocate services, medical treatment and counseling services are all available regardless of the reporting option.

“The difference in the methods is in the involvement of the command and law enforcement,” Crocker explained.

Using the unrestricted reporting option, the victim's command and the Criminal Investigation Division are notified, and an investigation is launched immediately.

With the restricted reporting option, an investigation is not initi-

ated and the chain of command is not notified. However, the installation commander is notified, though no information that might identify the victim is reported.

Code of Military Justice.

The Department of Defense theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2006 is “Sexual assault prevention ... begins with you” and serves as a re-



For more information on SARP, visit [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil) or [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil).

“Victim advocates respond 24/7. There are limitations and benefits to either reporting option, but it isn't our place to make any recommendations. We make sure Soldiers know the benefits and limitations of both kinds of reporting,” Crocker stressed.

“It's important that they have all the facts to make an informed decision.”

Sexual assault is a crime and is punishable by the Uniform

minder that every person plays a role — as a leader, a mentor, a friend or a co-worker in sexual assault prevention.

For more information on SARP, visit [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil) or [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil).

To report sexual assault, call 624-SAFE (7233) to file a restricted report. For unrestricted reporting, call number listed above, the military police or a health care facility.

Unsung Heroes

# Headquarters company IMO brings Soldiers together

**PFC. TEIRNEY M. HUMBERSON**  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Each day Soldiers rely on computers to complete numerous tasks and to exchange information through e-mail. However, few appreciate the amount of work that goes into making something as complex as e-mail, occur so effortlessly. Spc. Daniel Paauwe is one of the Soldiers who makes it work.

As the information management officer (IMO) for both Headquarters and Headquarters Company and 17th Public Affairs Detachment, Paauwe is responsible for "... troubleshooting and installing software, and enforcing policies outlined by the directorate of information management," he said.

His large frame and commanding presence are a stark contrast to his soft-spoken mannerisms and quiet intelligence.

Using skills attained through technology school and his experience before joining the military in 2002, Paauwe handles many of the new accounts and maintains the basic up-keep on the computer network.



Paauwe

"The systems are maintained to ensure the safety of our information," said Paauwe. "There are about 500 Soldiers in HHC, and I take care of about 30 people [who are divided into] three sections."

Paauwe came to Schofield Barracks nearly four years ago. From March 2004 to 2005, he served in Afghanistan with the 25th Infantry Division. Today, he is highly respected among his peers.

"He's above average, unparalleled and extremely focused," said Sgt. 1st Class John George, HHC training noncommissioned officer and Paauwe's supervisor. "At the end of the day, Spc. Paauwe's work accomplished equals [that of] three average Soldiers."

Others offered similar sentiments. "He's cordial and polite to all people of all ranks and if he has a bad day, you'd never know it," said Pvt.2 Sean A. Metz, an administrative specialist with HHC/Special Troops Battalion.

In addition to handling new user accounts, Paauwe also manages the government travel card program, which involves training Soldiers on proper card use and activating their cards for temporary duty assignments.

Even though the work as an IMO can be tedious and time consuming, Paauwe receives an enormous amount of satisfaction

from using the education and experience he gained in the civilian sector; this accumulated knowledge has made him an invaluable asset to the military.

"Paauwe is a great guy and a vital aspect to the operation of the 25th Infantry Division," said Metz. "I've worked with him for two weeks – my job is computers – and without him I wouldn't be able to do it."

While functioning as the Webmaster for civil affairs during a deployment to Afghanistan, Paauwe received an award for the Web page he maintained.

Behind the award-winning computer mind though, lies an intellectually motivated individual who maintains a drive to achieve his personal goals and to uphold the standards of the Army.

"I would like to continue to qualify expert [shooting rifles], maintain my physical fitness and be the best I can at work,"

**Q:** Why are you emphasizing one individual's accomplishments and job – aren't we a team?

**A:** "Unsung heroes" seeks to highlight individuals who work in

behind-the-scenes types of jobs and contribute immensely to the Army's overall mission.

Look for additional unsung heroes in future issues of the Hawaii Army Weekly.

Paauwe said. "... I like being deployed because you get the chance to do more of what you're trained to do."



U.S. Army Photo

Indian Soldiers stand in formation in dress uniforms at the Asia-Pacific Military Medical Conference.

## USARPAC hosts India medical talk

**SPC. STEPHEN PROCTOR**  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

**FORT SHAFTER** — More than 400 delegates from 23 countries gathered in New Delhi, India, for the 16th annual Asia-Pacific Military Medical Conference (APMMC), March 27-31.

The APMMC, hosted by the U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), and the Armed Forces Medical Service, provided an opportunity for military medical professionals from around the world to learn from one another.

"It's a wonderful way to meet medical professionals from all branches in the United States military and to interact with the medical communities throughout the Asia-Pacific region," said Col. Coswin Saito, the command surgeon for the 9th Regional Readiness Command.

Lt. Col. Larry Connell, the USARPAC deputy chief of staff, medical, added, "It's a conference of goodwill that provides a forum to share ideas and new techniques between many countries."

That goodwill was exemplified

by the presence of a Pakistani delegate in attendance.

"According to Indian and Pakistani officials, this was the first time a uniformed Pakistani officer had been in India in over a decade," said Connell.

The delegates looked beyond their differences and concentrated on problems the entire world shares. Some of the discussion topics included the possibility of an avian influenza or "bird flu" pandemic and different ways countries have dealt with catastrophic natural disasters.

"The World Health Organization provided an overview of the status of avian influenza and infectious disease experts from various countries presented their strategies for dealing with an outbreak in their perspective countries," said Saito.

"The United States military has a very sophisticated surveillance system that monitors signs and symptoms that may indicate a pandemic flu," said Saito.

Learning about each other's capabilities in a forum like the APMMC helps countries know what to expect when working cooper-

atively on missions and exercises.

"I was impressed by the quality of immediate care and follow-up care the Indian army provides to their combat casualties," said Saito.

Additionally, the forum helps countries anticipate the needs of their allies in the event of catastrophic medical emergencies.

Saito said the tsunami allowed him to get an overview for how different countries respond to emergencies, specifically the United States' ability to send aircraft carriers to Indonesia right away.

"Other countries like Australia and Singapore were able to support in a big way also, because they have the military and the resources," he added. "But some of the less developed countries don't have the infrastructure to support an operation like that."

At any given time the world is faced with a number of actual and potential medical problems that could affect hundreds, thousands or even millions of people. The APMMC promotes cooperative thinking and training so that no one country has to face universal problems on its own.

# School partnerships spotlight value of military in schools

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

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS** — Military leaders welcomed local school officials and representatives from Hawaii's public schools to the School Partnership Reception at the Nehelani, April 12.

The annual event allows Soldiers and educators to reflect on their joint accomplishments during the previous year and to exchange "thanks" for collective contributions and eagerness to work together to improve local education, said Kristina Noriega-Artis, director for Youth Education Support Services and school liaison for Army, Hawaii.

"It's community responsibility, and it's most primary function is the relationship-building between the Army and local community," Noriega-Artis added.

"It becomes apparent, as we look around the room, that you cannot succeed in the education of a child without team effort," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii. "We share a common goal, and that is to ensure educational success for all of our students in all of our schools."

