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## Hawaii salutes armed services

## South gets 'the skinny' on issues

**CHARLIE OTA**

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

HONOLULU — The year 2006 will reflect little change in the heavy burdens placed on the U.S. armed forces in Hawaii since Sept. 11, 2001.

Hawaii's military commands still face constant deployments, training, redeployments, and more training — mixed in with the most extensive organizational restructuring of the U.S. Army in history and major realignments of U.S. forces in the Korea and Japan.

Military realignment action nearly hit Hawaii during the U.S. Department of Defense-mandated 2005 Base Realignment and Closure review. The BRAC Commission had proposed to close the all-important Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, one of the Pacific's most



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important military assets and home to some 4,300 nuclear and ship repair professionals and technicians.

Intervention by the chamber's Military Affairs Council, and state and county officials led by Governor Linda Lingle and Mayor Mufi Hannemann, local business leaders, and shipyard officials, helped save this drastic proposal that would have left the Navy without a critical forward-based repair facility in the Pacific and removed a \$550 million industry.

Units assigned or attached to the 3rd Marine Regiment on Marine Corps Base Hawaii have recycled on their third and fourth combat deployments, while units assigned or attached to

the 25th Infantry Division have begun their second brigade-level combat deployments to Iraq.

Hawaii's Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force units continue to deploy on their relentless patrol of the skies and seas extending from the western shores of our homeland to North Korea, China, Southeast Asia and distant points as far west as the Indian Ocean.

For all these reasons 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.

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### Setting deployment sights

Pvt. 2 Jeff Gordon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, sets his sights and checks his scope to judge the distance of a target downrange during sniper training at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. See full story on Page A-4.

## DPW seeks help minimizing mosquito breeding areas

**ROBIN YAMAMOTO**  
Directorate of Public Works

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — Heavy rains over the last few months have created ideal breeding conditions for the forest day mosquito, *Aedes albopictus* (also known as the Asian tiger mosquito).

This mosquito, primarily a woodland species, has adapted to the urban environment and breeds in tree holes, leaf axils, rock holes and other natural and manmade containers that hold water.

The breed is so common because its eggs are laid above the water line, and they can remain viable for months until the water level rises and allows them to hatch.

Because the flight range of this mosquito is short — usually less than 100 yards — building and housing occupants can minimize the mosquito population without using pesticides just by surveying the area and emptying or removing containers that hold water.

Examples of such items are old tires, discarded plastic or metal containers, drip catchers of flower pots, bird baths and clogged gutters. In addition, if

tree holes or rock holes are found to hold water, these can be filled with gravel or sand.

Indoors, flower vases and the drip containers of flower pots are probably the most common breeding vessels of *A. albopictus*.

Plants such as bromeliads, which collect rain water in their leaves, present problems, especially when planted in the ground. Completely removing these plants will eliminate any possibility of mosquitoes breeding. However, if keeping these plants is desired, pot and empty the water in their leaf axils periodically by tipping the plants.

The Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works is asking everyone to do his and her part in helping removing breeding sites for this mosquito by following the suggestions above.

With everyone's support, the populations over large areas can be reduced dramatically.

For more information, contact Robin Yamamoto, Environmental Division, at 656-2878 extension 1053.



## 25th ID warriors hone skills

Soldiers brush up on deployment basics

Story and Photos by  
**SGT. TYRONE C. MARSHALL JR.**  
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — As part of the Tropic Lightning Division's pre-deployment preparations for this summer's mission, Soldiers conducted warrior task training April 13.

Warrior task training consists of 40 warrior tasks and nine battle drills, which Soldiers are taught upon initial entry into the Army. The tasks and drills are reinforced during advanced individual training and continuously throughout a Soldier's career.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company conducts warrior task training biweekly. Three to four tasks are selected, staging areas are set up, and Soldiers rotate through each station.

For the most recent training, Soldiers reacted to direct and indirect fire and an ambush, identified unexploded ordnance



Staff Sgt. Eric Long and Spc. Alexander Payne instruct a class on improvised explosive devices and other unexploded ordnance during HHC's warrior task training held April 13 at Sills Field.

(UXO), improvised explosive devices (IEDs), conducted convoy operations and decontaminated themselves and their equipment.

Headquarters Soldiers seemed enthusiastic and understood the need to master all the tasks prior to deploying to a combat zone.

"Combat readiness is probably

the simplest way to look at it," said Pvt.2 Shawn Metz, an administrative specialist with the company.

"You can think you're ready for combat ... until you actually get into a situation where you have to use these skills, and if you haven't practiced them,

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**Hot topics**

The Provost Marshal Office stressed the importance of safety in and around all housing areas. Dennis Rocho, deputy provost marshal, also informed residents that cell phone use while driving on military installations is being closely monitored.

The current cell phone policy states that drivers must not use cell phones on military installations unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a handsfree device.

PMO gave details about two programs designed to benefit on-post residents. The first, called the "Police Eyes and Ears Program," or PEEP, is a neighborhood watch-like program. Community involvement is needed in PEEP.

The second program targets speeders. With increased radar patrols, PMO hopes to significantly reduce the number of speeding incidents in residential areas.

Housing was another hot topic. Currently, demolition projects are scheduled for the Red Hill Mauka

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ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION — Families residing in AMR, Tripler Army Medical Center and Fort Shafter housing areas voiced their opinions and received carefuls of information at the latest town hall meeting for Oahu South communities, April 12.

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## We want to hear from you...

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements to 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.

The editorial deadline for articles and announcements is the Friday prior to Friday publications. Prior coordination is mandatory.

Articles must be text or Word files with complete information, no abbreviations; accompanying photographs must be digital, high resolution, jpeg files with captions and bylines.

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## Provost Marshal Corner

# Larcenies, shoplifting plague north, south

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

### COL. JACQUELINE CUMBO

Provost Marshal, 25th Infantry Division

Crime data is provided to make Soldiers and family members aware of trends that may be developing in or around their community. The Provost Marshal Office (PMO) uses this data to direct patrol activities designed to apprehend offenders and eliminate these occurrences.

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

### Crime statistics April 1-15

• **At Fort Shafter and south areas**  
The Fort Shafter PMO reported a total of 17 cases during this period. They included two domestic assault cases resulting in the apprehension of a military service member and a family member spouse. In addition an assault involving two juvenile family members was also reported.

Four larcenies were reported. Two of these cases occurred at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) resulting in the theft of a gym bag and a portable video game. Both items were unsecured at the time of the incident.

A shoplifting case was reported at the Fort Shafter Shoppette after an unidentified male took a carton of cigarettes. The fourth case occurred at the

Hale Koa Hotel, where jewelry was removed from a secured hotel room.

Two damage reports were filed after an unknown person damaged the door locks of a privately owned vehicle (POV) at Fort Shafter. The other damage case occurred at AMR when an unknown person broke the instrument panel on a Bobcat mini-dozer.

Finally, eight cases of driving under the influence (DUI) were reported. Six occurred off-post and involved service members, while the other two cases occurred on AMR resulting in the apprehension of two civilians. One of these subjects was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### • At Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks PMO reported a total of 16 larcenies and DUI cases. These cases included six shoplifting cases that resulted in the apprehension of three Soldiers and two family members. One of the subjects remains at large.

In addition, nine larcenies were reported with eight occurring on Schofield Barracks and the other at Helemano Military Reservation (HMR). These larcenies occurred in troop and housing areas. Four involved unsecured property while the remaining larcenies were from secured vehicles.

A civilian guest was apprehended for one of the larcenies after breaking into a vehicle. However, no relationship was found between that larceny and the others.

Items stolen in these larcenies included a Kevlar helmet, a video camera, a CD player, a DVD screen, one subwoofer, a motorcycle helmet and jacket, one watch, a digital camera, a folding knife, a checkbook, a laptop computer and an AM/FM CD player.

Finally, one DUI was reported during the same time frame resulting in the apprehen-

sion of one service member.

### Hot Topic of the Week

You play a role in protecting our installations. On April 13, U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), conducted a Joint Response Antiterrorism Exercise at Fort Shafter, which demonstrated that the USARPAC antiterrorism and first responder teams have the capability to work effectively with a variety of state and federal agencies, to minimize the



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effects of a CBRNE (pronounced "see-burn" or "see-burn-e") attack on our installations.

CBRNE is an acronym for chemical, biological radiological, nuclear or high explosives. It's the method of choice used by terrorists to inflict the most harm on Americans.

Although the exercise was a success, it did not demonstrate how valuable, effective and important our family members and installation employees can be in supporting force protection. Everyone plays a role in preventing or minimizing the effects of an attack or the commission of a crime in our communities. In many ways, you are the installations' first line of defense.

Because of your knowledge and familiarity with your neighborhood or workplace, you are usually the first to spot unusual activities in those areas. What you observe and report can save many lives, but like any effective team member there are things you need to know and do.

In the next edition of the Hawaii Army Weekly, I will provide you with survival

tips and advice on observing, recording and reporting potential incidents. This information will help you to become a more effective member of the force protection team.

### Lost and Found

The following items were found and are as yet unclaimed at PMO. If you believe the items listed are yours, report to the evidence custodian at the Schofield Barracks PMO with a full description of the items to claim them.

Found items include a dagger, two silver axes, a sword, a gold ring, a golf bag, a wallet with currency, a keychain, pictures, keys, a debit card, four cell phones, a fishing pole and a bicycle.

### Traffic Statistics

Traffic safety is a constant concern for everyone. Please be aware that what we do while operating a motor vehicle can result in dire consequences for ourselves and others.

Here is a count of some of the traffic citations that were written on post:

- Speeding, 38
- DUI-alcohol, 3
- Stop sign violation, 7
- Seatbelt violations, 4
- Expired registration, 23
- Expired safety registration, 30
- Driving without a driver's license, 1
- Driving without insurance, 7
- Parking violation, 106
- Cell phone violation, 0

PMO conducts seatbelt, safety inspection, registration, and vehicle insurance checks. Make sure that yours are all current. Help us to increase traffic safety by obeying the law.

## 98-year-old Army Reserve remains quite responsive

### LT. GEN. JAMES R. HELMLY

Chief, Army Reserve

WASHINGTON — On April 23, the Army Reserve turned 98 years old. But instead of being an aging relic of the 20th century, the Army Reserve is — at the ripe old age of 98 — a changed, responsive and still-changing force, increasingly ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Birthdays are about change, maturing and progression. The Army Reserve has endured change since its birth, always adapting itself to the challenges and realities of the time. From World War I, through World War II, Korea, the Cold War, Operation Desert Storm and this current global war on terrorism, Army Reserve Soldiers have served our nation with distinction, skill and professionalism.

Since the beginning of this war on September 11, 2001, the Army Reserve has undertaken deep and profound change — more so than at any time in its history.

We have had to turn away from what we've thought were the tried and true methods of conducting warfare — our terrorist enemy has reminded us that change is necessary and inevitable.

This new enemy reminds us that the linear battlefield no longer exists. They enforce the adage that size does not always guarantee victory, but rather a force that is willing to adapt will be victorious

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## Army cartoonist draws on experience

### BIOGRAPHY OF BOB ROSENBURGH

Public Affairs Officer Western Region  
Cadet Command

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Bob Rosenburgh was born in 1949 at the Pensacola Naval Air Station and has been affiliated with the military ever since. Growing up in a Navy family, he lived throughout the United States, and joined the Army in 1968.