The Military Partners in Education Program, part of the Joint Venture in Education Forum, aims to help nurture and mold a student's education by providing resources, services and funding to schools that are partnered with military units.

Currently, 46 Army units have adopted schools throughout Oahu and the island of Hawaii. Soldiers mentor, tutor and share various experiences with children like

weekly reading nights and training with Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). Schools frequently benefit from Soldier labor, as well. For example, Soldiers repair and paint buildings, pull weeds and beautify grounds, and lay concrete and erect playgrounds.

All experiences help Soldiers connect with their communities, and in turn, allow communities to bond with military members and their families, who typically come and go every three to five years.

"It's wonderful to see the connections and partnerships that are formed when the military joins with the public school ... and how much it benefits both sides in different ways," said Ruth Nishimura, a fifth grade teacher at Principal Victoria Kehealani Elementary School. "It's exciting to see, and we appreciate everything we get."

The reception included encouraging remarks from several distinguished guests like Superintendent Patricia Hamamoto and State Senator Norman Sakamoto, 18th District. They both thanked the Army and sponsors for their relationships with area schools.

Retired Lt. Col. Don Arakaki, senior Army instructor at Waianae High School, shared the vision he and his staff had to host an adventure challenge in Waianae for all high school JROTC branches. He explained that his school's sponsor unit — the 1st Battalion 21st Infantry Regiment — could not participate due to a training rotation.

"Colonel Stefan J. Banach, 2nd Brigade commander, said they

would take care of it and got the Cav [Cavalry], 5th Squadron, 14th Regiment, to come in and support our activity ... and it was a tremendous success.

"This is the thing about our partnership program where the military is always coming in," Arakaki explained. "And if they [our sponsor unit] can't do something, they send someone else in the organization. They are definitely a force multiplier to our education system," he emphasized.

"I think that people tend to walk away from here with ideas from [other] schools and their partnerships ... things they can do that they didn't or weren't able to do

before," said Master Sgt. Haynes Rego, another Army instructor at Waianae H.S. "Most schools don't realize the work that can be done [by the military] out there."

"I never realized how important [partnering with schools in the community] was when I was active duty," said Rego. "Now I can see the whole picture. As long as we have this kind of support from our active counterparts, we can continue to move forward."

U.S. Army, Hawaii, leadership and educators hope that more people will get involved in the Military Partners in Education Program.

"Quite frankly, it's good for our Soldiers," Mixon said. "Our young Soldiers may feel a little disconnected from the family environment," he continued, referring to the transient nature of the military. "But it's good for them to get out in the community and realize that they are a part of this community."



**USE YOUR HEAD  
WEAR YOUR HELMET**

# Jacobs: Recovery from wounds takes 18 months

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that are going to occur," said Steve Scheiding, Jacobs' stepfather and a Vietnam veteran.

Jacobs entered the military for a career change. He had come to a point in his life where he wasn't happy with his job and things didn't seem to be going well for him. The military had always been an option in the back of his mind.

"I like to talk to my mom before I make a decision, and if she wouldn't have been for me coming into the Army, it would have definitely put a damper on it. But I can't say that I wouldn't have come in," he said.

Jacobs believes he helped make a real difference in Iraq. Building schools, clearing routes, rebuilding and improving the way of life there made him proud to be a part of the Army in Iraq.

"You get scared, you have your moments, but you have to stay focused the whole time. You have to overcome that and be aware of your surroundings and know what's going on," he said.

The day of the IED explosion is still a blur to Jacobs. Other than his flying out of the truck and seeing part of his finger missing, his next real memory is being at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). He says he can recall bits and pieces of the incident, but has no recollection of the events as they unfolded.

"I just went on autopilot. It was upsetting, and you just think of everything you have to do to get accomplished and get upset because there's nothing you can do. Your hands are tied," said Scheiding, upon learning of her son's injury.

"You can't leave, you can't stay, you can't make any decisions, and you wait for the military to make them [decisions] for you."

The Scheidings did not know if



Above — Brigadier General Francis J. Wiercinski pins medals on Spc. Bryant Jacobs during his recognition ceremony at Sills Field.



Right — Local news media surrounded Spc. Bryant Jacobs as he arrived in Hawaii for a surprise welcome home from his unit, 66th Engineers.

their son would live until they arrived at WRAMC. No information was provided or available. Upon arriving at the hospital, Sherry remembers looking at her son lying in his bed.

"It was an 'Oh my gosh' moment," she said. "He had breathing tubes, and he would come in and out of consciousness. It was strange to see."

She smiled and recalls his first words to her: "He said, 'Hi mom.'"

Jacobs took 18 months to re-

cover from his wounds. Still painful, doctors say his recovery will be an ongoing process. While at WRAMC, Jacobs acted as a tour guide, helping arriving wounded service members to locate places they needed to go and fill out various forms.

Howell kept in contact with Jacobs, calling at least once a week to check his progress.

"It's no surprise to me that he's done this well as strong-willed as he is."

# Medal: Tropic Lightning Soldiers among honorees

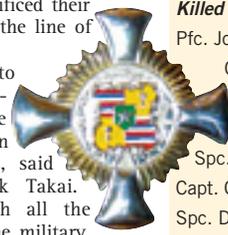
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25th Infantry Division Soldiers

who have sacrificed their lives while in the line of duty.

The effort to identify those eligible for the medal has taken many months, said Rep. K. Mark Takai. "Working with all the branches of the military, we worked extremely hard to identify each service member who sacrificed their lives," he explained.

The primary next of kin and families of each service member were invited to the ceremony. More than 150 people from across Hawaii, the U.S. mainland, Guam, Saipan and American Samoa attended.



## Killed in action in Iraq

Pfc. John D. Amos II  
CWO-3 William Brennan  
Pfc. Stephen Castellano  
Spc. Jose Flores-Mejia  
Spc. Joseph Herndon  
Capt. Christopher Johnson  
Spc. David Mahlenbrock  
Spc. Daniel McConnell  
Staff Sgt. Todd Nunes  
Spc. Ramon Ojeda  
Pfc. Ernest Sutphin  
Cpl. Joseph Thibodeaux  
Staff Sgt. Oscar Vargas-Medina

## Killed in action in Afghanistan

Sgt. Maj. Barbaralien Banks  
Master Sgt. Edwin Matos Colon  
Spc. Isaac Diaz  
Spc. Kyle Fernandez  
Spc. Jacob Fleisher  
Spc. Dale Fracker  
Spc. David Fraise  
Sgt. Daniel Galvan  
Cpl. Billy Gomez  
CWO-2 Travis Grogan  
Staff Sgt. Brian Hobbs  
Lt. Col. Michael McMahon  
Spc. Harley Miller  
Spc. Wesley Wells  
Sgt. Philip Witkowski

"We are truly grateful for the sacrifices that these families have made."

*State Rep. K. Mark Takai  
34th Representative District*

"We are truly grateful for the sacrifices that these families have made," Takai said. "This medal is just a small token of our utmost appreciation. It tells these families that we also grieve for their loss."

*(Editor's Note: State Rep. K. Mark Takai represents the communities of Aiea and Pearl City.)*

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# PAU HANA

When shall these four fists meet again? In thunder,

# Lightning Rumble IV

and in pain



Story and Photos by  
**JEREMY S. BUDDEMEIER**  
Assistant Editor

**S**CHOFIELD BARRACKS — The fat lady finally sang. The myriad bouts, some eight weeks in the making, are over, and the hype from Lightning Rumble IV has been absorbed into the empty recesses of the now stoic Conroy Bowl. However, before the books were officially closed on this year's rumble, a final act was played April 13. Not without its fair share of drama, struggles and scenes of Shakespearean proportions were renewed every few minutes with fresh manifestations of triumph, tragedy and sometimes, sheer comedy.

More than 100 boxers and hand-to-hand combatives grapplers began the trek in February; fifteen remained standing as the final bell clanged and a referee raised a hand or colored glove to signify victory.

Ironically, the first person to enter the ring that night was not a pugilist but a man of the cloth. Chaplain (Capt.) James Burton blessed the event so that "... the spirit of sportsmanship [would] prevail..." and then, fists and bodies started flying.

Seven combatives matches were interspersed between eight boxing bouts. With each new match, supporters from



Top — A bloody-lipped Flora "La Diabla" Estrada (right) and Yolanda "Y-O" Nesmith tangle fists as the referee attempts to break them up during the Lightning Rumble IV at the Conroy Bowl April 13. Nesmith won by a unanimous decision.

Above — Frederick "Lightning" Yates stands over Brian "The Punisher" Kelso after knocking him down for the third time in the third round at Conroy Bowl April 13. Yates won the bout by a unanimous decision.

the two fighters' units filled the ringside seats; this process repeated for every match to allow those closest to the fighters to be closer to the action.

Although the crowd favored the pace and intensity of the boxing bouts, a few combatives matches rivaled the boxing bouts in excitement.

When asked about his tournament favorites, Walter Guity of 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, mentioned one name: Nanguata.

"I've seen him fight. ... If he don't win, there's something wrong," Guity said.

Nothing was wrong that night. It took Eddie Nanguata less than a minute to stifle the competition — literally. After a bit of preparatory grappling, he locked Daniel Issahak into a sleeper-style hold and it was nighty-night. While Nanguata waved the Guam flag and then the 2-27th guidon around the ring, trainers roused a sleepy-eyed Issahak with

smelling salts.

Equally as impressive was the sole women's combatives match between a lanky Cindy Bedley and the wiry Sharon Hergulson. Bedley dominated the first portion of the six-minute tussle; however, Hergulson, who "has an enormous amount of self-control," according to Gabriel Piepenhagen (combatives trainer for 2nd Brigade), eventually prevailed.

#### All smiles

After being announced the "winner by choke-out," Hergulson exclaimed, "Woo-hoo," threw her arms in the air, hugged her opponent, and then embraced her trainer through the ropes. Both women, who had just been grunting and snarling at each other for the past five minutes, were all smiles.

The other two women who clashed that evening had fewer smiles to hand out. In what was possibly the evening's

most brutal bout, Yolanda Nesmith and Flora Estrada garnered the loudest reaction from the crowd. The "Log Dawg" 40th Quartermaster faithful chanted, "Ne-smith, Ne-smith," while Estrada's fans shouted, "Finish her Flora."

Estrada attempted to bulldoze her way into the inside and to work Nesmith on the ropes. However, Nesmith kept her distance, connected solidly on her punches and sent Estrada's head back numerous times.

To her credit, Estrada, who was given two standing eight-counts and a bloody lip in the first round, refused to go away. Between rounds, three Soldiers sanitized and wiped drops of blood off the mat. Nesmith won by a unanimous decision after three rounds.

The crowd cheered for both women's bouts disproportionately more than a majority of the men's bouts. However, the men would not be outdone without a fight.

The first men's boxing bout, which was a full 14 pounds lighter than the only women's bout, set the pace. Erick Leon exhibited some flare a la Muhammad Ali, swinging his left fist in circles before jabbing Aceson Divine with his right.

Divine jogged around and occasionally scored a solid shot to the head, but was defeated in two rounds by the more aggressive Leon. The victory was Leon's fourth first-place finish in four years.

#### Muhammad Ali-itis

In addition to Leon, another boxer was afflicted with a case of Ali-itis. The fluid Frederick Yates consistently dodged what would have been punishing blows from Brian Kelso. Smelling blood in the first round, Yates unleashed a series of combinations that sent Kelso stumbling back on his heels.

Kelso fought his way back in the second round and connected a few ringers on Yates, who, visibly pumped, seemed to revel in the competition and exclaimed, "Wooo!" at the close of the round.

The third round was anything but a competition. At one point after being forced into the corner by Kelso and having to be broken up by the referee, Yates returned to the same corner, leaned back into the tumble and brazenly waved Kelso in with his right fist.

"Lightning" Yates then worked his way out of the corner with numerous uncontested bolts to Kelso's chin, and at one point knocked Kelso's mouthpiece onto the mat.

Kelso shared a similar fate with his mouthpiece (being knocked onto the mat) on three separate occasions, but was relentless. Five seconds before the final bell rang, Yates, who won by a unanimous decision, was visibly surprised to witness Kelso return to his feet again.

No boxer hit the mat harder than the Lightning Rumble's emcee at intermis-



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## 21 / Friday

**Steak Night** — Enjoy a sizzling steak cooked on the grill with garlic mashed potatoes, rolls, and vegetables at Reggie's. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is only \$11.95 for top sirloin steak and \$14.95 for Porterhouse steak. Children's pricing is available. For additional information, call 655-4466.

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

## 25 / Tuesday

**"PT in the Gym"** — Kids are invited to join their active-duty parent at "PT in the Gym," a 30-minute "Mousercise" aerobic routine with Mickey and his friends, followed by a continental breakfast. Every child participant will receive a "PT in the Park" T-shirt and a pocket radio. Active-duty Soldiers will receive a participation voucher. Come April 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., at the Fort Shafter Gym. For more information, call 836-1923.

## 26 / Wednesday

**Administrative Professional's Day** — Hale Ikena and Nehelani will be offering a special luncheon on April 26 for Administrative Professional's Day. For more information, call 438-1974 (Hale Ikena) or 655-4466 (Nehelani).

## 28 / Friday

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

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

**Right Arm Night** — Come and say Happy Birthday to the Nehelani at Right Arm Night, April 28. The festivities kick off at 4 p.m. at the Nehelani. Tickets purchased before April 28 are \$5 and are \$7 on the day of the event. Civilian and all ranks military are welcome and all attendees must be 18 years old and over. For more information, call 655-4466.



Donna Klapakis | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

# Easter Parade

From left, Shondelyn Towner, Bobbie Hanlon, and Tracie Santos lead the way for a Hui O Wahine Easter Parade from the Hale Ikena to the gazebo at Palm Circle on Fort Shafter April 13. The group had lunch, followed by the stroll and a hat contest.

## 29 / Saturday

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

Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the Central Enrollment Registration Office no later than noon April 28. Reservations are first-come, first-serve at the Central Enrollment Registration Office. Call 655-8313 for more information.

## 5 / Friday

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

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

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

# Ongoing

**Family Child Care** — FCC is in-home child care provided by an adult family

member living in government quarters or housing. Homes provide flexible hours and a comfortable family-like setting. In Hawaii, there are certified FCC homes on Schofield Barracks, Wheeler, Helemano Military Reservation, Aliamanu Military Reservation and Fort Shafter.