Rosenburgh is a Vietnam veteran who served ten years in the Regular Army, eight in the Army Reserve and six in the Army National Guard as an armor crewman, helicopter crew chief, illustrator and journalist. Among his assignments were tours with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Armor Divisions, 2-1 Cavalry and 3-5 Cavalry.

He served on four continents as an American Soldier. An artist as well as a writer, he is a member of the Armor Association and an Artist member of the American Society of Aviation Artists. His stories, art and photography, many of which have served to promote public awareness of army aviation, armor and cavalry history and issues, have appeared

in Army Aviation Digest, Soldiers, Army Times, Army Trainer, Army Logistician, Air Combat, Armor, Journal of Military Ordnance, Finescale Modeler and numerous military and civilian newspapers.

Rosenburgh was editor of the 3rd Armor Division Spearhead, Ranger, Northwest Guardian and Northwest Patriot newspapers. He was designated a Noble Patron of Armor by the Armor Association in 1998 and a Master Craftsman of Army Public Affairs by OCPA in 2003.

He is author of the internationally published book - "Snake Driver! Cobras in Vietnam" (Random House, 1993) - a factual account on development and Vietnam combat operations of the AH-1G Cobra helicopter.

He was a commercial military newspaper reporter and illustrator for seven years and is currently an illustrator and senior editor of Goldbar Leader and Warrior Leader, and public affairs officer for Western Region, Cadet Command at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Rosenburgh has also designed numerous official military insignias, including the U.S. Army public affairs branch insignia, the 1 Corps distinctive unit insignia, official marksmanship badges for the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and distinguished unit insignias for 66th Aviation



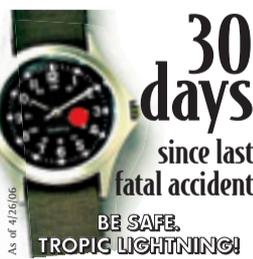
**Armed with an M-16 and wit** — Bob Rosenburgh's "2nd Louie" stands ready to make his debut in the Hawaii Army Weekly next week. Look for the 2nd Louie cartoon on page A-2 of upcoming issues.

Brigade and the 540th Aviation Group.

His cartoons, including 2nd Louie, have appeared in many publications. He taught a class for Fort Lewis MWR called "Cartoon-

ing: A class you can gag on."

Rosenburgh is married to the former Elvia Berry and lives in Orting, Wash., with his wife and their two children, Tara, 28 and Brent, 22.



**30 days**  
since last fatal accident

BE SAFE. TROPIC LIGHTNING!

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

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

## Donations to AER escalate

The Army Emergency Relief, a private, non-profit, organization, uses 87 cents of every dollar donated to helping Soldiers. The remaining 13 cents covers AER operating expenses.

The 2006 fund drive ends May 11.

Donations are accepted through payroll allotment and cash donations. For information, visit www.aerhg.org.

**\$142,920**

This year's goal is \$290,000. For more information on AER, contact your unit representative or 1st Lt. Aaron Carriere, AER project officer, at 655-1716.

# Voices of Lightning: What is your most vital deployment preparation goal?



"Training to sustain combat."

Sgt. Deven Gaston  
125th Finance Bn.



"Squaring my family away first."

Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Dozier  
3rd Brigade Legal Office



"Making sure my family has decent housing."

Pvt. Juan R. Tejada  
E. Co., 25th CAB



"Training for what has to happen out there."

Spc. Estelita Luedtke  
8th Theater Sustainment Command



"Getting packed properly and in advance."

Pfc. Elias Renuk  
3rd Bn., 196th Inf. Bde.

# Reserve: Forces meet 21st century challenges

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in the end. The Army Reserve needed to grow leaner, stronger and more relevant.

These changes have not been easy. We've taken 10 Regional Readiness Commands (RRCs) and realigned them into four Regional Readiness Sustainment Commands (RRSCs), allowing more manpower to be put back into the fighting force. We have established operational and functional commands to reduce the number of non-deployable headquarters. We have created Army Reserve Expeditionary Force (AREF) packages that support the Army's Force Generation Model (ARFORGEN).

We are no longer a strategic force that will stay "in reserve" until needed to supplement active forces during a time of major conflict. The Army Reserve is an operational, inactive-duty force, integral to the world's best Army, complementing the joint force with skill-rich capabilities.

All of these organizational transformations are occurring as we continue to fight the global war on terror. Your ability to adapt during this unprecedented time proves again the quality of our all-volunteer Army.

It also proves your dedication to our nation's call to duty, to protect our country from those who would destroy the freedoms and rights we hold dear. More Army Reserve Soldiers than ever before now wear a battle patch on their right sleeve, having served courageously and honorably when called to active duty. Since 9/11, over 150,000 Army Reserve Soldiers have answered the call to duty by being mobilized, with more than 25,000 answering the call at least twice.

These are clearly hallmarks of heroes. We are no longer "Army Reservists" — we are Army Reserve Soldiers!

This call to duty is not an easy call to answer. I respect the willingness of you, the warrior-citizen, to serve. You, our Army Reserve Soldiers, serve around the world, in harsh conditions, away from your families, your communities, sacrificing self for the safety and security of this nation.

One cannot recognize the call to duty or mention heroes without taking a moment to remember the only American Soldier missing in Iraq, Army Reserve Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin. Sgt. Maupin was captured by insurgents April 9, 2004, after his fuel convoy came under attack near the Baghdad International Airport. He continued to answer the call to duty.

His family also continues to answer the call to duty — serving faithfully and without reservation, working with the Yellow Ribbon Support Center they founded in his home state of Ohio to support Soldiers and their families. We must never forget our brother who is not able to be with his family today — we will live the Warrior Ethos:

- I will always place the mission first.
- I will never accept defeat.
- I will never quit.
- I will never leave a fallen comrade.

To all of you, our Soldiers, your families, and the civilian workforce that supports our missions, thank you for serving our nation in the Army Reserve. Thank you for answering that call and being a part of the best Army in the world.

Happy Birthday, Army Reserve!

Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly  
Chief, Army Reserve  
Commanding General  
U.S. Army Reserve Command



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# FRG provides resources for families

**PFC. KYNDAL HERNANDEZ**  
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — As Soldiers in today's Army, we all know that at some point in our career we are going to be called to duty at some other location in the world — away from friends, families and the people we love and care about.

Deployments are hard for everyone — not just Soldiers — but their families as well.

Families, in particular, need all the help and support they can get to make it through times of separation.

Frequent deployments and separations create the need for family readiness groups (FRGs), which are vitally important in today's Army. FRGs provide Soldiers and their families with resources and support to make it through the tough times and day-to-day life in the military.

FRGs are official Army programs, receiving appropriated funds. Unit commanders set up offices for FRG leaders and resource centers for family members and FRG volunteers, ensuring resources are available to keep programs functioning.

FRG leaders have learned much from previous deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. They have had the opportunity to experiment with what works and what doesn't, which has allowed them to incorporate lessons learned into new or improved programs to better prepare families for deployments.

For example, Army Family Team Building is designed for Soldiers and family members and

counter with their spouse and tips on how to overcome them."

AFTB levels two and three teach leadership skills and readiness training.

FRGs also host classes that address specific deployment concerns such as "Coping with Separation" and "The Seven Steps to Surviving Deployments."

"Army Community Service [ACS] also provides members of FRGs with a video teleconference center here, and also the computer center where families have access to Web cams, so they communicate with their Soldier while they are in theater," Hunter explained.

"I would like to encourage the family members if they aren't involved with their FRG, to become involved because that group will provide them with communication and resources they need to survive the deployment," she added. "It [FRGs] also helps them to stay engaged with the unit, as well as their Soldier, so they will know what is going on. Usually when people are informed, they are empowered and not so isolated."



consists of three different levels. Level one is called Military Spouse 101.

"This class was designed for new military spouses," said Carolyn Hunter, family readiness administrative liaison. "It informs spouses about the military lifestyle and effects it has on a family, as well as obstacles they might en-

# Insurance benefits may ease financial, emotional burdens

**PFC. CARLEE ROSS**  
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Life insurance is one of the most important investments a Soldier can make. Without it, the financial and emotional costs of death can be staggering.

Service Members' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is low-cost group insurance that provides financial protection for family members in case of a service member's death.

Currently, service members can select coverage at \$50,000 increments up to the maximum of \$400,000. SGLI premiums are currently 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance.

Soldiers and their families have the option of obtaining additional insurance from other government or private insurance companies. SGLI will pay the full coverage amount even if the Soldier has other life insurance.

SGLI and beneficiary information should be verified and updated before deploying. The service member must complete form SGLV 8286 and submit, in person, to his or her personnel clerk.

Family SGLI (FSGLI) is another insurance option, which is extended to spouses and dependent children of members insured under SGLI. The FSGLI provides a maximum of \$100,000 of coverage for spouses and \$10,000 for children.

In December 2005, the Department of Defense implemented the Traumatic Injury Insurance Protection (TSGLI) program. TSGLI



<http://www.insurance.va.gov/index.htm>

provides financial assistance to service members while recovering from serious injury.

All service members eligible for SGLI in December 2005 were automatically insured for traumatic injury protection up to \$100,000.

TSGLI is not the same as disability compensation and doesn't affect compensation, pension, or disability benefits provided by the DoD or Department of Veterans Affairs.

TSGLI provides money for specific traumatic events, while disability compensation provides ongoing financial support to make up for the loss of income-earning potential caused by service-connected injuries.

For more information on SGLI, Soldiers and family members can visit or call the in-processing and out-processing desk in the Soldiers Support Center at 808-655-9538 or PSB 808-655-8853.

*(Editor's Note: Information compiled from Veterans Administration, American Forces Press Service and Army News Service.)*

The SGLI rate is 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of coverage, per month or \$26 for the maximum coverage of \$400,000. The table below gives monthly premium rates by coverage level.

Amount of SGLI Coverage Available	Monthly SGLI Premium Amount
\$50,000	\$3.25
\$100,000	\$6.50
\$150,000	\$9.75
\$200,000	\$13.00
\$250,000	\$16.25
\$300,000	\$19.50
\$350,000	\$22.75
\$400,000	\$26.00

### TSGLI coverage

The TSGLI program provides monetary assistance to Soldiers and their families who have suffered an injury resulting in a traumatic loss. Some losses covered include:

- Total and permanent loss of sight in one or both eyes.
- Severed hand or foot at or above the wrist or ankle.
- Total and permanent loss of hearing in one or both ears.
- Loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand by severance at or above the joints.
- Third degree (or worse) burns covering at least 30 percent of the body or 30 percent of the face.
- Coma or inability to carry out daily living activities due to traumatic brain injury.

## USE YOUR HEAD



## WEAR A HELMET

# Brigades getting gritty taste of desert at California's National Training Center

Five thousand Soldiers train for war in the Mojave Desert

**SPC. MIKE ALBERTS**  
3rd Brigade Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Goodbye tropical trees and surf ... hello desert dunes and sand — at least for a few weeks.

About 5,000 Soldiers from Schofield Barracks' 3rd Brigade, Aviation Brigade and other attached elements are living in the California desert for more than a month.

The purpose of this deployment is tactical combat training at the National Training Center (NTC) in preparation for deployment to Iraq this summer.