If you are interested in placing your child in FCC or want information on becoming a provider, call 655-8373 (Schofield Barracks) or 837-0236 (AMR).

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

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

**DoD Employees** — Don't have the time to take your auto in for an oil change, tire rotation or balancing? Give the Auto Craft Shop a call. The craft shop can do these jobs and other services while you are at work. For more details, call 655-2271.

**Sunday Brunch** — Experience a delightful meal featuring brunch favorites along with 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.

**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 655-8326 to obtain a copy of the current calendar or learn more about registration.

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

**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 Post Exchange, Aliamanu Shopette, Tripler mauka entrance, any MWR facility, or visit the MWR Web site at [www.mwrrmilitary.com](http://www.mwrrmilitary.com).

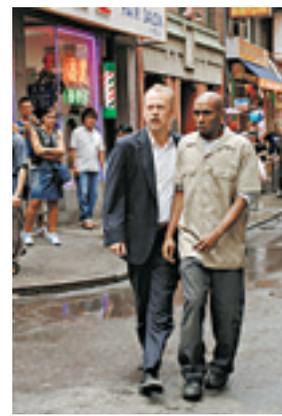
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# This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



## 16 Blocks

(PG-13)  
Today, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



## Madea's Family Reunion

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



## Running Scared

(R)  
Sunday, 7 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

# Community Calendar

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

## April

### 21 / Friday

**Hawaii Pacific University** — Hawaii Pacific University will celebrate its 22nd annual Intercultural Day Friday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fort Street Mall. The event is free and open to the public.

### 22 / Saturday

The Hawaii Food Bank — will conduct a food drive at the Schofield Barracks Commissary on Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**The Bishop Museum** — The Bishop Museum's exhibit "Chinese Women, Qing Dynasty to Modern Hawaii" will be on display from Saturday, April 22 and through May 21 in the Castle Memorial Building.

**Project Visitation** — needs your help. Become a volunteer and join Project Visitation at their volunteer training on Saturday, April 22 at Chaminade University from 9 a.m. to noon. Project Visitation volunteers help foster care siblings maintain family relationships by bringing the children together for monthly visits. For more information, please contact Project Visitation at 528-7050 or email [jaime@vlsh.org](mailto:jaime@vlsh.org).

### 23 / Sunday

**Chapel Buddhist Fellowship** — The community is invited to a monthly Buddhist "World Peace Prayer" held every fourth

Sunday of the month. This month's meeting is 1 p.m., April 23 at the Community Chapel, Schofield Barracks, Building 791. For more information, call 306-6530 or 423-1830.

### 25 / Tuesday

**Quarterly Volunteer Recognition** — will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2 to 2:30 p.m. in the 25th Infantry Division Command Conference Room. Nomination forms are available at [www.mwrrmilitary.com/acs/acsvolunteer.asp](http://www.mwrrmilitary.com/acs/acsvolunteer.asp). For more information, contact the Army Volunteer Coordinator, Cathie Henderson at 655-4227 or by e-mail at [hendersonca@schofield.army.mil](mailto:hendersonca@schofield.army.mil).

**ASIST** — Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training will be held at the Helemano Military Reservation Chapel from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 25-26. While attendees should be staff sergeants and above, or family readiness group leaders, others who wish to attend may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Call Chaplain Scott Kennedy at 653-0703 or 286-4066 for more information or to sign up.

### 28 / Friday

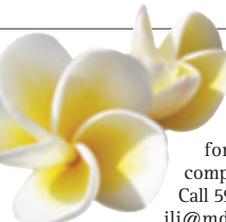
**Annual Volunteer Ceremony** — will be held Friday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, contact Cathie Henderson at 655-1703 or e-mail at [hendersonca@schofield.army.mil](mailto:hendersonca@schofield.army.mil).

## May

### 1 / Friday

**Hui O Na Wahine** — will hold its annual scholarship and welfare dinner at 6 p.m., May 1 at the Nehelani. Over \$37,000 in scholarships and welfare grants will be awarded. To make a reservation, A-L call Kristen Flynn at 624-8199. M-Z call Kelly Albert, 624-0015. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 26.

**Volunteers Needed** — The Muscular Dystrophy Association requests the support of members of the Army community for the MDA annual summer camp from June 18-25 at Camp YMCA H.R. Erdman. Each volunteer will be partnered with a camper.



All meals, lodging, and training are free. Application forms must be completed by May 1. Call 593-4454 or email [jli@mdausa.org](mailto:jli@mdausa.org) for more information.

### 3 / Monday

**Divorced Parenting Classes** — a class for parents who are divorced or divorcing will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, May 3, at the HMR Chapel. The class will give parents the tools to help their children with divorce. Call Chaplain Scott Kennedy at 653-0703 or 286-4066, or Chaplain Norman Jones at 836-4599 or 232-8090 for more information or to sign up.

### 5 / Friday

**ACS Employment Orientation** — ACS is ready to help you find the job you want during a series of Friday workshops beginning May 5 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and continuing May 12, 19, and 26. Learn how to prepare for your job search process, get employment information and see the employment materials and equipment available at the ACS employment resource area. Workshops will be held at Schofield Barracks ACS, Building 2091. Call 655-4227 to register.

**Aloha Tower Marketplace** — Enjoy a taste of Mexico at the ATM 3rd Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration block party Friday, May 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. Celebrate at the only waterfront party in town on four different stages. Admission is free and the festivities will include live music, free giveaways, party beads while supplies last, and strolling mariachis. Participating restaurants will offer food and drink.

### 6 / Saturday

**USO Hawaii** — presents "A Salute to Our Troops," featuring a Waikiki parade



and concert Saturday, May 6. The event will honor all of Hawaii's active-duty military personnel. The parade begins at Fort DeRussy, proceeds down Kalakaua and Monsarrat Avenues, and ends at Kapiolani Park for the concert.

Food and beverages will be served at no cost to active-duty personnel and their families. Vendors will also provide food for purchase. For more information, contact USO Hawaii at 836-3351.

### 12 / Friday

**Marine Corps Base Hawaii Job Fair** — will be held on Friday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at Kahuna's, MCBH, Kaneohe. The job fair is open to the military community. Bring resumes and dress appropriately. Because of the professional nature of this event, children will not be admitted. For more information, call Marine & Family Services, 257-7790.

**Free Concert** — "Last In Line," a punk rock band, is offering free admission to their May 4 show at Waikiki's Pink Cadillac to all active duty military. Show a military ID and enjoy a night of punk rock done right. Other entertainers include "The Ugly Sticks," "PHF," "Pocket Hero" and "The Substitoots."

Tickets for non-military are \$5. Further information is available at [www.808shows.com](http://www.808shows.com) and [www.lastinlinemus.com](http://www.lastinlinemus.com) or by calling 714-293-2769.

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

For more information, email [defy\\_nsga\\_hawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:defy_nsga_hawaii@yahoo.com) or call 655-3579, 655-3538 or 655-3391.

SEE CALENDAR, B-4

# Hawaii shows appreciation for military in May

## CHARLIE OTA

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

HONOLULU – They seek the enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in terrorist cells operating deep in the jungles of the Philippines, Indonesia and elsewhere. They search for pirates and smugglers, gather intelligence and provide humanitarian and disaster assistance.

They protect Americans living and visiting abroad, and they serve as ambassadors of freedom and democracy.

They conduct diplomatic missions aimed at deterring acts of wars and armed conflicts, defusing nuclear warheads and stemming the manufacture of ballistic missiles.

They provide security and protection for our allies and partners to establish a rock-solid foundation for today's thriving global economy.

Indeed, we have much to be thankful for as citizens of the U.S. and residents of our great Aloha State. And it is time for all of us to celebrate the cause of peace and security, and the spread of freedom, equality and justice for all.

It is time to show our deepest appreciation for the countless sacrifices being made everyday, at home and abroad, by the young men and women of the U.S. armed forces – thus, the state celebrates Hawaii Military Appreciation Month throughout May.



### April 27, Opening Ceremonies

The 21st annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Month will kick off with invitation-only opening ceremonies at the Battleship Missouri Memorial April 27 at 6 p.m.

Highlighting the opening ceremonies is a reception for 500 military commanders and troops.

Governor Linda Lingle and Mayor Mufi Hannemann will lead a contingent of business and government leaders in thanking the military for all that they do for Hawaii, the U.S., and our many friends, relatives and associates in the Asia Pacific.



### May 6, USO Salute to the Troops

The chamber will join with USO Hawaii, BAE Systems, the state of Hawaii, the city and county of Honolulu, and a number of sponsoring businesses in a special tribute to the U.S. armed forces May 6. This "Salute To The Troops" is a



Sgt. Sean Kimmons | 25th Infantry Division file photo

Hundreds of onlookers were present for the 9th annual Twilight Tattoo at the Kuroda parade grounds on Fort DeRussy in 2005. The 25th Infantry Division Tropic Lightning Band was among the performers, along with the Marine Forces Pacific Band, Pacific Fleet Band, Air Force Band of the Pacific, Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii, Moanalua High School Drill Teams, and the 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Pipes and Drums.

community celebration honoring Hawaii's military, including all active and reserve forces in Hawaii, the Hawaii Army National Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

The day will begin with a parade of troops through Waikiki on Kalakaua Av-

enue starting at 9:30 a.m. The parade will consist of commanders and troop elements from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Hawaii Army National Guard and Hawaii Air National Guard, and feature marching bands from the 25th Infantry Division, Pacific Fleet,

Marine Forces Pacific, Pacific Air Forces, the 111th Army National Guard Band and Hawaii's Royal Hawaiian Band.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, is expected to lead a 600-troop contingent of Soldiers who are destined for deployment to northern Iraq this summer.

The parade will be followed by a welcome home ceremony at the Kapiolani Park bandstand, featuring Hawaii's government and business leaders. Invited to participate are Governor Linda Lingle, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Congressman Neil Abercrombie, and Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann.

The ceremony will be followed by a daylong celebration at the Waikiki end of Kapiolani Park. Two stages will offer live entertainment featuring performances by the Makaha Sons, Kapena and other leading Hawaii entertainers. Also highlighting the entertainment program will be national recording star John Legend.

Naturally, games, food and static displays will be available throughout the day, and the public is invited to the ohana celebration.



### May 13, Twilight Tattoo

Mixon will also host the 8th Annual Twilight Tattoo on the grounds of Fort DeRussy in Waikiki, May 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. This special event will include performances by bands from Marine Forces Pacific, Pacific Fleet, Pacific Air Forces, Hawaii Army National Guard, and the host, 25th Infantry Division.

The public is invited to this once-a-year performance by precision military marching bands.



### May 17, Military Recognition Lunch

First Hawaiian Bank and Alexander and Baldwin will co-sponsor the annual Military Recognition Luncheon, May 17 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village from noon to 1:30 p.m. This year's luncheon will pay tribute to the Hawaii Army National Guard and Hawaii Air National Guard. About 600 troops will be invited from all services.

The keynote speaker will be Brig. Gen. Joseph Chavez, commander of the 29th Separate Infantry Brigade. Chavez will share his experiences in leading Hawaii's National Guard troops in Iraq last year.

Governor Linda Lingle and Adm. William Fallon, commander of U.S.

Pacific Command, are also expected to address guests.

The luncheon will feature the presentation of outstanding community service awards to members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Hawaii National Guard and Hawaii Army Reserve units. Recipients will receive a weekend vacation to the Big Island sponsored by the Armed Forces Recreation Center at Kilauea Military Camp.

Hawaii's Military Officers Association of America will also recognize one of its retiree members for outstanding community service, and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii will honor a local business member for outstanding service to Hawaii's military community.

The public (and any Soldiers who are not invited but wish to attend) may contact Waynette Tamashiro at the Chamber (545-4300, extension 320) for ticket prices and other information. Seating will be limited to the first 1,000.



### May 13, Perry and Price

JN Automotive Group will sponsor 12 returning Hawaii National Guard members and their mothers to the Perry and Price Saturday Breakfast Show at John Domini's Restaurant May 13.



### May 20, Armed Forces Day

JN Automotive Group will further sponsor 100 troops to the Perry and Price Show on Armed Forces Day, May 20. Co-hosts Michael W. Perry and Larry Price will pay tribute to service men and women.



### May 20, Living History Day

The Hawaii Army Museum Society will present its annual "Living History Day" event on Fort DeRussy May 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to see displays of vintage military vehicles, weapons, uniforms, insignia and other memorabilia from the Civil War to the present.

Re-enactors will share the history behind vintage displays. The Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii and the Tropic Lightning Band from the 25th Infantry Division will also perform.

The classic war films "Tora, Tora, Tora," "From Here To Eternity" and "Midway" will be shown as well.

SEE MAY, B-7

# Military personnel get free financial investment lesson

Senator, securities dealers sponsor free forum at Hawaii Convention Center

**PVT.2 MATTHEW C. MOELLER**  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

HONOLULU — Military personnel and their families were treated to a free financial education forum hosted by the National Association of Securities Dealers Investor Education Foundation at the Hawaii Convention Center, April 12.

The forum sought to inform military personnel and their families about options available to them for investments and savings. It was the first in a series of events planned internationally by the NASD Investor Education Foundation for U.S. military personnel.

"Whether on or off base, it is crucial for military service members to manage their finances wisely," said Navy Rear Admiral Michael C. Vitale, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific Commander. "This forum ... is for all service members, of all ranks and backgrounds, to learn these skills."

Vitale kicked off the event, followed by U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, a co-sponsor.

"I am proud of the men and women in our Armed Forces. ... They should be equipped with the tools needed to make sound money decisions to pay their everyday expenses and save for the future," Akaka emphasized.

Robert Glauber, chairman and CEO of NASD, and Mary Schapiro, NASD vice chairman



Get more details about finances at [www.SaveAndInvest.org](http://www.SaveAndInvest.org).

and president of Regulatory Policy and Oversight, provided insight on the fundamental principles of saving and investing. They highlighted valuable tools and resources available to military personnel and their families.



Akaka

"Education is the best way to protect investors from costly mistakes," said Glauber in a press release. "We want to make sure that service members and their families know about the wide range of resources available to them."

After the general session, smaller breakouts were offered on more specific issues such as mutual funds, 529 plans, retirement savings and avoiding "predatory loans."