"NTC is a fully resourced training event that allows the entire 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team and our Aviation Brigade to exercise all of our combined functions in the field together," said Col. Patrick T. Stackpole, brigade commander, 3IBCT.

Stackpole explained that engaging in such tactical exercises is simply not possible back in Hawaii because of the lack of available space. However, he emphasized that the value of training at Fort Irwin extends beyond available real estate.

"Here, we have the additional resource of the National Training Center with their observer controllers and opposition forces that help facilitate realistic training while also providing safety assistance, offering another set of eyes, and really helping guide the brigade because of their experience and expertise," said Stackpole.

Stackpole said the primary goal of the exercise is to rehearse the missions that the force can expect to perform in Iraq. "We will employ all of our war-fighting systems, weapons systems, command and control systems, etc., out here against a thinking enemy," he said. "This is a desert and we are deploying to a desert. It just makes sense to be training our Soldiers here."

A large number of the Soldiers here previously deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, or Afghanistan; and many agree that their previous training here in the desert was time well spent.

"I came to NTC back in 1998 in preparation for deployment to Kuwait," said Spc. John P. Souza, an infantryman and veteran of Afghanistan, now working in Headquarters



Above — In the near distance, Pvt. Tamara Smith (left) and Sgt. Harold Austin ground guide a vehicle in "the dust bowl" at NTC.

Right — Pfc. Manuel Solis (left) and Pvt. Jason James, both of Alpha Troop, 3-4th Cavalry, compete against other Soldiers to set distance the fastest during mortar training.

and Headquarters Company, 3IBCT. "I was a dismounted Soldier with a mechanized unit. The desert environment really helps you get adjusted to what you will be doing on the line in-country," said Souza. "There is a lot of room to maneuver out there in "the box," and we'll all discover that in the next few weeks. It's tough training"

Training at NTC will be conducted over about five weeks, at least two of which will include intense combat training in the rugged Mojave Desert. But an exercise of this magnitude doesn't begin when boots hit the ground, explained Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota, brigade command sergeant major, 3IBCT.

"From the moment we decided to train at NTC, that was the first phase of this training," said Leota. "All of the planning, preparation, shipment of aircraft, vehicles and personnel, and everything that all of that entails, is a part of this training mission to prepare us to deploy to Iraq. We will need to do the same thing when we leave [for the Middle East]."

Leadership was also quick to emphasize that NTC is by no means the end of the line for the brigade's preparation for war.

"This is not the capstone of our training by



Sgt. Maurice Smith | 3rd Brigade Public Affairs

any means," said Stackpole. "NTC is merely part of our glide path to training. We will learn lessons here and go back to home station and work to improve. When we deploy, we will have a couple weeks to continue training before we begin working with the unit we will be replacing. And even then, the unit we will replace will assist us during the transition.

"NTC is critical to the process, but it is only a part of our path to be fully prepared to execute our mission," he said.

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Send military news announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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

**Trimble Road Closure** — Due to construction along Trimble Road, a lane closure will occur May 2-3 and again on May 9-10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

**Annual Volunteer Ceremony** — Event will be held today from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, call 655-1703.

**Training Aid Support Center** — Facility is tentatively scheduled to move from Building 2065 to Building 1052, May 2-5. Customers will encounter delays in service during the move. For more information, call 624-6669 or 624-6760.

**2006 Days of Remembrance Observance** — Fort Shafter community will host the 2006 Days of Remembrance Observance, May 4, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 9th Regional Readiness Command Assembly Hall, Building 1554, Fort Shafter Flats.

The event is an observance of the Holocaust, and this year's theme is "Legacies of Justice." For more information, call 438-1600, extension 3218.

**AER Fund Campaign** — Army Emergency Relief will conduct its annual fund campaign from now until May 11. Unit key persons will be contacting every Soldier for contributions. Contributions are voluntary and allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping Soldiers in time of dis-

stress and misfortune. For further information, call the AER office at 655-7132.

**Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month** — Celebration will take place May 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schofield Barracks Sills Field. The Polynesian Cultural Center and a variety of other Pacific Island groups will provide entertainment.

**CLEP** — College level preparatory exams are now available free to active duty, Reserve and National Guard, and \$75 for others. Family members of Reserve, National Guard, and Coast Guard may take the tests free, but must pay a \$20 admin fee. Tests are given three times a day on the following schedule:

- Hickam AFB, Mondays and Wednesdays
- Pearl Harbor, Tuesdays and Thursdays;
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Fridays.

For more information, call Hickam AFB, 422-1032; Pearl Harbor, 422-0079; or MCBH, 254-4133.

**U.S. Army Information Operations Proponent** — USAIOP will conduct an information briefing and recruiting visit May 25, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and May 26, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Schofield Barracks Army Education Center, Building 560, Room 206.

USAIOP is seeking officers in year groups 1997-2004. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, contact David Pendleton at Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil or call 913-684-5320 (DSN 552).

**The Military Channel** — The network presents "Anatomy of a Stryker" Saturday, May 20, at 8 p.m. Designed to bridge the gap between the Army's light and heavy forces, the Stryker fulfills an immediate requirement to equip a strategically and tactically deployable brigade, capable of rapid movement worldwide.

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# Realistic training readies Guam Guard for Africa

**SPC. STEPHEN PROCTOR**  
U.S. Army, Pacific Public Affairs Office

FORT SHAFTER — Soldiers from the Guam Army National Guard's newly-formed C Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment spent a tough week training tirelessly for their upcoming deployment to Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

It was a challenging week for the troops, from joint operations exercises and stress firing to convoy operations and more.

"The biggest threat in theater comes in convoys," said Capt. Kristen Graham, the engineer team chief in charge of the convoy exercise.

"The Soldiers reacted to sniper attacks and improvised explosive device attacks, as well as reorganization skills afterwards," she added.

Stress firing is a technique in which Soldiers' bodies are pushed to the limit, and then they fire their weapons to get an idea of the physical and mental strain of battle.

"We ran an obstacle course, donned our gas masks, did a low crawl and a high crawl, did a litter carry, then fired our weapons," said Spc. Bradley Carney, a military police (MP) Soldier with C Co.

"I've been mobilized twice before," he added "but this one had much better training."

The 196th Infantry Brigade conducted



U.S. Army Photo

Soldiers from C Company, 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry Regiment, practice carrying an injured Soldier on a litter as part of their stress-fire exercise, designed to simulate the physical and mental strains of battle.

the exercise, but they had assistance from the Marine Corps, which provided two helicopters, and the Coast Guard, which provided a jet for airlift operations.

"The Marine Corps and Coast Guard support has been invaluable throughout the mobilization," said Col. Jeffrey

Jarkowsky, the 196th Infantry Brigade commander.

## Ready to Go

After a weeklong mission rehearsal exercise at Schofield Barracks, the Soldiers feel ready for their mission.

"This training has us ready for anything," said First Sgt. Gene Guzeman, "We're ready to take care of our country, our freedom, and Guam."

Sgt. Lucas Holmes, an MP with C Co. who has been on deployments before added, "the training was much more realistic than before."

For one Soldier, this deployment will be a culminating event in his military service.

"I feel very good about our preparation and our mission," said Master Sgt. Mark Ishmael, the company's senior administration noncommissioned officer, "It will make me complete as far as my leadership abilities."

## Keeping in touch

Going on deployment usually requires Soldiers to spend several months away from their families. But the information management officer (IMO) has worked hard to make sure Soldiers have an easy time staying in touch with their families back at home.

"We set up a website where families and Soldiers can post back and forth," said Chief Warrant Officer Noel Camaganacan, the information management officer, "spouses at home are happy, and it keeps up morale of the Soldiers."

Orders are out, training is done, and lines to home have been opened wide. These Soldiers are ready to take this mission head on.

"Preba hao' means 'prove yourself' in Guam," said Staff Sgt. Carmelita Perez, an administration noncommissioned officer, "we're excited to go, and ready to prove ourselves."

# 45th Special Troops Battalion hones combat skills

Story and Photo by

**BOB MCELROY**

Pohakuloa Training Area Public Affairs

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — The Soldiers of the 45th Special Troops Battalion spent their time sharpening the skills they will need to fight and survive the next time they deploy.

In addition to small arms each Soldier participated in convoy live-fire training along Redleg Trail. They also practiced medical evacuation by helicopter and broken vehicle recovery.

The training began with a mission briefing and classes. The Soldiers then selected teams. The next day they began with dry fire, followed by blank fire and, finally, live ammunition.

According to battalion operations officer, Maj. Doug Pietrowski, the unit employed the "crawl, walk, run" training method to ensure each Soldier properly understood each phase and was ready to move to the next.

After each phase, convoy live fire officer in charge, Capt. David W. Smith conducted an after action review and offered his observations on how the training had gone and guidance to correct any problems.

Smith also asked for input from the Sol-



During a pause between phases of a convoy live-fire training at PTA, Capt. David W. Smith, 45th Special Troops Battalion assistant operations officer and the officer in charge of training, conducts a brief after-action review and offers his observations about Soldiers' performance during training drills.

diers and noncommissioned officers in the convoys. The battalion's goal was to run four units per week through convoy live fire training while at PTA.

Pietrowski said the unit also conducted successful night convoy live-fire training.

Everything went beyond expectations; we got a lot of training value out of it,"

Pietrowski said. "The Soldiers learned a lot here."

Pietrowski said the battalion's Soldiers are ready to deploy to a combat zone, even if it is the second or more combat deployment for some.

"We all know we have a job to do," he said, "we have to be ready to ruck-up."



Courtesy Photo

## Beachcombing

WAIALUA — The "War Eagles" of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade clean up Puuiki Point on the North Shore during Earth Day, Saturday. The 209th Aviation Support Battalion and 3rd Bn., 25th Aviation Regiment, volunteered to assist "Moku o Waialua" Watershed Action Group and "Save the Sea Turtles" environmental organization to remove trash and dumped vehicles from sacred Hawaiian sites.

# Tripler lauded for environmental achievements

ARMY NEWS SERVICE  
News Release

HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center recently received praise for its efforts to improve environmental performance while delivering quality patient care.

Tripler staff eliminated 95 percent of mercury in a virtual mercury minimization program. In addition, the staff pursued other waste reduction avenues and new technologies for improving patient and staff safety, said Claire Yee, Tripler's Hazardous Material and Waste Management planner.

Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E), a non-profit group focused on improving health care's environmental performance, selected Tripler as a recipient of the annual Partners for Change Award. The award presentation took place at the "CleanMed 2006" Conference April 18 in Seattle, Wash.

"It takes a team to accomplish waste reduction and Tripler's Environment of Care Functional Management Team, led by Col. E. Haraguchi, was instrumental in providing the leadership and team support to reduce Tripler's waste," Yee said.

Tripler's Department of Preventive Medicine, Logistics Division, Department of Pathology, Clinical Investigations, and Forensic Toxicology and Drug Testing Laboratory all played a significant role in mercury minimization.

H2E's Partners for Change Award recognizes hospitals that acknowledge and act upon the crucial link between community and environmental health. The award is given to facilities that have made significant

and sustainable progress toward reducing waste, preventing pollution and eliminating mercury.

Recipients reduce, reuse and/or recycle at least 10 percent of their total waste each year, and often find that pollution prevention programs benefit both their communities and their bottom line.