"I thought I would come here and not understand anything," said Spc. Toshia Arrington, 29th Engineer Battalion, finance specialist. "But the way they explained things, it was all so easy to understand."

The NASD foundation is partnered with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission to provide expertise and advice specific to service members and their families.

# Senator warns military about payday lenders

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HONOLULU — "Service members and their families across the country are being taken in by predatory lenders," said U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka. "We must do all we can to protect consumers."

In an address to more than 600 service members, Akaka warned them against the dangers of payday loans. His remarks were made at an event hosted by the National Association of Securities Dealers Investor Education Foundation at the Hawaii Convention Center, April 12.

Payday loans are small cash loans, typically ranging from \$100 to \$500, with a full payment usually due in two weeks. Interest rates on these loans range from \$15 to \$30 for every \$100. However, lenders seek to extend the loan for as long as possible, said Akaka.

A common practice, among lenders, is "loan-flipping," which is the renewing of loans at maturity by paying additional fees. According to Akaka, this practice often creates a cycle of debt

that is hard to break.

Furthermore, Akaka said payday lenders often locate near military bases because service members' paychecks represent a reliable source of income. When service members don't repay their debt, they are subject to disciplinary actions, making the incentive to repay even greater.

"This is happening on or near our bases, where unscrupulous financiers are charging hidden fees, applying exorbitant interest rates and successfully marketing unnecessary products," said Akaka.

To help protect service members from payday lenders, Akaka recently introduced the



Low-Cost Alternatives to Payday Loans Act.

This bill will promote low-cost alternatives by providing demonstration grants to financial institutions that offer low-cost alternatives to payday loans.

*(Editor's Note: Akaka is a World War II veteran and has been a member of the U.S. Senate for 16 years. He is currently the ranking member of the Senate's Readiness Subcommittee in Armed Services.)*

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### Community Calendar Briefs

— Do you have announcements of upcoming events, sports or activities you'd like to post in the *Hawaii Army Weekly*? If so, e-mail your information to [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com) at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

**Roberts Hawaii** — In honor of April's Military Child Month, Roberts Hawaii is proud to offer special values to military families. Roberts Hawaii is offering "Buy Two Regular Adult, Get One Child Free" for the Magic of Polynesia Spectacular (show only performances) and Ali'i Kai Catamaran Dinner Cruises. For information and reservations, contact a military ticketing office between now and April 30.

**ACS Volunteers** — Free child

care at an hourly rate is provided for up to 20 hours per week for those who volunteer with ACS. What's more, volunteering offers job experience and flexible hours. For more information, call 655-4227.

### Work and Careers Web Site

— Need help in your job search process? Explore the Web sites <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com> and <http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org> to learn about the Army spouse employment partnership. The site includes job search techniques and resume writing tips.

For additional help, contact your ACS Employment Readiness Program manager at 655-4227.

### Financial Health

— Want to find the road to healthy finances? Contact ACS, located in Building 2091 across the street from Richardson swimming pool. Classes include checkbook maintenance, money management, credit management, the Thrift Savings Plan, car buying, mutual fund investing, college funding, and AER/Command Referral. Instructors also assist with zero percent

interest Army Emergency Relief loans.

To attend a class or schedule a one-on-one appointment with a financial counselor, call 655-4ACS (4227). All services are free and help is only a phone call away.

### Fort Shafter Newcomers Orientation Tour

— The Fort Shafter ACS presents a newcomers' orientation tour every other Tuesday. The tour helps familiarize new Soldiers and family members with many aspects of Hawaiian culture, customs, language, surrounding communities, the Hale Koa Hotel and various points of interest on the island. Registration is required and seating is limited.

Tour time is 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is not provided, but you can bring your lunch or purchase it at the Hale Koa. Call the Fort Shafter ACS at 438-9285 for registration or questions.

### Schofield Barracks Newcomers Orientation Tour

— ACS will conduct a newcomer's orientation tour every Friday for new Soldiers and family members. The tour will include Schofield Barracks, Tripler Army Medical Center, surround-

ing civilian communities, the Hale Koa Hotel, the Bishop Museum and other points of interest on the island.

The tour will depart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m., and registration is required. Lunch is not provided, but participants may bring a cooler with drinks, snacks and lunch.

For more information or to register, call ACS at 655-2400.

### Kindergarten Registration

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

### Catholic Women of the Chapel

— Join the CWOC for fellowship and sharing of the Catholic faith. CWOC meet on Fridays at the Main Post Chapel from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room D9. On-site child care is available by reservation. For child care reservations, call 624-6025. For further information, call 206-8367.

# Patriotic World Tour brings country legends to Hawaii troops

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HICKAM AFB – Lee Greenwood, the man best known for writing and performing “God Bless the U.S.A.,” entertained an audience of hundreds at Freedom Mall, Monday night.

Joining Greenwood was the pop/country band Restless Heart, the New England Patriots cheerleaders, comedian Dick Hardwick and musicians from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and the Band of the Pacific.

Dubbed the Patriotic World Tour, the concert concluded a 12-day tour of Europe, Southwest Asia and the Pacific.

“This has been the most awesome and ambitious tour yet – 25,000 troops covering 25,000 miles in Turkey, Korea, Japan, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar,” announced Mary Therese Tebbe, tour emcee.

Restless Heart, the country rockers who dominated the country and contemporary charts from 1984

to 1995, performed their hit classics, “I’ll Still be Loving You,” “Why Does it Have to be Wrong or Right” and “The Bluest Eyes in Texas,” with the tight harmonies of a 50’s doo-wop group.

Larry Stewart, lead vocalist for the group, said the concert was their third world tour, the most intense one yet.

“We went downrange to visit Soldiers in hospitals. If we can make them smile, then it’s all worth it,” he explained. “Being able to perform for [the troops] meant more to us than the audience we performed for.”

The evening took a decidedly comedic turn with the antics of Dick Hardwick.

“Knock knock.”

“Who’s there?”

“Ya”

“Ya who!”

The zany comic, who performed his routine without using one four-letter word, has appeared on VH1 comedy shorts, the Fox Network’s Comedy Express, the Disney Channel’s “A Disney Family Album,” “The Today Show,” and “America’s Funniest People.”

Hardwick, who lives in Hollywood, mused on the vanity of the West Coast.

“Plastic surgery is so popular out there. You can’t tell who’s ugly or not – you have to look at their kids!”

He reflected on his simple life growing up in the Midwest.

“Living [in the Midwest]



Larry Stewart, lead vocalist for the veteran country rock band Restless Heart, kicks it up with (l-r) Cortney Bennet and Alison Preston, of the New England Patriots cheerleaders.

west] makes choosing your religion easier. If you drink [liquor], you’re Catholic. If you don’t drink, you’re Presbyterian. If you drink and lie about it, you’re Baptist.”

The audience laughed at the familiarity of Hardwick’s observations throughout his routine. The audience spanned generations, and from appearances, no one was turned off or offended.

Greenwood, the headliner, took the stage around 8:25 p.m. to the thunderous applause of an appreciative and excited audience.

Greenwood performed a number of his own hits and well-known patriotic songs by other country artists such as Toby Keith, Brad Paisley and Darryl Worley. He concluded the concert with his stirringly patriotic signature hit, “God Bless the U.S.A.”