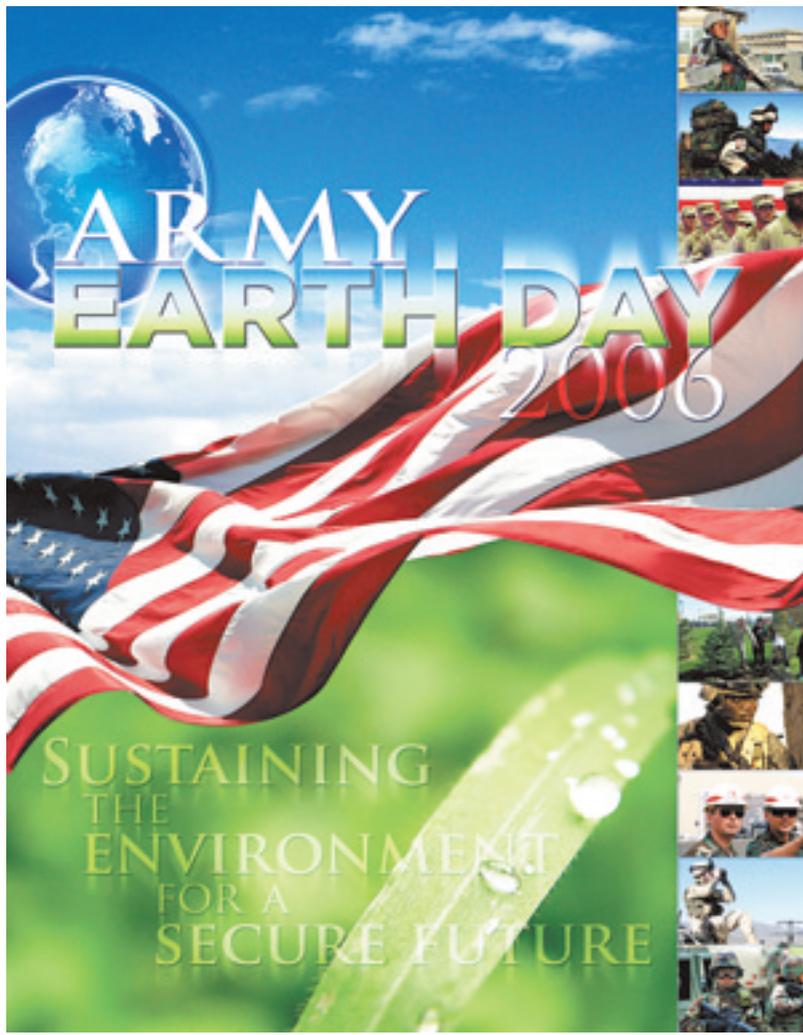
In addition to the mercury elimination program, Tripler's staff is working on a waste management plan that includes a waste reduction and pollution prevention policy, and regulated medical waste reduction and management program, Yee said.

"We believe that protecting the health of our environment is crucial to protecting the health of the community we serve," said Col. Derick B. Ziegler, Tripler's chief of staff. "Because of this, we are committed to continually improving our environmental impact to make our hospital safer and healthier for our patients, staff, community and the global environment."

Laura Brannen, the director of Hospital for a Health Environment, echoed similar sentiments. "By focusing on environmental sustainability, Tripler Army Medical Center is playing an active role in the health care sector's fundamental shift toward protecting public health instead of simply treating disease."

"Tripler is to be commended for its visionary efforts to create a healthier environment for their patients, staff and community, and for setting the example for other hospitals to follow," she said.

Right — The U.S. Army's souvenir poster celebrates Earth Day 2006.



## News Briefs

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### Officer Candidate School

Soldiers who wish to be considered for the next HQDA OCS selection board, convening July 17, must submit their applications through command channels to Directorate of Human Resources, DA Boards Section, Building 750, Room 130, (located on Ayers Ave) Schofield Barracks no later than May 5.

The Installation Structured Interview Panel will convene beginning May 22 to interview qualified applicants. For more information, call 655-4511.

### Tax Center

Schofield Barracks location (Building 648) will be open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through 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 training.

- April 28: Special Troops Bn.
- June 5 and 26: 3rd Infantry Bde. Combat Team.
- June 12: Combat Aviation Bde.

The 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.

### Army Birthday

Celebrate the Army's 231st Birthday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, June 30 from 6 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$55 per person; the event is military formal or civilian black tie. Ticket information is available through unit representatives.

# Corps of Engineers workshop conveys ‘... a year for transformation’

### Workshop outlines codes, methods and procedures affecting military projects

**DINO W. BUCHANAN**  
Honolulu Engineer District

HONOLULU – More than 170 architects, engineers, construction contractors and others in related fields attended the 11th Annual Corps of Engineers Workshop April 11, 2006 at the Hale Koa Hotel. The workshop provided the latest information on the Honolulu District’s project workload, technical information and administrative procedures that affect how the industry does business with the Corps. The workshop’s theme was, “2006 - A Year for Transformation.” As the Army is in the midst of force reconstruction while supporting the Department of Defense’s number one goal of winning the global war on terrorism, the Corps continues to make transitions with the Army. Information presented during the work-

shop outlined contracting methods and procedures, new standards and codes affecting military projects and information on design, construction and legal implications of working with the Honolulu Engineer District (HED). The luncheon speaker was Brig. Gen. John Peabody, commander and division engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division. His presentation was, “An Army in Transformation.” Peabody highlighted how Corps and industry partners have a key role in the Global War on Terror, detailed how the Army is transforming from a division-centric to a brigade-centric organization and emphasized what affect transformation is having on military installation construction. “We are a nation at war and everyone with whom we do business has an important role to play in winning that war,” Peabody said. “Our industry partners know it’s important we work together, now more than ever.” The workshop and breakout session



Courtesy of Honolulu Engineer District

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District Project Manager Tammy Luke talks to local contractors at a Schofield Barracks Family Housing construction site.

provided opportunity for industry partners from the American Institute of Architects (Honolulu Chapter), American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii, General Contractors Association of Hawaii, Building Industry Association of Hawaii and the Associated Builders & Contractors of Hawaii to discuss issues with Corps’ employees in the spirit of partnership. Functional area specialists made presentations covering everything from HED’s Construction Quality Management to Military Construction Transformation. Breakout sessions presented by HED staff included military construction transformation; life-safety deficiencies; spatial data standards for facilities, infrastructure and environment; historic preservation; construction contractor and AE performance evaluation systems; cost escalation issues; AE liability and construction quality management updates. This year’s workshop was co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects (Honolulu Chapter) in conjunction with HED.



The rusted remains of the USS Utah, often called "The Forgotten Memorial," pays a silent tribute to 58 sailors who lost their lives Dec. 7, 1941.

## 94th AAMDC learns vital lessons

Story and Photos by

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94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

PEARL HARBOR — The Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Oahu caught the nation and the military off guard and thrust the United States into war, much like the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

The officers of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command recently conducted their first staff ride of Pearl Harbor to learn the history and discuss lessons of that infamous attack.

Staff rides are typically conducted by unit officers and non-commissioned officers for professional development.

"This staff ride uses history as our teacher to learn what we did right and wrong in the past in order to make better decisions in the future," said Col. Kelvin Bright, chief of staff for the 94th AAMDC. "[It] is important for our leaders today because those lessons still tie-in to what is currently going on in the world."

Bright drew inferences from George Santayana's famous quote, "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

In the spirit of Santayana's words, military leaders can look to history as a means to correct past mistakes while continuing to do those things that were done right. Staff rides are powerful tools because the leaders get a chance to walk the same ground where the



David Hilbert, USARPAC historian (left), explains the attack on Wheeler Army Air Field as Brig. Gen. John E. Seward (center) and Sgt. Dexter Vanhook eye the bullet holes in beams overhead.

battle occurred and put themselves in the same mindset as those who fought there.

"The decisions leaders make are based on experience," said Bright. "Staff rides ... provide a focused environment to enhance the decision making ability of our leaders."

During the Pearl Harbor staff ride, each of the participants took a particular piece of the battle and provided vignettes about what happened at each site. Most of the information came from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Each station ended with thought-provoking questions designed to generate open responses

and feelings from participants.

While the Pearl Harbor attack occurred more than 64 years ago, numerous connections to the current global war on terror exist. One obvious connection is the intelligence failures that occurred prior to the attack; in both cases the United States possessed information but either did not know how to use it or ignored its message. Leaders cannot foresee the future but studying the past can help them make more-educated predictions.

"No one had a complete picture that would have suggested an attack was imminent," said Col. Thomas "Buck" Luther, assistant chief of staff for intelligence. "... It is important to pass intelligence both laterally and vertically to get it to the people who need it."

Most of the history from the attack on Oahu has been preserved. Bullet holes on the metal beams inside a hangar on Wheeler Army Air Field are still present. The Pacific Air Force Headquarters still bears the bullet-ridden scars inside and outside the building from Japanese "Zeros" aerial attack. In addition, the USS Arizona and USS Utah memorials still lie in their watery graves.

Each of these examples is a reminder to military leaders everywhere: Learn the lessons from the past to prevent repeating them in the future.



### Coming home

During a ceremony April 21 at Hickam Air Force Base, a joint service casket bearer team memorializes the repatriation of remains believed to be an American military member missing from the Vietnam War. Following the ceremony, the remains were transported to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Hickam, where the forensic identification process will take place.

Staff Sgt. Kimberly A. Green | 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

## Town Hall: Residents encouraged to 'PEEP' around AMR, Fort Shafter communities

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and AMR crater areas. Demolition of homes in these areas is scheduled to begin this fall, according to Janine Lind, director of Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH). Then construction of new homes will begin in summer 2007.

"Once it starts, it will all happen very quickly," said Lind. "Eventually, everything in AMR will be new."

AHFH outlined the parameters of a new housing program initiative called "Refer a Friend." The program is underway now through the end of June 2006 and encourages current AHFH residents to refer military personnel who are living off post to move into post housing.

Those who are successful receive a reward — a \$500 referral fee, which is paid in full to the current AHFH resident, 30 days after the family moves on post. (Get more details about this program at the AHFH Web site: [www.ArmyFamilyHousing.com](http://www.ArmyFamilyHousing.com).)

"This is targeting the housing areas in Oahu South because we have availability," said Lind. "It puts money back into the pocketbooks of our residents," she added, explaining that off-

post military families of deploying service members should take the opportunity to live on-post.

### Attendance woes

Attendance at town hall meetings has been sporadic, but the community gatherings serve a vital purpose. To make things happen, residents must raise issues to the attention of those who can make the appropriate changes and resolve them. Hence, guest speakers are available at each town hall meeting to respond to the needs of the community. For example, Maj. Gen. William H. Brandenburg, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army, Pacific, was on hand to respond to questions.

Yet, the effort lies in the hands of residents, said Lt. Col. Stephen Moniz, commander of the Oahu Base Support Battalion.

"We need feedback, we need sensors out there, we need people telling us what the issues are so we can respond to them," Moniz emphasized. "We don't know what we don't know!"

### Track record

Input from residents concerning housing

issues has produced results. Complaints of unlit streets resulted in the repair of more than 100 street lamps in the AMR community.

A skate park for youth residents, brought up at the Jan. 25 meeting as a huge deficiency, is currently awaiting the arrival of pieces purchased from the mainland to complete construction.

Several more issues are waiting on funding to be authorized but were addressed as being acknowledged.