This “unofficial” anthem was penned 23 years ago as an expression of gratitude towards those who made sacrifices to protect the freedoms many Americans enjoy.

“Knock Knock .”

“Who’s there”

“Ya”

“Ya who!”



*Dick Hardwick  
Comedian*

“Our service men and women take [their sacrifices] in stride. They don’t complain or gripe,” Greenwood said in a press conference held earlier that day. “They may feel it inside, but they don’t complain.”

Since 2001, the song is firmly entrenched as staple background music for Gulf War retrospectives, Independence Day celebrations, and Memorial Day and Veterans Day remembrance ceremonies.

The Patriotic Tour was Greenwood’s eighteenth military tour.

“We all must give in some way, and it is my sincere privilege, if for just a moment, to bring the music, jokes and glamour of our American culture to those brave hearts who have altered their lives for all of us.”

Greenwood, who generally comes to mind when patriotism is mentioned in the entertainment industry, never served in the military.

“I never served in the military because I had children at the age of 17. I was given the classification 3A [a hardship deferment]. The draft never got to that number. If it did, I would have left my wife and children to fight, and die, if necessary, for my country,” he said.

The concert concluded with a cast rendition of “God Bless America.”

Immediately following, the entertainers, technicians, support troops and about 40,000 pounds of equipment boarded a C-17 for the final leg of their journey – home to Georgia, Tennessee, Hollywood and New England.



Lee Greenwood, whose song “God Bless the USA” was voted online by Americans as the “most recognizable patriotic song” in the nation, salutes the crowd at Hickam AFB on the final leg of his 12-day Patriotic World Tour.

# Sergeant places first in creative writing contest

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD – Soldiers and civilians in the Army, Hawaii, community were challenged to participate in a writing contest, recently, and they responded to the theme “Your Most Life-Changing Experience.”

Sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation – its CRD, Leisure Activities Office and libraries – the contest brought out the creative flair in many budding writers. However, awards were limited to first through third place, and three Soldiers and four civilians garnered top billing.

Their entries were judged by the publisher of Mid-Week, Ron Nagasawa; the editor of Oahu Military Star, Steve Murray; and an English professor at Fort Shafter, Charles Butts.

The creative writing contest was such a huge success that MWR will make it an annual event. Also, teenagers can soon participate in a contest targeted for them. Dates are forthcoming.

*(Editor's Note: Information compiled from MWR releases.)*

## Military Category

1st Place – Sgt. Nelida Wakefield

2nd Place – Pvt. Angel Kennedy

3rd Place – 1st Sgt. Eduardo Zayas

## Civilian Category

1st Place – Amanda Smith

2nd Place – Mary Jo Osenkarski

3rd Place – Sharon Navarrette

3rd Place – Daniel Tompkins



**SGT. NELIDA WAKEFIELD**  
ALE-PAC Fort Shafter

1st Place, Military Category  
*(The following is an excerpt)*

“Once upon a time in the Water World, there was a family of flat headed fish. The mommy was expecting a baby. The daddy was very happy.

The day they had their baby, they had a big party. Many fish from the Water World came to

# ‘Little Flat Head and the Black Pearl’

see the baby. He was stunning and absolutely gorgeous. He had beautiful eyes and lovely blue spots. He was dazzling and truly adorable.

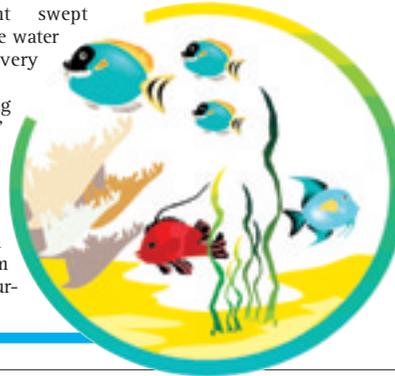
Everybody was happy in the party, but all of a sudden a strong current swept through, and the water got dark and very cold.

“There is a big storm coming,” said the daddy. “We need to seek shelter soon.”

All the fish started to swim away from the cur-

rent. The mommy hugged the baby, but the storm got stronger and the current swept the baby away from her.

“My baby! I have to get my baby,” said the mommy. ...



# Author tells military wives’ stories of challenges, lessons for deployment

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Shared experiences bond military wives together. In Jessica Redmond’s new book, “A Year of Absence: Six Women’s Stories of Courage, Hope, and Love,” she explores those bonds and gives readers rare glimpse into the lives of military wives during deployment.

Redmond captures the stories of six women who are married to Soldiers as their husbands deploy to Iraq with the 1st Armored Division in April 2003.

A newlywed, she and her husband, Capt. Jon Redmond, are stationed in Baumholder, Germany, as the deployment begins. Eventually, though, the expected 12-month deployment is extended to 15 months.

Redmond initially sets out to capture the effect war made on families. What she ends up with is a far more compelling read and one that – even though the ac-



Redmond

“Jena was strolling home from walking the dog when she noticed an official U.S. Army car carrying two soldiers in Class A uniforms heading toward her street. She felt her pulse quicken and, without meaning to, she started doing the math.

If the soldiers stopped at her building there was a one-in-twenty-four chance that Adam was dead. If they stopped at her stairwell, it was one-in-eight.

Don’t come down here, she prayed silently. Please let it be somebody else.”

– from *A Year of Absence* by Jessica Redmond

tion takes place in Germany – resonates with any spouse of a deployed Soldier.

Many military readers will see something of themselves or their friends in nearly every chronicled wife’s story. The locations may change, but the stories are the same. The challenges, loneliness, joys and optimism these women experience have universal appeal.

Using pseudonyms to protect identities of women she chronicles, Redmond por-

trays each woman’s story with dignity and honesty. One wife struggles with alcohol and depression, another with isolation and still another wonders if her marriage will survive – and whether she wants it to.

Redmond is a skilled storyteller. Although nonfiction, her narrative style makes for an engaging and engrossing



read. Readers will cheer for each woman, laugh with them and cry with them.

More good news, the six women do not just survive, they are strengthened by their experiences. While the focus of storytelling is on them, vignettes of life during the deployment are inter-

terwoven throughout.

Redmond deftly illuminates the roles of family readiness groups, military leadership and its response to family needs,

and finally, the importance of friends to each other.

As well, Redmond vividly paints the scene of life at a small Army post ... as it becomes a “ghost town.”

Scenes like girls’ nights out, travels through Europe with friends, and neighborhood get-togethers are interspersed within the reality of a wartime environment – within the reality of watching CNN 24/7, sometimes amidst Soldiers in Class A uniforms at a friend’s house at a memorial service.

For 25th Infantry Soldiers, leaders and families, deployment is fresh in their minds. For this reason, Redmond’s book is a must-read at all levels.

If preparation is key to success on the battlefield, Redmond’s book will help prepare not just those on the homefront for what is to come, but Soldiers too as they journey into harm’s way.

# May: Special events honor troops

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Hawaii Theatre box office starting May 1.

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### May 1-31, Specials

Throughout the month of May, many of Hawaii's visitor attractions and businesses will offer discounts to the military. For example, the Battleship Missouri plans to offer discounted prices for the military throughout the entire month of May. Other visitor attractions such as the Polynesian Cultural Center, Paradise Cove Luau, Germaine's Luau, and Atlantis Adventures venues plan special offers during the month.