The message is clear: Raise an issue and it will get resolved.

"What you get here is not provided in any other forum," said Moniz. "Being able to come here, face to face, to get an answer or raise an issue you want addressed, you can do that in person and get an answer," he stressed. "That is the value added."

Town hall meetings are a way for garrison commanders at Army installations to communicate and receive feedback from local residents about issues that affect them. Echoing comments at the North area town hall meeting at Schofield Barracks, April 4, leaders said they hope for a bigger turnout at the next town hall meeting.

## Science board to study Internet's impact on military operations

**DONNA MILES**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Science Board will conduct a study on a topic that would have been inconceivable 50 years ago: the military implications of Internet search engines, online journals and "blogs."

Kenneth Krieg, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics and a former Defense Science Board member himself, requested the study on "Information Management for Net-Centric Operations" to help evaluate the implications of the information network boom.

Krieg noted in a memo to the board the military's ever-increasing reliance on these networks and the way they increase the force's effectiveness. As information becomes more critical to military operations, the military will need to ensure it has the information networks needed to meet future challenges, he wrote.

"Our increasing ability to leverage information and networking will be a critical enabling factor in developing better ways to work with others in the (U.S. government) and with both coalition and nontraditional partners as we, col-

lectively, undertake the challenging missions of the 21st century," he wrote.

That capability will be critical in stabilization and reconstruction missions. Krieg called access to information and collaboration among those who play a role in these missions "the lifeblood of military and civil-military operations."

And as new users demand more information, they'll want better tools for getting it and ways to ensure its security and reliability. "Googling" and "blogging" are making their way into military operations at all levels," Krieg wrote. "But the full implications of this revolution are as yet unknown, and we have no clear direction and defined doctrine."

Scientific and technical experts on the Defense Science Board will explore those implications during the study. The group will assess DoD's strategy, scope and progress toward achieving what Krieg called "a robust and adaptive net-centric DoD enterprise."

The Defense Science Board was established in 1956 to serve as an independent advisory body to DoD on scientific and technical matters.



Pfc. Gary Saleh poses as an insurgent during HHC's warrior task training on improvised explosive devices conducted April 13 at Sills Field.

## WARRIOR: Common tasks training accelerates

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there's no way to be familiar."

Spc. Maureen Pierre-DeMarco, another administrative specialist with Headquarters, agreed.

"I think it was a good refresher," said Pierre-DeMarco, who already has a tour in Iraq under her belt.

"Most of those tasks were taught at the Warrior Leader course I just attended, and it's good to know they're teaching Soldiers who haven't had a chance to experience something like [deployment] yet. They are basic Soldier skills that we all need to know," said Pierre-DeMarco.

There are many junior enlisted Soldiers, officers and noncommissioned officers in the company, the training is universal to all ranks.

"I don't think any training needs to be tailored to any specific audience because any of us could be caught in that situation where we have to go outside the wire," said Staff Sgt. Eric Long, platoon sergeant, Division Engineers.

Pierre-DeMarco agreed. "You never know what situation you're going to be in so knowing that you're already trained you have a better idea of how to face a situation," she said.

Long, and fellow combat engineers Spc. Alexander Payne and Pfc. Gary Saleh, provided instruction on convoy operations and IEDs and UXO tasks during the unit's training.

"At a bare minimum it's the basic knowledge that all Soldiers should be required to know before going downrange," he said. "As far as any other Soldiers that have been downrange before, it's to help them with the transition of

getting into that mindset."

In addition, Long stressed the importance of Soldiers constantly honing their skills in the warrior tasks and drills.

"It is very, easy to get complacent," he said adding, "All these skills are perishable."

Having previous combat experience, Long and his staff added a wealth of experience to make the training current and add another aspect to which the Soldiers could relate. Of the all the tasks, most Soldiers viewed Long's station as the most informative.

Even though they were all important, the IED and UXO tasks

"I'm always ready for more training — I'm a scout by trade."

*Pvt.2 Shawn Metz  
Administrative specialist*

were critical, said Pierre-DeMarco. She said she picked up tips from the training that she didn't learn on her first deployment.

"I felt really good, actually [about the training]," Metz added. "Usually it's kinda painful to go through those types [of training]. ... "People sometimes go into it with the attitude that they could be in the office getting things done rather than be out there rolling around on the grass. For me, the reinforcement training was a really good thing, and I actually learned some things that I didn't already know."

When asked if he looked forward to more training, Metz' response was clear.

"Absolutely," he replied with a grin. "I'm always ready for more training — I'm a scout by trade."



2nd Lt. Meinda Walden

FORT LEWIS, Wash. – A military science student climbs up through an obstacle during individual tactical training at the Leader Development and Assessment Course here. More than 4,000 Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from across the country will attend the 32 days of training this summer.

‘Army Training, Sir!’

# University students selected for summer officer leadership training

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Hawaii Army ROTC

HONOLULU – Twenty-three Cadets from the University of Hawaii ROTC program have been selected to attend the U.S. Army's 32-day top officer training exercise at Fort Lewis, Washington this summer. The exercise is the culminating leadership event for the Reserve Officer's Training Corps, or ROTC.

Seniors: Justin Dietrich, Carter Johnston and Amy Sumida and juniors: Jordan Acidera, Mark Blackmon, Charles Choi, John Cole, Alao Hogan, Kevin Inoue, Ji Young Kim, Travis Lee, David Lukefahr, Adam Maneen,

Marimon Maskell, Jonathon Punio, Janice Reyes, Erica Salvador, Mike Schreckengost, Jaewon Son, David Song, Sheldon Shibuya, Sean Taguba and Renee Togafau will join more than 4,000 other "cadets" from colleges and universities nationwide for the massive exercise, known as the Leader Development and Assessment Course or 'LDAC'.

LDAC is where every Cadet in the nation gets the opportunity to train and compete with other Cadets head to head," said Lt. Col. Carlos Perez. "Everything they do is under the leadership of other Cadets, who are evaluated every time they're in

charge. This is the last big training event, the last major test, before we entrust them with leading American Soldiers."

Also known as Warrior Forge, the training exercise is comprised of activities combined to build and test cadets' confidence, technical skills, physical agility and endurance, and leadership capability. The exercise will include M-16 familiarization and marksmanship, land navigation, confidence training, water survival, hand-to-hand combat, security operations, first aid, field leader's reaction course, and various individual and group tactical training venues.

Cadets also spend about 10 days in field conditions responding to training situations devised by U.S. Army Soldiers with recent experience in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our job every day in ROTC is to ensure that the young people entering Army service have the very best training," said Col. Steve Corbett, commander of Warrior Forge at Fort Lewis. "Warrior Forge is made up of 5,000 dedicated professional Soldiers and civilians all working hard to ensure that the military science students who will become new Army lieutenants are ready to lead America's most precious defense.

# Army Hawaii bids farewell to faithful

Story and Photos by  
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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Fellow Soldiers, family members and friends joined 12 Soldiers from Army Hawaii during the quarterly retirement ceremony held in their honor April 21 at the Nehelani.

On a warm, sunny afternoon, guests filed into the Nehelani to watch the 12 Soldiers make the final march of their careers. Many of them had given well beyond 20 years of service.

Col. James C. Boisselle, 25th Infantry Division's chief of staff, and Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Taylor, hosted the event.

Distinguished guests such as Brig. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, assistant division commander (support), attended the ceremony. The arrival of the official party signified the beginning of the retirees' celebration as lei were presented to each service member.

As family, friends, co-workers and well-wishers looked on, a short biography of each retiree was read. Following the reading, awards were presented by Boisselle and Taylor congratulating Soldiers and their spouses on their achievements.

Afterwards, Boisselle thanked the retiring Soldiers for their years of service.

A reception was held after the ceremony to allow families and friends to greet and mingle with the retirees. Some of the retirees shared their thoughts on leaving the Army and finding new goals to accomplish.

"The Army has been good to me," said Sgt. 1st Class David Howard, who retired with 23 years of service. "It's been very fulfilling and provided a lot of opportunities."

Howard said he plans to use his G.I. Bill to go to school. Some people retire and choose to remain home. Others such as Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Smith, who retired after a 20-year career, choose to find another job.

"I'm going to take two weeks off then start a job at Fort McPherson," said Smith.

Many junior Soldiers attended the ceremony. After hearing of retirees with more than 20 years of service, some showed their appreciation.

"It was an honor to be a part of the ceremony because these Soldiers have given so much to their country," said Spc. Daniel Bearl, who narrated the ceremony.

"It's a good farewell from the Army. For some of us just coming in [the Army], it's like a lifetime of service," he said. "It's inspiring to see people who are that selfless and willing to give so much of themselves for the defense of the country."

After dedicating their lives to the nation's defense for more than 20 years, the retirees all seemed to enjoy their retirement ceremony.

Yet, not all the retired Soldiers had elaborate plans following the end of their careers though.

"We're going to move to Colorado Springs, buy a house, [I'll] get a challenging job and spend as much quality time as I can with my family," said Chief Warrant Officer Three David A. Hadley.

When asked if adjusting to civilian life would be difficult after so many years of service Hadley didn't have to think twice.

"No, but it's been a great 22 years," he replied.

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# Earth Day 2006

Earth Day volunteers help sustain the environment for future generations

Story and Photos by  
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HONOLULU — Nearly 200 Honolulu-area Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other Earth Day enthusiasts began their quest to be the new "stewards of the environment" at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor's Center (RVC) at Fort DeRussy April 22.

"Providing free interactive exhibits, video presentations, and hands-on envi-

Program bagged nearly 200 pounds of trash from brush and foliage around Fort DeRussy beach, the RVC and the U.S. Army Museum.

"Earth Day is a chance for everyone to help restore the environment to a pristine state and also gives us (Marine biology students) the opportunity to gain valuable interaction with people who are concerned with the envi-

Right — RVC Park Ranger Mike Carroll passes a piece of trash to University of Hawaii's Marine Option Program student Yvette Marquez during the Fort DeRussy Beach cleanup, which netted almost 200 pounds of trash and debris.

Below — Scouts reintroduce Moi fish into the ocean at the Waikiki Aquarium to contribute to Earth Day 2006.



## MORE EARTH DAY

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ronmental clean-up activities for Earth Day showcases how relevant the Corps of Engineers is today to environmental stewardship," said Garland Ireland, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park ranger.

Earth Day events at the RVC began with environmental preservation organizations encouraging inquisitive Boy and Girl Scouts to participate in year-round ecological activities. Scouts said their hope was to learn more about the environment and help preserve it for the future. Scout leaders said they wanted their "stewards" to be respectful of the environment they live in.

Amy Tsuneyoshi, a watershed specialist from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply said, "Earth Day helps educate tomorrow's leaders that we must protect our natural resources today to preserve the watersheds in Hawaii for future generations to enjoy."

Earth Day participants focused on what can be done with positive, hands-on volunteer efforts to preserve our island environment, stream/park cleanup, trail restoration, removing trash from streets, mulching and using oil change boxes for instance.

"Earth Day is a hands-on event," said Iwalani Sato, Honolulu Department of Environmental Services. "Whether it's a stream or beach clean-up or reintroducing fish to the wild, Earth Day means awareness — and action. Earth Day had all ages in the city working together to make an environmental difference."