Military personnel (active, reserve, guard and retired), and their family members, are encouraged to inquire at their base ticket offices for these and other special offers.

The chamber extends a hearty mahalo to all businesses and sponsors that make Hawaii Military Appreciation Month possible.

### May 20, Combined Concert

Hawaii's military bands will combine their talents to present the Combined Military Band Concert at the historic Hawaii Theatre, May 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Under the sponsorship of AT&T Government Solutions, a 75-piece concert band selected from the members of the Pacific Fleet Band, Marine Forces Pacific Band, 25th Infantry Division Band, Pacific Air Forces Band, Coast Guard Band and the 111th Army National Guard Band will present music ranging from light classics to marches and popular hit tunes from the 1950s and 60s.

This concert is free and open to the public. Tickets will be available on a first-come-first-served basis at the Chamber and

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### May 29, Memorial Day

Hawaii Military Appreciation Month will close May 29 with Memorial Day observances at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl starting at 9 a.m. and at the Hawaii Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe at 1 p.m.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann will preside over the observances at Punchbowl, and Governor Linda Lingle will lead the observances at the Memorial Plaza in Kaneohe. The gravesites will be adorned with lei gathered by Hawaii's schoolchildren and placed by Boy and Girl Scouts. The public is invited to attend these services honoring our veterans.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com

## April

### 23 / Sunday

**10k Volksmarch** — The Menehune Marchers is sponsoring a 10K volksmarch on April 23 at Maunaloa Bay Beach Park in Hawaii Kai. Start is between 8 and noon. The cost is free unless credit is desired, then marchers must pay a \$3 fee. Call 395-9724 for more information.

### 30 / Sunday

**Rodeo** — Looking for hard-riding, fast-paced rodeo action? Gallop over to the Kawaihoa Ranch Arena in Haleiwa Saturday, April 30.

Sponsored by the Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association, this event is free to spectators and features Hawaii's best horses and men, women and children riders.

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

## May

### 6 / Saturday

**Rodeo** — Looking for hard-riding, fast-paced rodeo action? Gallop over to the DK Ranch Arena in Waimanaloa Saturday, May 6.

Sponsored by the Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association, this event is free to spectators and features Hawaii's best horses and men, women and children riders.

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

## June

### 4 / Saturday

**10k Volksmarch** — The Menehune Marchers is sponsoring a 10K volksmarch on June 4 at Kamananui Valley. The start point is the Moananalua Valley Neighborhood Park at Ala Alolani Street. The walk is free and walkers may start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon. Award and volksmarch credit, if desired, is available for a nominal fee. Call 947-3359 or visit the Website at [www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers/](http://www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers/).

### 17 / Saturday

**Waimea Valley Audubon Center** — A sanctioned 5K and 10K volksmarch (walk) will be held June 17 at the Waimea Valley Audubon Center. Walkers can

start anytime between 9 and noon. There is a nominal entrance and vehicle parking fee. Volksmarch credit, if desired, is available. Walkers need to pre-register by June 1. Pre-registration information is available at <http://www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers>. Call 626-3575 for more information.

## Ongoing

### Honolulu Marathon Clinic

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

### Hunters

Hunter Education Classes are offered by the Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, rules and regulation, game care, and outdoor responsibility. Attendance at all sessions is required for certification.

Times are 5:45-10 p.m. May 5, and 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 6. Call the Hunter Education Office at 587-0200 to register. A picture ID is required at the door.



## April

### 21 / Friday

#### Youth Sports Track and Field

— Today is the last day to register for youth track and field. Registration is at Aliamanu Military Reservation, Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Youth Centers and is open to youth born between 1988 and 1997. Cost for the program is \$40.

Participants will receive a team uniform, coaching, and a USA Track and Field membership card. A military ID card or birth certificate and physical exam are required to sign up. Practice begins in April and the season runs from June to July. For more information, call 836-1923, AMR; 438-9336, Fort Shafter; 655-6465, Schofield Barracks; or 655-0883, Wheeler/Helemano Military Reservation.

#### Softball Intramurals

— Registration ends today for men and women's summer softball intramurals. Men's teams are for active-duty Army only and women's teams are for active-duty army and spouses. For more information, call 655-0856.

### 24 / Monday

#### May Madness 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament

— Youth born between 1996 and 1988 may participate in the "3 on 3" Youth Basketball Tournament. Registration begins April 24 and runs through May 11 at Bennett Youth Center, Schofield Barracks. The tournament will be held on May 26 and 27. Cost to participate is \$10, which includes a game shirt and gift bag. A maximum of 10 teams per division may register and teams will be registered on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call 655-6465.

### 29 / Saturday

#### PBA Pro-Am Bowling Tournament

— Bowlers are invited to bowl with the professionals, April 29, 5 p.m., at Schofield Bowling Center. The tournament costs \$165 and includes a Brunswick "Scorchin' Inferno" bowling ball. The tournament cost without the ball is \$45. For more information, call 655-0573

#### PBA Western Regional Bowling Tournament

— Come to Schofield Bowling Center on April 29 and 30 see some of the best bowling professionals in the nation. Admission is free. For more information, call 655-0573

#### Pepsi MLB Pitch, Hit and Run

— Children ages 7 to 14 are invited to showcase their pitching, hitting, and running abilities in a free program April 29 at Wheeler

Army Air Field baseball fields and May 6 at AMR baseball fields. Winners from each competition will have the opportunity to compete in more competitions. Participants may sign up for only one competition and sign up is on-site at the event. For more information, call 836-1923.

## Ongoing

**BMX Track** — The BMX track on WAAF is now open on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. For additional information, call 655-0883 or visit [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/cys/bmx\\_track.htm](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/cys/bmx_track.htm).

**Cardio Kickboxing** — Cardio kickboxing can help develop cardio-vascular fitness, improve balance and lead to more self-confidence. Classes are offered at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call instructor Daryl Lynn Gandaoli at 779-4495.

#### Youth Sports Coaches

— Youth Sports is looking for volunteer coaches to help make the program a success. If you would like to give back to the youth what you received as a child, see your local Youth Sports Director or call these numbers for more details: AMR at 836-1923, Fort Shafter at 438-9336, or Schofield Barracks at 655-6465.

# Rumble: Boxers finish bouts strong



Giles Almeida (top) and Isaac Uriostegi battle for position during the 140-pound combatives match at the Conroy Bowl April 13.

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While attempting to rouse a booring crowd at intermission with his signature World Wrestling Federation rope-bouncing antics, Sgt. Maj. Errol "Skullcrusher" Snyder fell. "You made me so mad, I tripped," he jokingly said.

By the start of the main event, more than half the Rumble's audience had filtered out of the Conroy Bowl, missing possibly the cleanest, most technical fight of the evening.

The strategic Ramiro Ascencio aggressively pursued Hugh Jones around the ring one step at a time. In the first round, Ascencio launched a right hook into Jones' face; Jones smiled and nodded his head as if to say, "Good one."

Later, Jones sparked back to life after having his mouthpiece knocked out, but fizzled in the final minute of the third round. Ascencio punctuated the match with a solid right that knocked Jones back on his heels 10 seconds before fight ended. Ascencio won the bout by a unanimous decision.