## Watershed

More than 500 volunteers and representatives from the Ala Wai Association, 20 local civic organizations and the co-sponsors provided manpower and exhibits for events around the Ala Wai watershed area focusing on this year's U.S. Army Earth Day theme of "Sustaining the Environment for a Secure Future" and Honolulu's Earth Day 2006 theme of "Protecting Our Waters for Life."

A group of University of Hawaii at Manoa students in the Marine Option

environment," said Yvette Marquez, a junior studying Marine Biology at UH who participated in the beach cleanup.

"It's not just one piece of trash that some one person throws, it's the several thousand others who throw one piece," said Jan Surface of the Natural Resources Conservation Service whose RVC exhibit message to the scouts was to enhance personal responsibility for nature and the environment.

## Fish Stocking, Capturing

Marquez and several of her Marine Option Program classmates later traveled to the Waikiki Aquarium to assist with a moi fish stocking.

"Our hope is that when the moi are

captured by fishermen, they will keep the fish's tag and return it to DLNR. That way we can determine where the moi have been, where they dispersed, how fast they grow — all very important information to us," said Andrew Rossiter, Waikiki Aquarium.

While moi were being released into the ocean at the Waikiki Aquarium, the Department of Land and Natural Resources hosted an event in Manoa Stream where 40 volunteers captured 640 pounds of the invasive armored catfish. The catfish is especially destructive because it contributes to the erosion of the stream bank as it burrows into stream banks and erodes the soil. Adopt-A-Stream cleanups were also held at Makiki and Palolo Streams with a beach



Photo Courtesy of City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services



cleanup at Ala Moana Beach Park.

"One of the big things for me about Earth Day is to remember that there is a connectedness, but we're a major, major part of it and we need to show more responsibility," says Rossiter.

"We must sustain the environment and Mother Earth today, right now," said Mike Carroll an RVC Park Ranger who assisted the Fort DeRussy cleanup crew.

"Every person shares a bond with the Earth, so it makes it imperative we act to preserve that which supports us."

The Pacific Regional Visitor's Center co-sponsored the local Earth Day events along with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services, Division of Environmental Quality, Storm Water Quality Branch, Adopt-A-Stream Program and the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Aquatic Resources.

Earth Day was established March 21, 1970 as an annual event to deepen reverence and care for life on our planet.

For more information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers log on to the Honolulu District website: <http://www.poh.usace.army.mil/index.asp>.

# Scouts experience Earth Day at Kolekole Pass

Story and Photo by  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Leaving nothing but footprints and packing out the trash of those who came before them, Cub Scout Den 183 celebrated Earth Day Saturday with a trail hike at the top of Kolekole Pass. "We're just up for a hike, and I wanted to show them the beauty of the island; I don't think,

Robert Stoor of Cub Scout Den 183 performs his good deed for Earth Day as he collects trash marring the natural beauty of Kolekole Pass. Stoor and the Scouts policed-up on their own initiative.

by foot, there is a better place to see it," said Warrant Officer Cory B. Rudd, Charlie Troop, 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, father to Cub Scout Austin Rudd and stand-in Scout leader for the day. The real den leader, Sgt. 1st Class John Stoor, was recovering from a broken arm.

"I felt they needed to see it, because a lot of the guys doing PT — you know they run 'em up here — they get to see it but their families never get to."

Rudd, an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior pilot based at Wheeler Army Air Field when he isn't shaping future leaders, didn't have to tell his young charges to collect trash as their good deed for the day. The Scouts were eager to police up the mess, respecting the environment unlike the less considerate who left behind their garbage.

The Webelos Scout Program is the senior level of Cub Scouts for boys in fourth and fifth grade. Den 183 comprises three members: Austin Rudd, Robert Stoor and Nathaniel Shanks. They're working on their Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting, and they need to complete Travel-

ing and the Scout Conference to become full Boy Scouts. Once completed, they'll be pretty much waiting on age to get into the Boy Scouts, said Cory.

The older Boy Scout, Kenneth Shanks, had been in Scouting for a few years but was new to Oahu.

"I've been here about three weeks," said Shanks. "I'm working on my 1st Class. I've got my 2nd Class done."

One thing they didn't pick up was the edible guava berries that littered the trail at points.

"I love them," Rudd said, pointing out the branches laden with berries that resemble cherries. He wouldn't let the Scouts eat them, however, without their parent's consent. "I eat those instead of MREs in the field and lose weight."

The weather, following a brief scattering of light rain, turned sunny and clear. Cory took them to a mountaintop meadow with an incredible view of the western side of the island down the Kolekole Pass.

"At one point they filmed a scene from (the movie) 'Pearl Harbor' here, of Zeros

coming through the pass," he said, spreading his arms out over the panorama below.

In some places the trail was so steep that the Cubs slid down the hill rather than try to walk it, leaving them all with red dust on their pants.

"We all scooted down on our butts so we wouldn't fall. I figured, if you're already down on your butt, you can't fall much further," said Cory.

On the trail back the Scouts stopped to marvel at the sharp, unusual rock with the natural bowl and drainage rivulet, said to have been a ceremonial place for beheading defeated chieftains long ago. The kids were certain they could see bloodstains in the dark volcanic rock. The cruel shape of the rock held their awe and respect.

Though he was filling in for the regular den leader, Cory clearly enjoyed spending the Earth Day afternoon with his son and the other kids.

"I love it, it's a great thing," he said. "These children are getting a good education outside of the school system through this."





# April

**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.

## 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.

# May

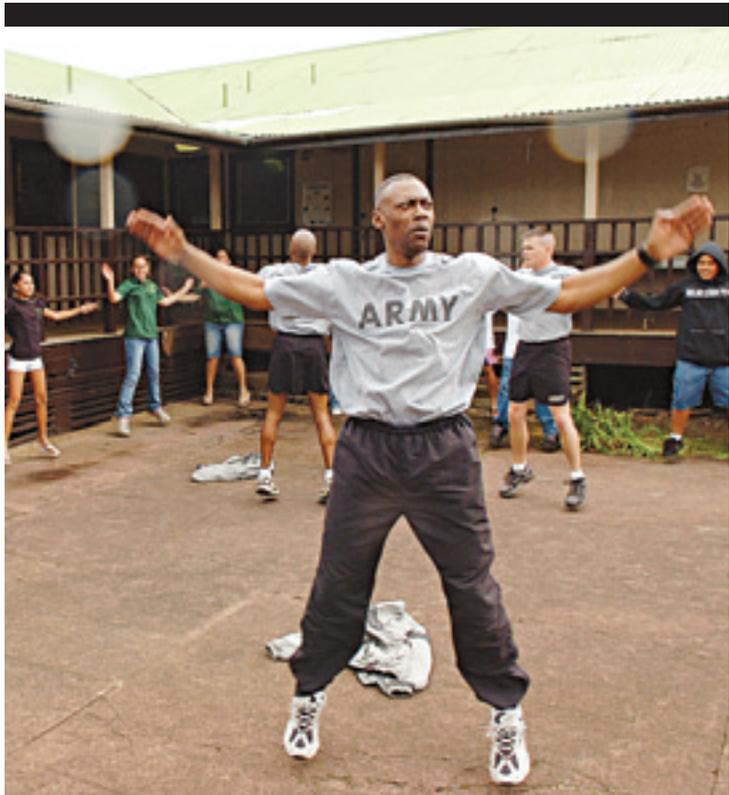
## 5/ Friday

**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.

**Pet Week** — Schofield Veterinary clinic presents "Pet Week," May 6 to 12. Events



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## Health and fitness

**POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA** — Command Sgt. Maj. James A. Murray of PTA leads soldiers and middle schoolers in side straddle hops. PTA Soldiers traveled to Kohala Middle School on the northern tip of the Big Island April 20 to participate in the school's Annual Health and Fitness Day.

include a pet fair on May 6, a biscuit guess contest on May 8, coloring contest on May 10 and photo contest on May 11. For more information on all of these events, call 433-8532.

## 8/ Monday

**Nehelani Advisory Council Meeting** — Make a difference in your club system by attending the bimonthly council meeting Monday at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center, Kukui Room, on Schofield Barracks.

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

## 10/ Wednesday

**Blue Star Card Preview Night** — Blue Star Card holders are invited to a free preview of the musical "Damn Yankees" at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter. For more information, call 655-0111.

**Afterschool at the Library** — Children are invited to Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, and enjoy an afternoon of Asia and Pacific Heritage stories and a craft activity, May 10, 3 p.m. Event is free and no

registration is required. For more information, call 655-8002.

## 11/ Thursday

**Damn Yankees** — Come enjoy the Broadway musical classic "Damn Yankees" at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter. Opening night is May 11 with additional shows on May 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or online at <http://www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html>. For more information, call 438-4480

## 12/ Friday

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

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

# 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 Driver Education** — Learn to drive with SKIES at Valentine's Driving School. The session includes 32 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel time, taught by qualified instructors.

The total fee for all instruction is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. For more information, call 655-5525.

**"Paint It & Take It"** — Ceramic parties offer a unique way to celebrate get-togethers, coffees, children's birthday parties, showers or any occasion. The Arts and Crafts Center has a varied selection of ceramic bisqueware, ready for the artist in you to paint and take home.

For more information, call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or call 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

**Salvage Yard Auto Sales** — Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks Salvage Yards will be sponsoring sealed bid auto sales twice a month. Bidding will end on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and the highest bidder will be notified the following day.

A minimum bid will be marked on each for sale auto. For more information, call 655-9368 at Schofield Barracks or 438-9402 at Fort Shafter.

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

**Information, Ticketing and Registration** — Are you looking for tickets to area attractions? Visit the Information, Ticketing and Registration offices located on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter for a variety of tickets including luaus, cruises, whale watching adventures, Hawaiian Water Park, Sea Life Park, movie tickets, inter-island packages and much more.

For additional information, call the Schofield Barracks ITR at 655-9971, the Fort Shafter ITR at 438-1985 or log onto [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com). Click on ITR Ticketing and Registration for a full list of discounts at the various attractions.

**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.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com).

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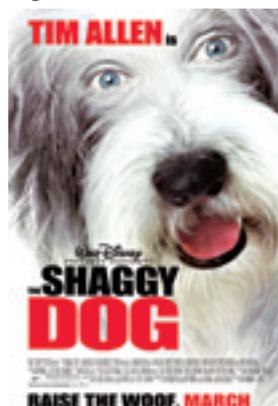
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8:00	Safety message CG Brown
8:04	Hawaii Army Report
8:28	Army Emergency Relief
8:29	Bulletin Board
8:59	Deployment Message CG Mixon
9:04	Pentagon Channel
10:00	Army Emergency Relief
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# This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



### The Shaggy Dog

(PG)  
Today, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.



### Ultraviolet

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



### Aquamarine

(PG)  
Sunday, 2 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

# Community Calendar

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

# April

## 28/ Friday

**Annual Volunteer Ceremony** — The Annual Volunteer will be held Friday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, call 655-1703.

# May

## 1/ Monday

**Hui O Na Wahine** — 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.

**Volunteers Needed** — The Muscular Dystrophy Association requests the support 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. E-mail [jli@mداusa.org](mailto:jli@mداusa.org), or call 593-4454 for more information.

**National Pet Week** — The Fort Shafter Veterinary Clinic will celebrate National Pet Week from May 1 to 6. There will be an "Aloha Pets" photo contest. Non-returnable photos must be submitted to veterinary clinic staff on May 4 before 4

p.m. Winners will be notified May 5. On Saturday, May 6, Veterinary Clinic staff will hold a dog wash at the AMR Shopette parking lot (next to the dry cleaners). Bring your dog for a wash and your kids for face painting. Donations are appreciated. Call 433-1975 for more information.

**2006 Lei Day Festival** — The City and County of Honolulu invites everyone to the free 79th annual Lei Day Festival, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Queen Kapiolani Park's Bandstand. The day is filled with beautiful lei on display, the sounds of the Royal Hawaiian Band, hula, steel guitar, arts and crafts and lei and food vendors. For more information, call 692-5751 or go online to [www.honolulu parks.com](http://www.honolulu parks.com) (Lei Day).

## 2/ Tuesday

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority** — Hawaii Alumnae Chapter will celebrate May Week from May 2 to 6. Everyone is invited to free events that include "Workin' it out! Physically and Mentally," May 2 at the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church; "Couple's Financial Workshop," May 4; "Literary Explosion," May 5; and "Youth Explosion," May 6, all at the Hickham Community Center.

For more information, visit [www.hawaii-deltas.net](http://www.hawaii-deltas.net).

## 3/ Wednesday

**Divorced Parenting Classes** — A Divorced Parenting 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.

## 4/ Thursday

**2006 Days of Remembrance Observance** — Fort Shafter community will host the 2006 Days of Remembrance Observance, May 4, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 9th Re-

gional Readiness Command Assembly Hall, Building 1554, Fort Shafter Flats. The event is an observance of the Holocaust, and this year's theme is "Legacies of Justice."

For more information, call 438-1600, extension 3218.

**Free Concert** — "Last in Line," a punk rock band, offers free admission to their May 4 show at Waikiki's Pink Cadillac to active-duty military. 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.lastinlinemusic.com](http://www.lastinlinemusic.com) or by calling 714-293-2769.

## 5/ Friday

**ACS Employment Orientation** — Army Community Service will hold a series of Friday workshops beginning May 5 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and continuing May 12, 19, and 26. Attendees will learn how to prepare for their job search, 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** — USO Hawaii presents "A Salute to Our Troops," featuring a Waikiki parade and concert Saturday, May 6. The

# Communication key to easing stress for children in deployment

**PFC. BRYANNA POULIN**

25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Preparing children for deployment of a parent is a challenging task for any family. When a parent is deployed, it can be a stressful experience for children.

However advanced preparation and direct communication can help resolve any stress for the family, said Floyd Davison, family advocacy program manager at the Army Community Service.

Parents should first prepare the child emotionally for the separation of the parent. Most often children may feel that it is their fault that the parent is "going away". Children need reassurance that the service member has a duty and leaving home is sometimes necessary.

"Children are going to suffer a loss and feel like they have done something wrong," Davison said.

Parents should communicate with the children. Children should also be made aware of the details of the deployment,



and let children know where the parent is going, how long they will be gone and when they will be returning. Sparing details to children may only cause them to be more worried about the deployment.

Parents should be as honest and give as much information as possible. The child may have many questions about the military, and why the parent has to leave or whether they are going to be safe. It's important to give as much information as possible in words that are understandable to a child.

"Parents should sit down and talk with their kids and let them know they're getting ready to deploy," said Davison.

Children should be encouraged to talk about their feelings and should know that it is normal to admit they are going to miss their parent or feel lonely at times.

To aid in emotional issues a child may



Pfc. Bryanna Poulin | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

Children from Solomon Elementary School enjoy playing on the playground there.

have, parents should take time to build memories before leaving. Spend quality time and participate in activities children enjoy, Davison said.

For school-age children, parents should talk to school administrators and teachers about the deployment, and make them aware of the details and length of the separation. Whereas everything in a child's life may seem unsettled, school may serve as stability for a child. Educators may be the first to notice any behavioral change in a child if it occurs, Davison said.

The deployed parent also needs to make certain all administrative issues are resolved as well.

All members of the family should be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligi-

bility Reporting System (DEERS) before deployment, according to the ACS pre-deployment book. This ensures that family members can receive medical care while the Soldier is deployed.

Soldiers should check the expiration dates of all dependent identification cards. If the cards expire before the projected end of deployment, Soldiers should contact the appropriate personnel office to initiate paperwork.

Finally, before deployment Soldiers and family member should get involved in classes and briefings that are offered to families. These services will benefit children for pre-deployment, deployment and redeployment of the parent.

## Community Calendar

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Pacific Island groups will provide entertainment.

### 26 / Friday

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

### 27 / Saturday

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

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

## Ongoing

**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 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 before May 1.

**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.myarmylife-too.com> and <http://www.militaryspouse-jobseach.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.

**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.

**Fort Shafter Newcomers Orientation Tour** — 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, and communities. 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 conducts a newcomer's orientation tour every Friday for new Soldiers and family members. The tour will include Schofield Barracks, the Hale Koa Hotel, the Bishop Museum and other points.

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 lunch.

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

# Garrison extends statewide 'Earth' reach

**BOB MCELROY**

*Pohakuloa Training Area Public Affairs*

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — Earth Day 2006 proved to be a signal day for the Natural and Cultural Resources staff of Pohakuloa Training Area for it marked the first time they have participated in a community Earth Day Fair.

On Saturday Darryl York, PTA Natural Resources Chief, Lena Schnell from Natural Resources and PTA Cultural Resources Chief Bill Godby set up and manned an information booth at the first-annual Kona Earth Day Fair at the King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel.

PTA joined organizations such as the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, Hawaii Cave Conservation, Kona Soil and Water Conservation District and Recycle Hawaii.

PTA commander Lt. Col. Kimberly A. Rapacz encouraged the participation in the fair in order to inform a broader audience of the good work the Natural and Cultural Resources staff does on the installation.

The PTA booth featured photos, posters and handouts which displayed the endangered species and the various cultural resources and archaeological sites present on the installation.

Visitors to the booth could also test their knowledge by taking a quiz Godby designed to identify cultural artifacts ( a hammer stone, a bird stone, a bird bone tool, an Opihi shell tool and a small Adze) found at PTA. More than a dozen people took the quiz and perhaps two correctly identified all of the artifacts.

PTA's Earth Day activities didn't just begin with the Kona Earth Day Fair, however, on Thursday, April 20, York and biologist Lance Tominaga led two public tours, morning and afternoon, through the dry-land Ohia forest in the western portion of the installation.

York and Tominaga discussed how the Army is preserving and protecting not only the Ohia forest but all of the 12 endangered plant species on PTA.

The greatest threat to the endangered



Lance Tominaga | Biological Technician, CEMML

protective fence. The fence allows young plants to grow by protecting them from grazing.

York said he was happy for the opportunity to share information on the work his staff performs with the community.

The Army has budgeted \$1.6 million this year toward preserving, protecting, managing and recovering endangered natural resources at PTA, York said. In addition to the money allocated PTA Natural Resources has a staff of nearly 20 people that includes biologists, botanists and even a weed-whacking crew that helps keep down invasive plants.

PTA Cultural Resources staff has five

“The Army not only preserves the endangered plants but it’s very active in recovery.”

*Darryl York*

*PTA Natural Resources Chief*

workers who identify, map, catalog and document cultural sites such as lava tube cave systems, prehistoric quarries and other sites bearing evidence of Early Hawaiian use.

As important as the good work the PTA Natural and Cultural Resources staff performs is, York for one, loves having the chance to conduct public outreach.

“I like these opportunities because I don’t think the public has any idea of the effort the Army expends toward recovery of threatened and endangered species at PTA,” he said.

York reiterated that the danger to PTA’s endangered plants and animals was not from military activity at all but from wildfire, invasive plants and feral ungulates. The Army, he stressed, does as good a job or better than other state or federal agencies in preserving, protecting and recovery.

“The Army not only preserves the endangered plants but it’s very active in recovery,” York said. “I think the public perception of what we do here is totally wrong.



Dino W. Buchanan | Honolulu Engineer District

Above — Darryl York, PTA biologist, talks to community members about endangered Hawaiian plants and other species during Earth Day on Oahu, Saturday.

Left — Boy Scouts from Packs 42 and 137 listen to a brief on the environment and Earth Day 2006 by Garland Ireland, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ park ranger, at the Corps’ Pacific Regional Visitor’s Center at Fort DeRussy. More than 200 scouts from the Honolulu area listened to briefs and interactive videos.

plants, York said, was not from military training and activity but from wildfires, invasive plant species such as fountain grass and feral ungulates—wild sheep and goats.

One method the Natural Resources staff uses to protect plants from the ungulates is called a “temporary enclosure” and consists of a bright-orange plastic pro-

# Reef clean up helps ocean environment

**SHAUN TOY**  
Family Member

My name is Shaun Toy; I am 12 years old and am a Boy Scout in Troop 135. Last weekend, on April 8th, I went scuba diving as part of a Boy Scout service project.

With the help of the Aloha Dive Shop, based out of Hawaii Kai, we went on a boat dive off of China Walls in Portlock in order to collect garbage, lead fishing weights and other debris from the coral reef. Not only did we find nearly 40 lbs. of fishing weights, we also found beer and wine bottles, and lots of garbage. We used special containers and air floats or "lift-bags" to haul all of this trash to the surface. Most of it could then be recycled.

We didn't just see trash on this dive; we also saw numerous green sea turtles, a white tip reef shark, a humongous moray eel and a rare Hawaiian monk seal! The great people at Aloha Dive Shop made this trip very fun and were extremely happy that I helped them out cleaning the reef, which is something they do on a regular basis.

I am glad that I did this service project, because not only did I help out the coral reef, but in turn also the animals that live down there. I plan to continue to support this clean-up effort and look forward to my next dive.



Toy

# Tripler AMC recognizes superstar volunteers

Story and Photo by  
**MARK JACKSON**  
Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center hosted its annual volunteer recognition ceremony April 13. More than 75 volunteers were recognized for service.

Each year Tripler recognizes individuals who donate their time to support Tripler staff in their operations. Those who have walked the halls of Tripler have seen some of these volunteers displaying the distinct American Red Cross emblem on their identification badge.

Recognition was provided to Saint Francis School teen Jessica Oyama. She began volunteering in June 2005 and contributed more than 300 hours while working in the pharmacy supply department.

Oyama was awarded the Presidential Gold Volunteer Service Award, a award for volunteers 15-25 years old who have contributed more than 250 hours of service in a year.

"During my five years at Tripler Army Medical Center, I have only presented a total of four gold awards, [not including Jessica] out of more than 100 teen volunteers, and Jessica is my only recipient for 2005," said Rita Salvanera, ARC Hawaii State Chapter coordinator.

For this honor, Jessica received a personalized certificate, a note of congratulations from the President, a gold lapel pin, and a congratulatory letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.



Saint Francis School student Jessica Oyama receives the Presidential Gold Volunteer Service Award and a Tripler plaque from Coralie Matayoshi, chief executive officer, American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter, during Tripler's annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held April 13.

In addition to others who were recognized, another group was awarded plaques for contributing more than 10 years of service:

Animal handlers and their animals were also presented awards for selfless service in donating their time to bring smiles to patients as part of the Tripler Human Animal Bond Program.

The program plays an important role in the recovery of many patients, said Salvanera. "We also would like to take a moment of silence as we thank those volunteers and/or animals who are no longer with us. Thank you."

For more information about the American Red Cross volunteer program, call 433-6631.

- Francine Yates, 11 years
- Eloise Monsarrat, 16
- Ruth Hall, 12
- Sumiko Iwamoto, 17
- Bernice Oshita, 12
- Roberta Christiansen, 18
- Mitsue Kusatsu, 13
- Mooklan Winber, 19
- Gertrud Lynagh, 14
- Lawrence Heyenga, 20
- Constance Hastings, 15
- Margaret Gilbert, 23
- Edith Muench, 15
- Roger Monsarrat, 24
- Rhonda Plum, 15
- Barbara Graessle, 25

## COMMENTARY



Of the 2,253 pedestrian fatalities in alcohol-related crashes, 79 percent involved pedestrians who had consumed alcohol.  
— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

# Hawaii shows appreciation for military in May

## May 6, USO Salute to the Troops

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii 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 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 Avenue 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



Spc. Cheryl Ransford | 17th Public Affairs Detachment

Service members and their families hitch a train ride during Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo, June 4, 2005. More than 5,000 military kane, wahine and keiki were treated to multiple activities such as concerts, petting stations and face painting by the City and County of Honolulu, the United Services Organizations-Hawaii, and more than a dozen businesses and organizations.

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 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 Dominini'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. As well, the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii and the Tropic Lightning Band from the 25th Infantry Division will perform.

Arrangements have been made for showing the classic war films "Tora, Tora, Tora," "From Here To Eternity" and "Midway."

## May 20, Combined Military Band 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 Hawaii Theatre box office starting May 1.

## 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.

## May 1-31, Discounts and Specials

Throughout the month of May, many of Hawaii's visitor attractions and businesses will offer special discounts to the military. For example, the Battleship Missouri, 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 during the month of May and the entire summer.

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

(Editor's Note: Information provided by Charlie Ota, Hawaii Chamber of Commerce.)

# USO salutes Hawaii's troops

## USO presents parades, bands in all-star 'Salute to Our Troops'

**DONNA KLAPAKIS**  
Staff Writer

All Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen, including Reservists and National Guardsmen from every branch of service, will be the guests

of honor in Waikiki all day Saturday, May 6, when the United Services Organization presents USO Salute to the Troops, a full day of entertainment designed especially for military members and their families.

Cassandra Isidro, USO Hawaii executive director, said in a telephone interview that the USO hopes this will be the start of many such events.

"We're hoping to do it annually," she said. "We're having it in Waikiki, an area where the military and civilian communities can really come together. This will allow everyone to celebrate our men and women in uniform. We also appreciate the opportunity to say 'Aloha,' to those who are deploying, and say 'Thank you,' to those who have returned," she said.

"This idea of having a whole day as a support-the-troops appreciation day is great. ... I think it's going to be a wonderful event," retired Gen. Fred Weyand, chairman of the event, said in a telephone interview. "These guys and gals certainly deserve it. ... Some of them have been over there to Iraq or Afghanistan twice, and now some are going again."

"During Korea ... and then Vietnam, this sort of thing was entirely missing. You came home and it was just another day. In fact, Vietnam was even worse. You were looked on as something kind of inferior when you came back from there."

"Not everyone may agree with Secretary Rumsfeld or President Bush, but now at least they certainly seem to

agree that the troops need the support."

Weyand, who was chief of staff of the Army from 1974-1976, said his association with the USO lasted through three wars while he was on active duty.

It began in World War II, when he remembers seeing Dorothy Lamour and Bing Crosby on tour; continued through the Korean War; and culminated when he worked to set up USO tours for his men in Vietnam. At one USO show during the Vietnam War, he said they had as many as 20,000 troops in attendance. (Weyand was commander of Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.)

Through it all and continuing to today, he said, the USO has been a great morale booster for Soldiers.

The day will begin with a parade of troops from Fort DeRussy through Waikiki to Kapiolani Park, where entertainment acts have been booked for both the park bandstand and a 40-foot temporary bandstand, which will have been erected especially for the day. Food vendors will also set up in the park.

John Legend, who won three Grammy awards this year, for best new artist, best male R&B vocal performance, and best R&B album, will headline the entertainment.

Seminole County, a band from Orlando, Fla., and local favorites, the Makaha Sons and Kapena will also be on hand to entertain, as will the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and the Royal Hawaiian Band, both of which will perform at the park bandstand. The governor, mayor and other dignitaries will attend.

Besides the USO, Isidro said over 30 sponsors have contributed, including the State of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu, and corporate sponsors.

(Editor's Note: See related map and agenda at right.)



Courtesy of USO

From top, Kapena, Makaha Sons, John Legend, and Seminole County will entertain at USO Salutes Our Troops, Saturday, May 6.



## "A SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS"

Waikiki Parade & Outdoor Concert

Purpose: To salute all Hawaii-based military personnel, including the men and women of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2006

Waikiki Parade: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Fort DeRussy, to Kalakaua/Monsarrat Avenues, to Kapiolani Park

Outdoor Concert: 12:05 - 4:45 p.m.  
Kapiolani Park (Bandstand and Main Stage)

### Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. — Parade begins
- TBD — (Blackhawk flyover — tentative)
- 10:15 a.m. — First marchers arrive at Kapiolani Park
- 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. — Pre-concert entertainment
- TBD — (F-15 / C-17 flyovers — tentative)
- 11:45 - Noon — Formal program
  - GEN Fred C. Weyand
  - Kahu ceremony
  - Ned Powell, CEO USO World
  - Governor Linda Lingle, State of Hawaii
  - Senator Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Senate
  - Congressman Neil Abercrombie, U.S. House
  - Mayor Mufi Hannemann, City & County
  - Senate President Robert Bunda, State Senate
  - Speaker of the House Calvin Say, State House
- 12:05 p.m. — Concert begins
- 1:45 p.m. — Main stage performances begin
- 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. — Headliner (John Legend)



Free Parking at Kapiolani Community College with shuttles to the park: Hop on the H-2 South, to the H-1 / H-2 merge. Go East toward Honolulu. Stay on H-1 to Exit 25B - 6th Ave Exit. Turn right, stay on the road toward Diamond Head.





Spc. Amanda Flemett | 2nd Brigade Public Affairs

# Generous shoppers

A family member adds to the variety of foods donated to help the hungry, through the Hawaii Food Bank, at a donation center set up at the parking lot of the Schofield Barracks commissary, Saturday.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

## April

29 / Saturday

**March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2006** — A pledge walk to support the March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter and the organization's biggest fundraiser will be held. The five-mile walk begins at Kapiolani Park in downtown Honolulu. To support this worthy cause, contact the March of Dimes at 973-2155.

**Paws on the Path** — Bring your dog and join the club this Saturday for a hike through Waimano Valley at the top of Waimano Home Road in Pearl City. Bring snacks and lots of water for people and dogs. For more information, contact Liza Souza at 356-2217 or go online to <http://calendar.gohawaii.com/>.

30 / Sunday

**Rodeo** — Hard-riding fast-paced rodeo action is available at Kawailoa 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.

**Hawaii Bicycling League** — The Hawaii Bicycling League presents the Haleiwa Metric Century Bike ride, an annual event with over 1200 bicycle enthusiasts. The ride starts at 8 a.m. from Kaiaka Beach Park and proceeds east along the beautiful North Shore to Swanzy Beach Park and returning to the North Shore Marketplace. The total distance is 100 kilometers or 62 miles. For more information, contact the Hawaii Bicycling League at 735-5756.

lop over to the DK Ranch Arena in Waimanalo 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.

## May

1 / Monday

**American Youth Soccer Organization** — AYSO Region 188 (Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor) is looking for children (on & off-base) of military personnel who are interested in playing soccer. Fall 2006 soccer pre-registration starts May 1-June 15. Practice begins August and the season runs September-November. The cost is \$55.00. Registration is available online at [www.soccer.org](http://www.soccer.org). Walk-in registration will be July 8, 14, 22, and Aug. 5, locations to be announced. For more information, call 834-5439.

**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. 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.

6 / Saturday

**Tropic Lightning Youth Wrestling** — Two tournaments will be held May 6 and 13, at Helemano Gym. These events are open to the public, and anyone is invited to participate. Weigh-ins will start at 8 a.m.; wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. Call 655-0053 for more information.

**Rodeo** — Looking for hard-riding, fast-paced rodeo action? Gal-

**Golfers Wanted** — Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322. Tee time is usually before 8 a.m.



## April

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 to 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.

## May

2 / Tuesday

**Youth Soccer** — Registration begins May 2 for the Hawaii Youth Sports Soccer League. The league is open to youth born between 1990 and 2001. The league costs \$40 per person and a physical exam is required. The soccer season runs from July 29 through Sept. 16. Register now through May 23 at Child and

Youth Services, Building 556, Schofield Barracks or at Aliamanu Military Reservation, Building 1782.

For more information, call 836-1923 (AMR), 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-6465 (Schofield Barracks) or 655-0883 (Wheeler/Helemano Military Reservation).

6 / Saturday

**Bowling Shoot-out** — Participate in the "Bowling Shoot-out" for a chance to win \$250,000. Fort Shafter and Schofield Bowling Centers are each hosting a local tournament for amateurs based on a "two-tie, all-tie" points only format. The winner from each local center will be placed in a national data base to determine the top 500 local tournament winners. The top 500 winners will have a chance to travel to a national competition to win cash prizes and bowl with PBA stars. The Shoot-out will be held May 6, 12 p.m. at Fort Shafter Bowling Center and May 13, 4 p.m. at Schofield Bowling Center. Participants must register online at [www.bowlingshootout.com](http://www.bowlingshootout.com). For more information, call 438-6733 (Fort Shafter) or 655-0573 (Schofield).

11 / Thursday

**May Madness 3 on 3 Youth Basketball Tournament** — Youth born between 1996 and 1988 are eligible to participate in the "3 on 3" Youth Basketball Tournament. Registration will be held 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.

12 / Friday

**Volleyball Intramurals** — Time to gear up active-duty Army men's volleyball intramurals. Get your team together and sign up now through May 12. For more information, call 655-0856.

# 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).

**Hatha Yoga** — Relish the traditional approach to yoga that aids relaxation, and strengthening and lengthening muscles. Techniques can be modified based upon an individual's skill level.

Sessions will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Heath and Fitness Center. Call 655-8007 for more details.

**Hawaii Academy Trampoline and Gymnastics Classes** — SKIES Unlimited is partnering with Hawaii Academy to offer a military discount program for trampoline and gymnastics programs. Hawaii Academy offers a variety of programs including parent-tot and preschool classes; an Essential Skills program; Flexibility, Fitness and Gymnastics programs; Special Education programs, and Trampoline and Power Tumbling programs. Discount cards can be picked up at the Child and Youth Services registration offices. For more information, please call 655-5525.

**Cosmic Bowling** — Experience bowling with a twist. Lights are dimmed, upbeat music is turned on and the room becomes illuminated in glowing lights. Cosmic Bowling runs every Wednesday at Wheeler Bowl.

Cost is \$1.50 per game and \$1 for shoe rental. Call 656-1745 for more information.

**Scuba Club** — Join the Scuba Club for only \$7 a month and get free air fills and a 10 percent discount on all your scuba equipment rentals. Tank rentals come with "unlimited air" during the rental period. For more information, call 655-0143.